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

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Leela 64

Govindrao Chandorkar was Nana's father. He, like his son, was a Deputy Collector and lived in his house' in Kalyan. Once it so happened, that there was some misunderstanding between him and the local Muslims. Upset with this, he told all his family members not to associate with any Muslims. His word was law at home. So, the family distanced themselves from their Muslim friends and neighbors. At that time, Nana was away on tour. When he returned, the family warned him about the turn of events, and informed him of his father's decision.

This made Nana quite uncomfortable, as he knew that his father thought that his Guru, Sai Baba, was a Muslim. He racked his brains as to how to convince his father that Baba was neither Hindu nor Muslim, but far above that. He was uncertain of his father's response and he felt that he would rather die than to forsake Baba. Nonetheless, he told his father that he would like to discuss something with him. He couldn't believe his ears when his father said, " My Guru is Sakham .Maharaj, but he isn't your Guru, and Baba is. So even if Sai Baba is a Muslim, he is still your Guru, and you may most certainly continue worshipping him. There is no objection from me on this." Nana gratefully thanked his father. He was overjoyed and amazed at the way Baba gripped his father's orthodox mind and changed it for the better.

What was it that his Guru could not do?? Time and again, Baba has changed people's minds, nay, and their whole life!!

Megha, the Gujarati Brahmin was sent to Baba by Hari Vinayak Sathe. But Megha was sure that he would descend into hell, because he would have to prostrate before a 'Yavan'. Baba to him was 'Avindha' (whose ears aren't pierced), living in the Masjid. Megha went to Shirdi because his master forced him to. Reluctantly, he went to Dwarkamai and Baba roared at him saying, " You are a high class Brahmin and I'm the meanest of mean - a Yavan. You will be polluted. So go back this very moment." This was a show of Baba's 'Rudra Roop'.

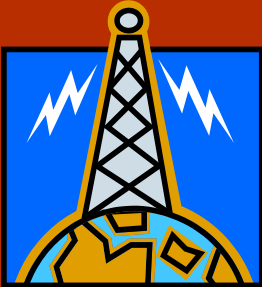
He was waiting to develop Megha spiritually. This He did by working on him mentally and showing him Leela after Leela. Megha, on the other hand, was changed for life. He saw Shiva in the place of Baba, every time he did Arati. With utter devotion and concentration, he stood on one leg with the 'Pancharati' in the right hand and the bell in the left. He did Baba's Arati till his samadhi (death) in 1912. (Sai Satcharitra Ch 28)

Sri Guru Charitra



*Uddhavaya
maya
proktham
Bhagavath
amithi
bruvathe
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

Veda Dharma said, "I shall become blind, lame and a leper, you will have to serve me for 21 years in such condition. If you are resolute, then only you should accept this job."

Sandeepak said, "Gurudev, I resolve that I shall also be blind, lame and a leper and serve you devotedly and see that you get rid of all the sins".

Veda Dharma was much pleased with his words. He further said, "One should suffer the evil effects of one's sins oneself and should not allow the son or the pupil or anyone else to suffer for him. The sins will not be wiped off unless they are borne by one's own body. It is very taxing to serve a diseased person. So you will have to take troubles even more than myself. Please take me to Kashi and do serve me there."

Sandeepak assured his Guru and soon he took him to Kashi. They lived there at Kambaleshwar to the North of Mankarnika. The Muni took a bath in Mankarnika and worshiped Vishweshwar and began to suffer the pangs of diseases. As the time passed on, leprosy developed all over his body and he became blind losing his eyesight. His body was petrified and pus, blood and germs flowed out of it. He began to have fits also. Still Sandeepak took all pains to nurse his Guru with great devotion. He used to bring alms daily for his Guru, fed him and served him, thinking him to be Kashi Vishweshwar.

Veda Dharma being in a diseased condition became peevish by nature and often was enraged and spoke harsh words to his disciple, Sandeepak. Some day he would not take food, some day he would abuse him cruelly for bringing insufficient for undelicious alms. Some day he would throw away the food in anger and despair. Sometimes he would even beat him severely. Another time he would complain that he did not clean his body, wounds, clothes smeared with stool and urine and consequently he was much troubled by flies. When Sandeepak was attending on him, he would say why did he not go out for alms. In this way Sandeepak was harassed every now and then.

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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

(Siva says to Parvati) Oh ! Fair one with a handsome waist, it is ordained that Sadhus or good people should receive each other by advancing forward, by bowing and by prostration--these being directed by the wise, in their hearts towards the supreme Soul, who is in the hearts of all and not to a man who regards the body as himself.

