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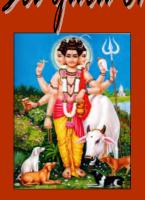
Although his application for a government loan for Rs.500/was rejected, a farmer didn't give up. He wanted the loan for a well on his land and so applied again with the same result, a rejection. Finally, he went to Baba for help. Baba patiently heard him, and turning to Nana, asked him to do the needful. Nana was then a collector, Chitnis. Nana said that he would try his best and present the application, but was doubtful about the acceptance.

The farmer therefore applied and Nana presented the application to the collector. Nana also told him that a similar application was previously presented, only to be rejected twice. This aroused the curiosity of the collector in charge. He called the farmer and asked him, why he was so adamant. He also asked him to state the reasons clearly. The farmer said, "Sir, I owe Rs.500/-to the government and I am anxious to repay that amount. I can't do this till I have a well to water my lands and thereby get a better yield of crops. I started digging a well, but halfway through, there were huge rocks. These rocks have to be blasted, using dynamite and then removed. The workers stopped mid-way because of this. The work can't be completed. Thus, I can't get water. Without water, I cannot get a good crop. So, I can't sell and repay my debt. So, I pressed the government for this loan, though I have been disappointed twice before." The collector was thoroughly satisfied and the loan was granted.

Real Peace of mind has no ups and downs; it cannot be partial in adversity and whole in prosperity.

Ambrosia in Shirdi Sri Guru Charitra Sainatha Mananam The Dreams Train Devotees Corner Children Section Sai Amrit Vani







Isithakila devaya 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 II

Siddha Muni Guides Namdharak

Brahma smiled and told me to go the Earth and show the influence of his evil intentions.

Kali said, "I selfish, destroyer of Dharma, I like quarrel, despising and I long for the wealth and wives of others. I am a friend to those who pretend to be a saint and I am an enemy of all the virtuous."

Brahma told him, "In Kali Yug the span of life of the human beings would be only hundred years. In the former Yugas, as the life span was too long people followed the path of penance and devotion in order to attain supreme knowledge. In Kali Yug, a man can attain salvation, the observing penance and devotion for less time. You should help such virtuous persons."

Kali said," Such virtuous men are my enemies. I am afraid of such persons. How should I then go to the Earth?" Brahma said, "Take Kal and Atma with you. They will destroy the religious mindedness and even induce virtuous persons to commit sins."

Kali said, "They are enemies, who abide by the religion and are devotees of Vishnu and Siva, who listen to Puranas, give charities and who have peaceful hearts. But on the contrary, I love those who love their wives and children, dishonor their parents who despise Vedas and Sastras, who see separateness in Vishnu and Siva and despise them. "Brahma said", You are clever. People will follow you and act as per your wishes as soon as you go there. If a few persons are virtuous, you do not trouble them."

Kali said, "I am cruel. Please tell me how I should help the virtuous? Please direct me as to how I should behave on the Earth." Brahma said, "I am sending Kal and Atma also with you who will direct you. The virtuous only can will you, all others will soon be your slaves."

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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.

Sai Baba's Pledge

(Sai Said):-- I am not the body. I do not die. I am all. See me always. Wherever a devotee remembers me, there I stand to protect him.

Thence, when he, my devotee is dead and lies stretched like a piece of wood or stone, I remember him and take him on to the hitghest Goal.

I will never forsake one who approaches me, treating me as his father, and himself as my child. From all difficulties and perils I will extricate him. This is my vow.

Sai says: -- There shall be no lack of food or clothing in the abode of my devotee. I am ever vigilant, to protect him and his family.

Give up all your observances and make me your sole refuge. I will save you from all sins. Do not grieve.

He who at the close of his life, thinks of me alone and gives up his body, attains the supreme Goal.

Therefore at all times, remember me, whatever you may be doing. With your mind and intellect surrendered to me, you will undoubtedly reach me.

Let your mind rest in me. Let your devotion be to me. Let all your sacrificialacts be for me. Bow unto me. Treat me as your highest Goal. Directing yourself thus, you will reach me and me alone.

I shall protect you, your companions and dependants, in every direction. By your faith, you will see me ever invisibly present near you.

Those who give up this world and the world beyond, their very self and their dependents, their wealth, cattle, houses and everything else, and devote themselves to me as appearing everywhere, as thier sole God,-- them I will save from death.

