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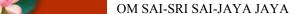
Sai a Beacon for Humanity:

EXPERIENCES OF SAI.BA.NI.SA WITH SHIRDI SAI - 1

Prior to 1989 I was not knowing about SRI SHIRIDI SAI BABA. Some body gave me the photograph of SRI SAI BABA during the month of January, 1989. Whenever I looked to that photograph, I felt SRI SAI BABA was smiling at me. Indeed it was a magnetic effect and I felt I must visit SHIRIDI. In the month of July1989 my neighbour Sri Bhonslay invited me to visit SHIRIDI along with him. I visited SHIRIDI and that was the turning point in my life. From 07-06-1990 onwards daily I started reading "SAI SATCHARITA" written by SRI NAGESH VASUDEV GUNAJI, and since then my life style was totally changed. Prior to 1989 I was living like a vagabond. The day I started reading "SAI SATCHARITA" I felt responsibility in my family life and Official life. It was on 11-04-1991 I was reading chapter 21, of SRI SAI SATCHARITA and the following lines in the page 111 attracted me, "You should study this book and if you do so, your desires will be fulfilled; and when you go to the North in discharge of your duties in future, you will come across a great Saint by your good luck, and then he will show you the future path, and give rest to your mind and make you happy". In the month of March, 1991 there was a talk in the Office that some Officers will be sent on official duty to Sweden and South Korea.

On 11-04-1991 at 07.30 a.m. I prayed BABA to give me a chance to go abroad. When I reached my office on 11-04-1991 I was asked to sign the Passport papers. On that day I came to know that Chief Executive has recommended my name along with another name to visit South Korea. When I signed the passport papers I felt happy and bowed my head on the Lotus Feet of Lord SAINATH, and offered my "PRANAMS". I got my official passport and VISA on 01-05-1991 in my hand. Myself and Co-officer left Hyderabad on 05-05-1991 to South Korea. It was on 06-05-1991 the time was 01.00am and my security check was over in the Bombay International Airport and I was waiting to board the aircraft of SWIS-SAIR, (FLIGHT from ZURICH - BOMBAY - HONGKONG - SEOUL). I felt I must pray SAI BABA before entering the aircraft. I was going by the side of all the DUTY FREE SHOPS in the airport and felt happy to see the photo of SAI BABA in one shop. The time was 01.10 a.m. and the departure time of flight is 01.20 a.m. I stood and prayed in front of that Photograph for two minutes and entered the aircraft. The time was 01.20 a.m. the aircraft was moving on the runway. The time was 01.30 a.m. and the aircraft was airborne. That was my first experience to travel abroad on an international flight, and my heart was beating fast. I closed my eyes for ten minutes and started chanting

OM SAI-SRI SAI-JAYA JAYA SAI.



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Sir Gurn Charitra

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 XXI

The Dead Child Became Alive

Hearing her decision, the Sanyasi said, 'Shri Guru has blessed you to have sons having long lives and still your son has died, then you should better go to the place of Audumbar with your dead child.'

Being encouraged in this fashion, she tied the body of her son at her back and came to Audumbar. She dashed her head on the Padukas and began to mourn. As the night was approaching the Brahmins again asked for the dead body, but she refused to give. The Brahmins said `the body will emanate foul odor tomorrow and then she will have to give it.' Saying this, they went home. Only the parents remained there. Later on after midnight the parents fell drowsy and got a nap due to exertion

In her dream she saw a person with vibuthi marks on the body, a wreath of Rudraksha round the neck, a Trishul in the hand and a tiger skin on the body. He said to her, 'Why are you blaming me and mourning? What ails your son? Saying so he applied bhasma or vibuthi to the forehead of the son, opened his mouth and blew air into it by his mouth. Thus oxygen was infused in his body. The result was that the boy began to move his limbs and came to life.

At first sight she was frightened. She thought that one sees in one's dream whatever is in one's mind. But as she awoke she found that the boy was making movement and his body was warm. At first she placed the boy away out of fear but the boy sat and asked for something to eat as he was hungry. She took him to her breast. Milk came out profusely from the paps. Then she gave up fear and was delighted. She aroused her husband. Both bowed to the Padukas of Shri Guru and prayed, 'Kindly forgive us for our harsh words.' They took rounds of the tree and went for bath.

After bath they washed the blood on the Padukas and worshipped them with great devotion. By this time it was morning. The Brahmins came there again for the funeral, but they were wonderstruck to see the child alive. All were glad to see this miracle and praised the greatness of Shri Guru.

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Guna Guneshu varthantha Ithyana sakthi susthiraya

Namaha





Excerpts from Sai Leela

Is Baba Living And Helping Now?

DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES AFTER BABA'S MAHASAMADHI ON 15th OCTOBER 1918 from book entitled "AMBROSIA IN SHIRDI" written by Shri Ramalingam Swami, inspired by Param Pujya Sri Sivanesan Swamiji of Shirdi

How Baba proved that there ware no Shishyas, Relatives, Incarnations or Successors to inherit His legacy?

Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi took His Mahasamadhi on 15th October, 1918. Upto 1922, no proper arrangements to look after the Mahasamadhi were made. Ultimately, Shri Kakasaheb Dixit, seeing the sad state of affairs as conducted by the village set up an office with a Managing Committee under the Public Trust Act, with the approval of the District Court Ahmednagar.

At that time, Shri Abdul Baba performed the daily 'Abhishek' to the Samadhi. So, the 'Mahanaivedya' (food offering) was handed over him. Also, he was allowed to live in the room on the left side, adjacent to the Samadhi. He was the only local leading devotee of Sai Baba. He had collected about four to five thousand rupees of 'Dakshina' amount given by Baba's devotees. Enjoying these privileges, he thought, he was the legal heir to Baba. Some of his well wishers fuelled the idea that the Trust formed was an the injustice against him. Thus he filed a suit against the Trust, in the District Court of Ahmadnagar. By the Grace of Baba, the District Court passed order against Abdul Baba, saying that there were no hairs or successors to Shri Sai Baba and he had no right to the maintenance of the Samadhi or in the working of the newly formed Trust. The Mahanaivedya given to him was stopped, and he was asked to vacate the room.

Baba had said that he would have the Divine Powers for a thousand years to look after the welfare of His devotees. It was thus proved by Baba Himself that there were no Shishyas, relatives, incarnations or successors to Him.

Surrender to Shri Sai Completely! Stupendous delectation and deliverance will be there!

The Fate of Shri Muktaram, a staunch devotee of Baba, when he wanted to occupy Baba's Gadi Shri Muktaram was a staunch devotee pf Shri Sai Baba. Sai Baba had given him a Kafni. He lived in Dixit Wada and kept a Dhuni. a few days after Baba's Mahasamadhi, he forcibly occupied Baba's Gadi in Dwarkamai, against the wishes of the villagers. As soon as he sat there, he began to vomit blood and was taken to his residence in Dixit Wada. The devotees thought of taking him to the Kopergaon hospital; but before it could be decided as to who should accompany him, he died in Dixit Wada itself. His Samadhi is in Lendi Baug.

This incident clearly shows that Baba was not willing to allow anybody to occupy His Gadi.

Joyti Ranjan
 Worli, Mumbai

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Gupthaya Namaha



VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM

a-manI manado manyo loka-svamI tri-loka-dhrt | su-medha medhajo dhanyah satya-medha dhara-dharah ||80|| a-manI - Om a-manine namah.

- a) He Who is not proud.
- b) He Who does not mistakenly identify things such as the body with Atman.
- c) He Who is beyond all measure in all respects.

mana-dah - Om manadaya namah.

- a) He Who honors others.
- b) He Who confers rewards on His devotees, or denies rewards for the unrighteous (Sa'nkara).
- c) He Who removes the false understanding of Atman in true seekers, or induces a false sense of Atman in non-seekers (Sa'nkara).
- d) He Who gives spiritual enlightenment to His devotees.
- e) He Who gives a measure and dimension to everything in the Universe.

manyah - Om manyaya namah. The Object of honor.

loka-svamI - Om loka-svamine namah.
The Master of the Universe.

tri-loka-dhrt - Om tri-loka-dhrte namah.

- a) He Who supports the three worlds (the worlds above, the worlds below, and earth in the middle).
- b) The Supporter of the three states of experience (waking, dream and deep sleep).

su-medhah - Om su-medhase namah. The Well-Intentioned. medha-jah - Om medha-jaya namah.

- a) He Who was born as a result of a sacrifice.
- b) He Who is realized as a result of sacrifices.
- c) He Who makes His presence in the gatherings of bhakta-s.

dhanyah - Om dhanyaya namah. The Blessed

satya-medhah - Om satya-medhase namah.

- a) He of true thoughts honest, straightforward.
- b) He of true knowledge with foresight and minuteness.
- c) He of true knowledge of the Vedas and their numerous branches.

dharadharah - Om dharadharaya namah.

- a) He Who supported the Mountain (govardhana).
- b) He Who supports the earth.

Please enjoy the talk given by Saibanisa ji in Telugu

Sai Krishna 1 by SaiBanisa GopalRao Ravada Sai Krishna 2 by SaiBanisa GopalRao Ravada Sai Krishna 3 by SaiBanisa GopalRao Ravada

<u>Samadhiye Samadhanam</u> (My bones will speak from my Tomb-1) <u>Samadhiye Samadhanam</u> (My bones will speak from my Tomb-2)





Saicharitralo Makarasankranti-part One-Saibanisa Ravada Saicharitralo Makarasankranti-part Two-Saibanisa Ravada

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GITA FOR CHILDREN - CHAPTER 2



Sanjaya continues and tells Dhritarashtra: "Krishna is now beginning to say something to Arjuna, who appears to be drowned in sorrow."