Bow to all creatures, revering them as Lord Sai has entered them in the form of Jivas.

I am you; you are not different from me ; you are myself. Behold this!.The wise do not even for a moment consider us different entities even to the slightest extent.

A person gazing on his own form, in a mirror or in another's eyes sees himself though one, in two separate forms (i.e., as the object and its reflection). Such is the difference between us (198-199 are by Brahman to Jiva).

(Siva says) In the pure satva named Vasudeva, the purusha is revealed; I see Vasudeva Adhokshaja in pure Satwa.

Jai, Jai, Jagannadha ! Jai,Thou destroyer of Sin ! Jai, Thou protector of the good. Jai, Thou granter of all reward !

I have never seen nor heard of any one who protects just like Sainatha. He has no material body, composed of flesh, bone, etc.,

To one who takes refuge with Sai who loves his surrendered devotees, Kaivalya (liberation) is ready at hand--what doubt about all other blessings?

That Sai who saved Sri Gopal Rao Buti and Sri Mirikar from snake bite and who was looking after crowds of devotees is not gone anywhere.(He is here still).

Do not be dejected. Sai will bless you.

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Unmathhasva
bhigopthre

Namaha



Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM:

*Sarvagah sarvavidbhanur visvak seno janardana h |
Vedo vedavidavyango vedango vedavit kavihi ||*

sarva-gah:

One who reaches all. Om sarvagaya namah.

sarva-vit:

One who is the All-knower. Om sarva-vid namah.

bhanuh:

One who shines. Om bhanave namah.

vishvak-senah:

One who has His army in all directions for the protection of all. Om vishvak-senaya namah.

janardana h:

- One who destroys the wicked.
 - One who protects people from the wicked.
 - One who is approached by devotees for their wishes.
- Om janardana ya namah.

veda h:

One who is the embodiment of scriptures. Om vedaya namah.

veda vit:

The true knower of the meaning of the vedas. Om veda-vid namah.

avya~ngah:

One who has no imperfections. Om avya~ngaya namah.

veda~ngah:

- One who has Vedas as His body.
- One who has the srutis and smritis as His body. Om vedangaya namah.

veda vit:

One who knows not only the Vedas, but the true meaning behind the Vedas, viz. the dharma. Om vedavid namah.

kavi h:

One who cognizes beyond ordinary perception.

*lokadhyaksah suradhyakso dharmahyaksah krtakrtah |
caturatma caturvyuhah caturdamstra caturbhujah ||*

lokadhyakshah

Lord of the worlds, Master or superintendent of all people who should practice dharma. Om lokadhyakshaya namah.

Suradhyakshah

Master of the devas, Om suradhyakshaya namah.

dharmadhyakshah.

Master of dharma, the way the Supreme should be worshipped. Om dharmadhyakshaya namah.

kritakritah:

- a) The grantor of fruits that are this this-worldly as well as those that are eternal.
- b) One who is both the cause and effect of all things.
- c) One who has a form which is nitya or permanent, as well as transient forms.

caturatmA:

One whose Self has a four-fold manifestation. Om caturatmane namah.

catur-vyuhah:

One with four forms (the vyuha forms). Om catur-vyuhaya namah.

catur-damshtrah:

He of four teeth. Om catur-damshttraya namah.

catur-bhujah:

One with four arms. Om catur-bhujaya namah.

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

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Life is like a game where children, young and old should happily participate.



Children Section

Learn and
Participate

Stories from “Chinna Katha”

Two minutes

There was a famous dacoit once who advised his son while initiating him into the ancestral profession, never for a moment to listen to stories of the Lord. "Do not stay to listen to any Purana or any reading of the Bhagavatha," he exhorted the young aspirant. The son scrupulously observed this injunction for years and amassed a good fortune.

One night, however, while running with his loot on his shoulder through a side lane of the city to avoid the police, a piece of glass cut his sole. He sat for a while to pull it off and stop the flow of blood. He was then behind a house, where some one was reading and explaining the Bhagavatha to a small group of listeners; he listened perforce for a short two minutes. The spark fell on the heap of cotton. During that short period, he heard the pundit explaining the nature of God. He has no ears, no eyes, no limbs: he has a thousand forms; He is without form. "Sarvathah paani paadam," as the Gita says. That description got fixed in his heart. He could not shake it off.

