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गुरुब्रहमा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः । गुरुः शाक्षात परब्रहम तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः:॥



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#### Sai a Beacon for Humanity: EXPERIENCES OF SAI.BA.NI.SA WITH SHIRDI SAI-2

During the year 1991 I was trying for a good marriage alliance for my daughter but I could not succeed. I had been to various places and invited parents of bridegrooms to visit my house and see my daughter. Inspite of various requests no one has turned up to see my daughter. It was on 01-01-92 New Year's day morning I prayed Sri SAI BABA of SHIRIDI and asked for a message regarding the marriage of my

daughter. I closed my eyes and opened a page in the SAI SATCHARITA written by Sri Nagesh Vasudev Gunaji. To my surprise it was in chapter 47 and the message was "I told him not to worry about this, as the bridegroom himself would come seeking her". I was very happy as the message indicates marriage of my daughter will takes place in the year 1992. In the month of January 1992 One of my friends Sri Sree Ramachandra Murthy asked me the Bio-data and Horoscope of my daughter so that he will give it to his friend Sri Somayajulu who is a social worker and match maker. Infact I was not much associated with Sri Somayajulu. On 17-02-1992 when I reached my office at 09.00 a.m. Telephone on my table was ringing and I lifted the phone when I asked who is speaking at the other end, the answer was, he was the bridegoom who came from Visakhapatnam to see my daughter. He told me about Sri Somayajulu who has given Bio-data and Horoscope of my daughter. I was in dilemma and prayed Baba, Sri SAI BABA instantly answered my prayer and advised me to go ahead. I invited the bridegroom and his parents to my house at 02.30 p.m. and introduced my daughter to them. They had a talk with my daughter for about one hour and left my house to Visakhapatnam. On 19-02-1992 I got a telegram from the bridegroom's father stating that they liked my daughter and invited me and my wife for betrothal ceremony. With the consent of my daughter we reached Visakhapatnam on 20-02-1992, and fixed the marriage of my daughter. I felt Sri SAI has given a good bridegroom to my daughter. The marriage fixed on 10-05-1992 at 06.58 a.m. in Hyderabad. I prayed Baba to help me in the marriage activities and for the success of the marriage on 22-03-1992 in the afternoon sleep Sri SAI BABA appeared to me in the dream in the form of my Father (LATE SRI R.V.RAO) and promised me that he will help me in my daughters marriage and he will attend the marriage also. I was surprised how a dead person (my father) can attend the marriage and help me in the marriage.

IN SAI SATCHARITA chapter 40 SRI SAI BABA says "I always to think about him for those who remembers me, I require no conveyance, i.e carriage, Tonga, (Horse drawn Cart) or an Aero plane. I run and manifest myself to him, who lovingly calls on me". I felt SRI SAI BABA may not attend the marriage of my daughter in the form of my father. SRI SAI says in the SAI SATCHARITA chapter 28 "I have no form nor any extension - I live Everywhere" SRI SAI BABA further told in chapter 40 "See, to keep my words I would even sacrifice my life, I would never be untrue to my words".

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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



An old, barren buffalo gives milk ......Continued from the last issue:

Shri Guru: 'There is a she buffalo at yours. Then why do you not give me milk?' Brahmani: This she buffalo is old and has no teeth. Moreover she is barren from birth. So we use her for hire and have put a rope in her nostrils. We live on the petty amount of hire.

Shri Guru: You are not telling me the truth. Go and take out milk and give it to me now.

When Shri Guru talked in this fashion, the woman took a pot and went to the she buffalo and began to milk her. When two pots-full of milk were obtained, she was surprised and believed that he was not an ordinary sanyasi, but was an incarnation of god. She boiled the milk and respectfully offered it to Shri Guru. Shri Guru was pleased and said, `Lakshmi will live at yours incessantly.' He then went to the Sangam.

When the Brahmin returned, he learnt what had happened. He said to his wife, 'Our poverty is now wiped out. Let us go to Shri Guru.' They both went to the Sangam and worshipped Shri Guru with devotion. As blessed by Shri Guru, the Brahmin had a son, daughter, wealth and long life and they lived happily.

#### **Chapter XXIII**

#### Liberation of Brahma-Rakshas Establishment of a Math at Gangapur

Next day some people came to the Brahmin to take his she buffalo on hire. The Brahmin said that he would not give her as she was giving milk. He showed to the people the two pots of milk she was giving. She was barren till yesterday and she had never been pregnant. Yet she was giving milk. All were surprised to see the miracle. The news spread all over and the chief officer of the town also came to know about it. He came to the Brahmin and asked him about the miracle.

The Brahmin said, 'This miracle has occurred due to the blessing of the Sanyasi living at the Sangam. He is an incarnation of God. He came for alms at midday yesterday. As there was no corn at home, he asked to give him milk as alms. My wife told him that the she buffalo was barren. The Sanyasi was angry and he asked her to milk the buffalo in his presence. It was really wonder that the buffalo began to give milk from that time. She has become a Kamadhenu for us.'

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Guruthamaya Namaha







# Excerpts from Sai Leela

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"Lord Dattatreya declared that "just like I gave Myself and became the adopted child of sage Atri and Anasuya similary, I give Myself to all those devotees who give themselves unto Me". In other words, to those who became My adopted children, I became their adopted child."

Lord Sri Dattatreya is The Incarnation of the Three Murtis of The Holy Trinity known as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, Whose Avatar is for the specific purpose of teaching that God Himself is the Guru and Guru is God. He is the Guru of all Gurus, an ever-living Master, present even now and all times to come Whose perennial message is Universal. He is one of the great primordial symbolizations of The one Supreme Holy Truth and Reality and The ultimate manifestations of God-head, appearing to humanity in a Tripartite Form, a Divine Trinity, The Being with Three Faces, representing Creation, Sustenance and Withdrawal.