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Isavasyartha suchakaya

Namaha



VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM:

Isvaro vikramee dhanvee medhavee vikramah kramah | anuttamo durasharsah krtajnah krtiratmavan || (Sloka 9)

Isvarah: The Ruler. vikramI:

- - a) The most courageous, The most powerful.
 - b) b) One who has the "Special" footsteps viz. Vamana.

Dhanvi: The wielder of the bow.

Medhavi: One who is capable of powerful memory. Vikramah:

- a) One with great strides (see nAma 76), such as in the vAmana: incarnation.
- b) One who rides on the king of birds, the Garuda.

kramah:

- a) One who is the basis for the order in the Universe.
- b) One who controls and bestows the power of movement.
- c) One who is highly prosperous.

Anuttamah: One for whom there is nothing superior or better. Duradharshah: One who cannot be overcome by the demons and others. Krtajnah: One who is grateful.

Krtih: One who is the cause of the virtuous act of His devotees. Atmayan: The real Owner and Controller of the souls of those who do these virtuous acts.

sures<mark>ah sa</mark>rana<mark>m sarma</mark> visva<mark>retah prajab</mark>havah | ahah samvatsro vyalah pratyayah sarvadarsanah || (Sloka 10)

suresah :

- a) The Lord of all the other gods.
- b) The best among those who can bestow their devotees' desires.
- saranam : The Refuge.

sarma : One who is Bliss, the Highest Goal to be attained.

visvaretAh : The seed for the Universe.

prajabhavah : One from whom all beings have originated.

- a) One who never forsakes anyone.
- b) One who is like the Day that awakens people from ignorance.
- a) c) One who does not destroy His devotees.

samvatsarah : He who lives for the uplift of His devotees. vyalah :

a) One who accepts the devotees - e.g., vibhishana.

b) One who is beyond grasp such as a vyAla - a serpent, an elephant, a tiger,

etc. pratyayah : One who can be relied upon.

sarvadarsanah :

- a) One who shows all His grace to His devotees.
- b) The All-seeing.

ajah sarvesvrah siddhah siddhih sarvadiracytah | vrsakapirameyatma sarvayogavinihsrtah || (Sloka 11)

ajah :

a) Unborn.

b) The Remover of all obstacles.

c) One who moves in the hearts of the devotees.

d) One who removes the ignorance from the hearts of His devotees. e) One who is the root of all sound (akshara "a").

sarvesvarah :

a) One who reaches all who seek Him.

b) One who is the isvara for all isvaras.

siddhah : One who is available at the hands of His devotees.

siddhih : The Goal.

sarvadih : The Origin or Cause of all things.

acyutah :

a) One who has never slipped from His glory.

b) One who never lets His devotees slip.

c) One who undergoes no modifications such as birth, growth, decay, disease, etc.

vrishakapih : One who lifted the Earth from the waters of adharma in the form of varaha.

ameyatma : One whose Nature cannot be comprehended.

sarva yoga vinissritah :

a) One who is beyond any attachment.

b) One who is easily attained by all means by His devotees

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Sai appeared as an unknown person and said:

- During the past when communication facilities were not advanced, people lived under the hope that their loved ones at far off places were safe and healthy. Today, we are flooded with so much of News and minute by minute details with the latest art of Technology. However, we should not fail to realise that at any point of time, we are doing well only due to God's grace.
- Just as you resort to some mediators for the sake of growth in the living World, there is nothing wrong in seeking help from Saints for spiritual growth.



Stories from "Chinna Katha"

Urgent letter to Lord Narayana

In an obscure village lived a mother and her son. The boy had lost his father when he was just two years old. The mother exerted herself in many ways to earn enough money for bringing up her only son and educating him. The boy too was very smart, obedient and had a great love and regard for his mother. The boy grew up and reached seventh class. He was studying hard for the examination. One day he told his mother, "Ma, I have to pay fees Rs. 20 for the examination within four days. Please somehow get for me the amount."

The mother was panicky, she had no money with her, and it was the last week of the month. She went to the headmaster and explained her inability to pay the fees in time and requested to help her in some way or other. The headmaster replied that nothing was in his hands. The mother returned home, sat under a tree near her hut and was weeping. The boy returned from the school, found his mother weeping. He sat near her and asked: "Why are you weeping mother?" "My son, I cannot find money. You cannot go to school from tomorrow. You better come and work with me. There is no other way." The boy said: "Why don't you ask somebody a loan of Rs. 20. After the examination, I shall work and will be able to pay back the amount." "My dear son," replied the mother, "who will give me the money? Only God if He will." The boy eagerly enquired, "Who is God, Ma? Where is He? What is His address? I shall go and get money from Him." The mother helplessly said: "Yes, there is the Lord of Vaikunta, Narayana, who is the source of all wealth."