Krishna says, 'Arjuna, how come you have suddenly become so remorseful at this very last minute? You can't quit now; it is too late for that! You must cast aside your doubts and misgivings. Get up and enter into battle!'

Arjuna asks, 'Krishna, how is that possible? Bhisma over there is my grandfather! Are You asking me to shoot arrows at my own grandfather who has showered so much love on me?'

'And over there is my Guru, Dronacharya? How can one kill one's own Guru? Can there be a greater sin?'

'Frankly Krishna, I cannot see any great purpose in this war. I am very confused at present. To fight or not to fight – that is my question!'

'Krishna, I seek refuge in You. Totally surrendering to You, I pray to You for guidance.'

With a broad smile on His face, Krishna replies, 'Arjuna, you are acting like a perfect fool! You are mourning the death of your relatives etc., even before they have died!'

'Do you know anything about life, death, and what happens after death? You obviously do not, for if you did, you would not be chickening out like you are trying to do now. Let Me drive some hard facts into your thick skull!'

'Arjuna, your big problem is that like everyone else, you think you are the body. You

are also used to seeing bodies being born and die. Since all these images have got stuck in your Mind, you are now worrying about death.'

'Now listen to this carefully. Neither you nor I are the body, though we both possess them. I wear My body like a dress and so do you.'

'Now who is this "I" that is wearing the body? It is the Atma Arjuna, it is the Atma! By the way, there is no such thing as My Atma, your Atma and so on. It is the same Atma that is present everywhere, wearing many dresses. There is only one Atma, period.'



Salutations to Thee.

O Vyasa of mighty intellect, Thous whose eyes are large like the petals of a full blown Lotus! It was thou who lit the wisdom lamp which brims with the oil that is the Mahabaratha.





Sri Sai Baba's Sermon

SHRI BHAKTA LEELAMRUT

Chapter-33

Listening to this, Chandorkar said 'Stealing makes one a thief and we say it is the fruit of his deeds'. Is it (profession) not his destiny?

Listen to Baba's reply to the query of the loving devotee. He said, Oh gentle Narayan, You are stretching your imagination and asking me silly questions. There are a number of real thieves but they are acquitted as there isn't any substantial proof against them. This is their destiny. One thief you find locked up in the jail whereas another is moving about free as a gentleman. Both are responsible for similar deeds but one is locked up and the other is free. Thus, the destiny has nothing to do with what the individuals do. However, the sin of the free moving thief will not go unpunished. This will be the cause for his next birth. I therefore, have to tell you to follow the ethical ways while accepting your destiny.

One must be in the company of righteous people only, avoid even the shadow of the wicked, bad and the undevout ones. One must not eat the prohibited food, should not get involved in disputes or make a false promise. Once you give your word, you should fulfill it without grumbling. Breaking one's promise takes one away from the Lord. If you are overtaken by bodily desires, enjoy with your spouse only. Do not give yourself to the desires by seeing somebody else's wife. Have pure enjoyment with your spouse but within normal limits only. A person with uncontrollable desires does not stand a chance to achieve absolution.

Kama is the mightiest of the six enemies. This one is of a different kind hence one must enjoy oneself with full control over Kama. Tie up the encumberance of reasoning around its neck. Put Kama under control. Don't you ever be controlled by him. One who acts like this should be considered wise. Oh good devotee, limit the six enemies only up to the necessity of their use in your destiny. Have the desire for the name of the Lord, anger against unethical deeds, hope for the absolution, fascination for the ultimate object and hatred towards bad deeds. Win the Lord with devotion. Do not give way to pride. Listen to the glories of holy men, keep the mind clean, respect the learned and the parents. Mother is greater than thousand holy places. Father is worthy of worship. So bow down to him.

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Guhahithaya Namaha







Srí Sooktam:

Vainateya Somam Piba Somam Pibatu Vrtrahaa | Somam Dhanasya Somino Mahyam Dadaatu Sominah ||21||

Meaning:

21.1: (Harih Om, Salutations to Mother Lakshmi) Those who carry Sri Vishnu in their Heart (like Garuda, the son of Vinata carries Him on his back) always drink Soma (the Divine Bliss within); Let all Drink that Soma by Destroying their inner Enemies of desires (thus gaining nearness to Sri Vishnu).

21.2: That Soma originates from Srí Who is the embodiment of Soma (the Divine Bliss); O Mother, please Give that Soma to Me too, You Who are the possessor of that Soma.

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