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

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Ramchandra Maharaj was required by his Guru Gadge Maharaj to sponsor a day's expense for the 'yagna' (holy sacrifice) that he was going to perform. Ramchandra Maharaj went to Belapur, and the surrounding places, performing Kirtans. He obtained promises of sums greater than the estimated expenses. So, he was quite carefree.

When he went again, a few days later to collect them, he was disappointed. As the money wasn't forthcoming, and the people evaded him. Ramchandra Maharaj was in fix and wondered, how he could fulfill his promise to his Guru. He therefore offered an earnest prayer to Baba for help.

The next morning, a devotee brought Rs.100/- and gave it to Ramchandra Maharaj while he was performing 'kirtans'. That was the exact amount that was promised to him.

Need it be said that his faith in Baba grew by leaps and bounds!!

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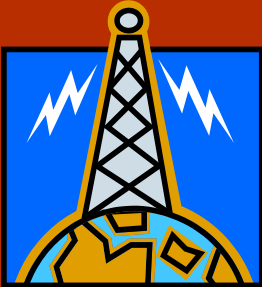
*In whatever state He keeps anyone at  
any time it is all for the good, for verily  
everything is ordained by Him, is of Him.*

# Sri Guru Charitra



*Uththama  
prema  
margine  
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

Kali asked, "How a Sadhu (Saint) is to be known?" Brahma said "Please do not harass the learned and those who worship Hari, Har, who serve parents, Gods and Brahmins, cows and plants as Tulsi, you need not affect these". Kali again asked, "What is the importance of Guru? How he is to be known?"

Brahma said 'Alphabet (gu ) means Siddha and (R) and (U) imply Shri Ganesh who is Guru. Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma, parents are all Gurus of this Earth. Knowledge imbibed with devotion and rational thinking (Viveka) is seen in the heart of the Guru. Study of Dharma and Shastras without Guru is futile. He directs in action, thought, devotion and disintegration. One cannot surpass worldly miseries without the help and guidance of Guru. He throws a flashlight on the dark illusionary path. Service to the Guru makes one pure in body, speech and thinking.

I shall just tell a tale as an example.

On the bank of Godavari, there was the Ashram of Angiras Rishi. Many disciples were being trained in this Ashram. One disciple named Sandeepak served his Guru, Veda Dharma, with great devotion. Once Veda Dharma Muni gathered his disciples together and said, "If you really love me, do as I bid you." All replied, "Gurudev, we shall act as per your command, for one who doesn't obey his Guru, goes to hell and cannot get salvation."

The Guru said, "I have committed sins in my previous births. The effect of many of them has been wiped off by my penance, but still some of them are persisting. I will not get salvation unless I suffer the evil effects of these sins with my body. I, therefore, wish to go to Kashi, stay there and get rid of these sins. You have to attend on me and serve me during this period. One who is strong enough should undertake this hard task".

Sandeepak accepted this bid. Veda Dharma said, "It is better to get rid of the sins so long as one has sound health, otherwise they spread like poison. So I should go to a holy place and suffer the bad effects myself. Even Gods have to suffer, then how can a human being like myself avoid the same". Sandeepak said, "Kindly tell me what I should do. I shall spare no pains in serving you."

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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**

My sons ! all moving creatures and immovable things on earth, must be viewed by you (not in the world's way but) as myself and with the same regard that you would show to me, at every step. This is the way to worship and respect me.

I am the Lord Hari residing within the hearts and bodies of all creatures, their self(Atma). See all things in me. This is the way to please me..

Viewing the Lord Sai Bhagavan as residing in all creatures, honour them and give them good things.

The body is said to be a temple. The Jiva is the eternal God's image there. Throw aside Ajnana, as the nirmalya (i.e., the remnants of former Puja material covering up the image). Worship must be in the form Soham (ie. I and He).

There is one God, concealed in all creatures and pervading everything, the innermost self of all creatures presiding over all karmas, residing in all creatures, the witness, pure consciousness and without any attributes.

Food must be distributed suitably amongst all creatures. Regard them as your own self and as your own God. Especially towards men, this must be your view.