A few days later the police came to know of the depredations made by him as well as his associates and kinsmen. In order to know more about their activities they entered the area incognito, one constable as Kali and some others as the worshippers and priests. They shouted and yelled, cursed and terrified the dacoits and called upon them to come out of their homes and fall at the feet of Kali.

Many did so, but the son, who had heard the Bhagavatha, albeit for two minutes, knew just enough to save his skin. He was not terrified at all. He challenged the constable who was acting the role of Kali and tore off his make-up and exposed the plot and instilled courage into the hearts of the gang. Then, when the police left discomfited he argued within himself thus: "If two minutes of the forbidden fruit could help me so much, what can I not gain, if I devote myself entirely to the stories of the glories of God?" He left off the evil path and became a Sadhaka.

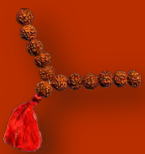
God does everything for the best

There was once a Minister to a King who was in the habit of declaring whatever happened was for one's good. One day the King cut his finger while slicing a piece of sugar cane. Seeing the bleeding finger the Minister said as usual "God does everything for the best". The King flew into a rage and said, "Here I am suffering with the pain of a bleeding finger and you say God does everything for the best. Enough of your philosophy. Is this the way of consoling me? How can this be for the best when the pain is intense and real? The King immediately committed the Minister to prison. Even then the Minister said calmly "Even this sentence is for my best."

A few days later, the King went alone for hunting in a forest. When the hunting expedition was over the King was resting under a tree. Just then the servants of a certain tribal chief of the forest seized the King, bound his hand and foot. The King questioned them: "Why do you bind me? What are you going to do with me?" The tribesmen replied: "We are going to sacrifice you at the altar of our goddess Kali. It is the custom to offer her a human sacrifice once a year. The time has arrived. We have been looking out for a human being. We are fortunate in having found you." The King remonstrated: "Let me go, I am the King of the realm, you cannot kill me for the sacrifice." The tribesmen laughed and said: "We are glad that this year's sacrifice would be unique and our goddess will be highly pleased because we are going to offer as sacrifice a great personage."

The King was carried and duly placed on a sacrificial altar. Things were ready for the deathblow; the priest noticed the bandage on his left hand forefinger. They removed the bandage only to find that a portion of it was cut. The priest said: "This man is not acceptable as a sacrifice to our goddess. A man with a defect in his body is not fit for sacrifice. Set him free."

The King remembered the words of the Minister uttered when his finger was cut "God does everything for the best." He realised that the injury to his finger alone had saved him from death. He at once hurried home and went straight to the prison to set the Minister free. He said, "I seek your forgiveness for the rash and cruel treatment accorded to you." The Minister said: "Your Majesty; you have done no harm. There is nothing to forgive." The King once again questioned: "Why did you say that my sending you to prison is for your good?" The Minister replied: "If I had not been confined in prison, I would have accompanied you when you went for hunting. I would have been in your Company. When the tribesmen came to know that you were unfit for sacrifice, they would have chosen me and offered me as a sacrifice. So God does everything for the best."



*Unmaththa
vesana
madhruthe
Namaha*

SAI AMRIT VANI

Shri Sai Mahima

Jab jab man ka taar hilegaa,
tab tab Sai ka pyaar milegaa |
mitegee jag se aani jaani,
jeevan mukt hoy yah praani ||39||

**Every time, the faith (thread tied to your mind) is shaken, you will receive the love of Sai
The entry and exit to this world (Birth and death) is vanquished. And Salvation is obtained**

Shirdi ke hein Sai hari,
theen lok ke naath |
Baba hamaare paavana prabhu,
sadaa ke sangee saath ||40||

**Sai hari belongs to Shirdi,
He is the ruler of the three worlds
Our Baba is the Lord of Purity or Divinity,
Always remains with all of us**

Saidhuni jab pakade jor, kheenche
Sai prabhu apni ore |
mandir mandir basti basti,
chaa jaaye Sainaam ki masti ||41||

**When you hold onto Sai's name/songs very firmly,
Our Lord Sai pulls us towards His side.
In each temple and in each house/street, Sai's name
will spread its joy and happiness**

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Purusha Sooktam:

*Etaavaanasya Mahima-Ato Jyaayangash-Ca Puurussah |
Paado-Asya Vishvaa Bhuutaani Tri-Paad-Asya-Amrtam Divi ||3||*

Meaning:

3.1: The Purusha is Greater than all the Greatness (which can be expressed by words),

3.2: His One Foot has become all these (visible) Worlds, and His Three Feet rests in the Immortal World of the Transcendence.

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