Without a moment's hesitation, the boy ran to the post office. He had a few small coins with him. He purchased a card and wrote on it his mother's unfortunate condition, his own need and requested God to send Rs. 20 immediately by return post. He ran to the post box tied to a tree, but he was too short to reach the slit to put in the letterbox. The postmaster who had been observing the boy all the while, came out took the card from him and asked: "To whom are you writing the letter?" The Boy said: "Oh Sir! This is a very urgent letter to Lord Narayana in Vaikunta. I have to pay my examination fees within three days. I am writing to him requesting him to send Rs. 20 immediately."

The postmaster stared at the address on the post card. He could not find words, tears gathered in his eyes at the innocence of that boy. "My dear boy, who gave you this address?" asked the postmaster. The boy narrated the dialogue between himself and his mother. "Sir, my mother says that God is very kind and He will certainly help the poor like us if only we pray to Him earnestly." The postmaster was very much moved. He patted the boy and said: "My dear boy, I shall see to the express delivery of this post card. You better come day after tomorrow."

The boy ran home in a joyful mode. He told his mother that he would get the money in a day. The boy went to the postmaster the day after. The postmaster said: "My dear boy, here is the cover, inside it you will find Rs. 20. Now go and pay the fees." The boy ran home with the cover and placed it in his mother's hands. The mother asked him sternly how he had got the money. The boy narrated the entire discussion with the postmaster. She would not believe him. She hurried to the postmaster and asked him whether what her son had told her was true and how it could have happened. The postmaster told her: "Mother, believe me. I have always been a hardhearted man. When I saw your son with that letter, I could not believe my own eyes. A letter written to God with such faith. It moved me. It must be God's will that I should give this money. Otherwise I would not have chanced to see your boy and your son's faith in God would have been shattered. I consider this an opportunity to help a good boy."

If we pray to God sincerely, God does help us. He would induce someone to act as His agent. Implicit faith in God alone would rescue everyone from all troubles and travails.

I Meditate on Sri Vishnu, Who is Wearing White Clothes, Who is All-Pervading, Who is Bright in Appearance like the Moon and who is Having Four Hands. He is having a Compassionate and Gracious Face, Let us meditate on Him to Ward of all impediments.

SAI AMRIT VANI

Shri Sai Mahima

Sai Kripa sab saadhan marma, Sai Kripa sayama satya dharma | Sai naam man me basaana, supath Sai Kripa ka paana ||34||

Sai's grace is the means to all types of healing (mind, body or soul). Only with Sai's Grace can one control his desires and follow the path of "Satya Dharma". Satya Dharma is the true dharma as laid down in the Sastra-s, namely the nivRtti dharma that is practiced by pious men without any expectation of benefit.

Sai's grace is the only source of peace and satya, dharma and love of Shayam.

With Sai naam all outworld practices vanishes, with Sai's grace you attain self control, and all pious thoughts.

Place the Sai's name in your mind – It is easy to obtain the grace of Sai.

> Mana mein Sai dhun jab phire, Sai Kripa tab hi avatare | rahoon mein Sai mein ho kar leen, jaise jal mein ho meen adeen ||35||

When Sai's music(Songs of Sai) is always ringing in your mind, then Sai's grace descends on you I should sublime in Sai, just as Fish stays in water without distinction

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Ucchar anadhruthe bhaktha hrudhantha upadesakaya

Namaha

Purusha Sooktam:

Sahasra-Shiirssaa Purussah Sahasra-Akssah Sahasra-Paat | Sa Bhuumim Vishvato Vrtva-Atya[i]-Tisstthad-Dasha-Angulam ||1||

<u>Meaníng:</u>

1.1: The Purusha (The Universal Being) has Thousand Heads, Thousand Eyes and Thousand Feet (Thousand signifies innumerable which points to the omnipresence of the Universal Being)

1.2: He envelops the World from all sides (i.e. He pervades each part of the Creation), and extends beyond in the Ten Directions (represented by Ten Fingers)

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