See God, Adhokshaja in the fire, in the Guru, in your self, and in all creatures. Though He is not physically entering the creatures issuing out of Him, view him as interpenetrating them.

That man is a Bhagavatottama. i.e., most excellent amongst devotees, who sees himself and God in all creatures, and all creatures in God and himself.

Therefore, respect me, and honour me as having my abode in all creatures, by your gifts and show of respect, by your love and friendship and by the same treatment you mete out to me and them.

Will continue....





Uththa  
moththara  
karmakruthe

Namaha



# Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM:

*Vasurvasumnah satyah samatma sammitah samaha |  
amoghah pundarikakso vrsakarma vrsakriti ||*

vasuh :

- One who dwells in the hearts of His devotees.
- One who dwells in the Milk-Ocean.
- One who is the wealth that His devotees seek.
- The best among the eight vasus - pavaka.
- One who lives in the sky.

vasumanah : Om vasumanase namah :

- One who has a 'wealthy' or rich mind.
- One who has a mind which thinks of His devotees as a treasure.

satyah : Om satyaya namah :

- The Truth.
- One whose form is made up of prana, matter and sun.
- One who is well-disposed towards the good.

samatma : Om samatmane namah - One who has an even mind.

sammitah : Om sammitaya namah :

- One who has let Himself be understood (controlled) by His devotees.
- The One Truth who is accepted by the Rshis and revealed in the Upanishads.

samah : Om samaya namah : One who treats all His devotees equally.

amoghah : Om amoghaya namah : One who always gives fruits to those who worship Him.

pundarikakshah : Om pundarikakshaya namah :

- One whose eyes are beautiful like the lotus flower.
- One who resides in the heart space of everyone and observes all.
- One who is like the eye to the residents of Srivaikuntham.

vrsakarma : Om vrsakarmane namah : One who is of righteous actions.

vrsakriti : Om vrsakrtaye namah : One who is an embodiment of dharma.

*rudro bahushira babhrur visvayonih suchishravaha |  
amritaha shaashavata sthanur varaaroho maha tapaha ||*

rudrah :

- One who brings tears to the eyes.
- One who confers the good on the devotees.
- One who destroys misery. Om rudraya namah.

bahu-sirAh : One who is multi-headed. Om bahu-sirase namah.

babhruh : The Supporter. Om babhrave namah.

visva-yonih :

- The cause of this world.
- One who unites His devotees with Himself. Om visva-yonaye namah.

suci-sravah :

- One who listens to words which are pure.
- One whose names are worthy of being heard.
- One who has beautiful and divine ears. Om Suci-Sravase namah.

amritah :

- The unsatiating nectar to His devotees.
- One who is Immortal. Om amritaya namah.

sasvata-sthanuh : One who is Eternally Firm. Om Sasvata-sthanave namah.

vararohah :

- One who is the most supreme object of attainment.
- One of Excellent Ascent. Om vararohaya namah.

maha-tapah : One who is endowed with great knowledge. Om maha-tapase namah.

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

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After climbing the ladder of ' Adhyatma' (spiritualism) up to a point in life, it is essential to maintain equilibrium to avoid falling down

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## Children Section

Learn and Participate

### Stories from “Chinna Katha”

#### Mere adulation is poor adoration

Akbar as we all know, is one of the greatest Moghal Emperors. He was a lover of mankind and respected the great and pious souls of all religions.

He had heard of Guru Nanak's reputation and his attempts to unite the Hindus and the Muslims. He desired to welcome him and honour him in his court. So he sent word to him through his minister, paying his respects and requesting him to grace his court. Guru Nanak replied to the minister: "I shall only respond to the call of God, the Emperor of Emperors and shall enter only His court."

The minister conveyed this message to the Emperor. Akbar's respect for Guru Nanak increased and so he sent word again to meet him at the mosque at least. Nanak consented and did come to the mosque at the appointed hour. Both Akbar and Nanak were welcomed by the mullah with due honour. According to the custom, the mullah should say the prayers first. So he sat on his knees and prayed loudly. Nanak laughed loudly. All the Muslims in the temple got angry but dared not say anything because of the Emperor's presence. Then Akbar sat on his knees and prayed. Nanak at once laughed even more loudly. The atmosphere in the mosque was becoming tense. The faces of the devotees became red and their lips twitched to pounce upon Nanak. Akbar controlled them by way of silent gesture. Both of them came out. Akbar questioned Nanak with all humility: "Oh revered one!, may I know why you laughed loudly during the prayer session? Does it become you?"

Guru Nanak replied: "Oh king, how could I withhold my laughter when I could see clearly that neither the mullah nor your majesty were thinking of God while praying. The mullah was thinking of his ailing son and you were thinking of the pair of beautiful Arabian horses that were gifted to you. Is it worthy of either the mullah or your majesty to call that prayer? Is it not hypocrisy? The mullah and emperor sought pardon from Nanak and thanked him for opening their eyes to their own weakness.

Remember that prayer is not just a string of words of praise to God to be recited me-

chanically. It is an earnest attempt to awaken and arouse the divinity in us. We should say prayers with full concentration. What matters is the feeling, not either the voice or words. "Mere adulation is poor adoration".

### **True devotion**

Once Sathyabhama and Rukmini questioned Lord Krishna: "Why do you always make much of the devotion of Draupadi? Is she that great?" The Lord replied with a smile, "I shall let you know by and by." One day, Draupadi came to visit her dear brother Krishna and she was given a suite of rooms. Krishna called Sathyabhama and Rukmini and said: "Let us go to Draupadi's apartment." Draupadi welcomed them with love and excitement. She had just taken oil bath; her long tresses were hanging loose. She was combing her hair. The lord looked at his queens and said: "See! my sister seems to find it difficult to comb her long tresses. Why don't you both help her?" Sathyabhama and Rukmini readily agreed. The tresses were parted; one half was taken care by Sathyabhama and the other by Rukmini. While they were combing, they heard from every hair, "Krishna", "Krishna", in a soft tone. They were surprised and looked at Krishna as if to say they had understood Draupadi's devotion. Krishna sat still enjoying the scene. True devotion is silent and avoids display.

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*What has learning profited a man,  
if it has not led him to worship the Good Feet  
of Him who is pure knowledge itself?*

*~Thirukural*



*Udhasma  
vadhasinaya*

*Namaha*

## SAI AMRIT VANI

**Shri Sai Mahima**

**Sai naam ko simariye,  
Sai Sai ek taar |  
parama paath paavana parama,  
karataa bhav se paar ||36||**

**Always Contemplate on Sai's name,  
And again, and again, and again  
Most sanctifying is Name, will carry us across  
the Ocean of misery and sorrow**

**Sai Kripa bharpoor mein paavun,  
parama prabhu ko bheetar laavun |  
Sai hi Sai Sai kah meet,  
Sai se kar le saanchi preet ||37||**

**I should avail the grace of Sai completely,  
I should bring the Supreme Lord inside me  
Keep Chanting Sai's name always and start loving Him  
Truly / My heart says Sai Sai, Love Sai whole-  
heartedly**

**Sai hi Sai ka darshan kariye,  
man bheetar ik aanand bhariye |  
Sai ki jab mil jaaye bhikshaa,  
phir man mein koyi rahe na ichchaa ||38||**

**Take the Darshan of Sai – Fill your mind  
with Happiness and joy  
When you receive Sai's grace/alms, your mind will  
become free from Desires**

**.....Will continue**



## *Purusha Sooktam:*

*Purussa Evedam Sarvam Yad-Bhuutam Yacca Bhavyam |  
Uta-Amrtatvasye[a-I]shaano Yad-Annena-Ati-Rohati ||2||*

### *Meaning:*

*2.1: The Purusha is indeed All this (Creation) in essence; That which existed in the Past, and that which will exist in the Future,*

*2.2: Everything (i.e the whole Creation) is woven by the Immortal essence of the Great Lord (Purusha); by becoming Food of which (i.e. by getting consumed in Whose Immortal essence through surrender) one transcends the gross world (and becomes Immortal).*

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