We get glimpses of the idea of Trinity in Rigveda, the oldest document of the World, Where in various Triads also were indicated. The Universe is classified into three domains: the Earth, The Air atmosphere and The Heavens and this Triad found favour with Rig Vedic poets, in their iteracy works.

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I totally surrendered to SRI SAI BABA and started the marriage arrangements. In the month of March 1992 wedding cards were printed and as per the directions of SRI SAI I posted First card to Ganesh Temple, Ranathambhor, Second card to Balaji Temple, Tirupathi, Third card to Sri Sai Baba in Shiridi. Then I posted five cards abroad and prayed Baba to see that atleast one family from abroad attends the marriage. I was surprised to see my well wishers Smt. & Sri V.Surya Rao from U.S.A came to Hyderabad on 09-05-1992 to attend the marriage. On 09-05-1992 I prayed Baba to help me in the marriage function and see that it is successful. Finally the marriage day i.e 10-05-1992 has come, I was very busy in the morning as the MU-HURAT was at 06.58 a.m. I could not spare even five minutes time for the SAI SATCHARITA Parayana. I was having Ahamkar (Pride) that I can spare daily time for SATCHARITA PARAYANA. Sri Sai made me so much busy that I could not touch the SAI SATCHARITA on that day, and he removed my Ahamkar. I totally forgot Sri Sai in the marriage and I was talking to my friends and bridegroom's relatives. It was around 11.45 a.m. The Pandit of Bridegroom has come to me along with a Brahmin and asked me to give some Dakshina to the Brahmin. I thought the brahmin must be his relative, and I gave Rs.21/- as Dakshina. Then the Brahmin was asking about food. The Pandit has sent him to dining hall to take the food along with other guests. When I entered dining hall to talk with the guests and relatives, I found the Brahmin who took Dakshina from me was smiling towards me, I felt he may ask more money and so I left that place. I was fully busy in attending to the need of the Bridegrooms party. The time was 04.30 p.m. and the DOLLI started. I could not take food even at 6.30 p.m. I was having some mis-understandings with some relatives and I was upset.

Because of the mis-understandings I could not take food in the night also. After the MUHARAT in the morning my well wisher Sri V.Surya Rao who came to the marriage from U.S.A has offered the Break-fast and told me "you will be very busy today and you will not get time to take food so have this breakfast". Had I not taken the breakfast it would have become FASTING day to me. SRI SAI is against fasting and he never allowed his devotees to observe fasting. (Ref.Chapter 32). In the night before I was going to bed I prayed Sri Sai Baba and conveyed my thanks to him for the success of the marriage. I felt Sri Sai Baba has not attended the marriage and it was Baba's breach of promise. Sri Sai has promised on 22-03-1992 that he will attend the marriage, if Sri Sai Baba attended the marriage in which form he attended? It was a question to me and I asked Sri Sai to kindly clear my doubts. Sri Sai Baba appeared to me in the dream in the form of Brahmin (who took Rs.21/- from me as Dakshina) and was smiling. I got up from my bed and stood in front of Sai's Photograph and blamed myself for not recognising Sai who attended my daughter's marriage without fail. Next day to cross check I asked Bridegrooms Pandit about the Brahmin who took Rs.21/- as Dakshina from me. He informed that the Brahmin is a Stranger to him who happened to come to the marriage. I felt that STRANGER is none other than SAI.

BOW TO SHRI SAI - PEACE BE TO ALL.







Guhyaya Namaha



# Ishnu SahasraNaana STOTRAM

catur-murt<mark>ih catur-b</mark>ahuh catur-vy<mark>uhah catur-gatih</mark> | catur-atma catur-bhavah catur-veda-videka-pat ||82||

catur-murtih - Om catur-murtaye namah.

He of Four Forms

catur-bahuh - Om catur-bahave namah.

The Four-armed.

catur-vyuhah - Om catur-vyuhaya namah.

- a) He of the form of four Emanations (vyUha forms).
- b) He Who had four manifestations in His vibhava form (as krshna, balarama, pradyumna, and aniruddha).
- c) He Who manifests Himself as purusha, chandah purusha, veda purusha, and maha purusha.
- d) He Whose Supremacy is established by the four-fold Vedas.
- e) He Who is in the form of four divisions of speech (three veda-s, and ordinary speech).
- f) He Who has four kinds of greatness (vyuha = mahima).

catur-gatih - om catur-gataye namah.

- a) He Who is in the form of the four purushartha-s.
- b) He Who provides the four goals: indra, brahma, kaivalya, and moksha.
- c) He Who has the four gaits (vrshabha, gaja, vyaghra, and simha gati).
- d) He Who is the goal of the four varna-s and the four asramas.
- e) He Who is the Refuge for the four kinds of bhakata-s (arta, jijnasu, artharthI, and inanI).

catur-atma - Om caturatmane namah.

- a) He Who has four forms in His vyUha incarnation.
- b) He Who has four manifestations in His vibhava incarnations of Krishna and Rama.
- c) He Who has a four-fold manifestation in His functions of creation, preservation and destruction.
- d) He Who is skilled in keeping His atma pure from attachment etc. (catura -caturya atma).
- e) He Who is behind the functions of manas, citta, buddhi, and ahankAra.

- f) He Who manifests Himself in four forms to support the jiva in its four states visva, taijasa, prajna, and turiya.
- g) He Who is the antaryami of the four types of devotees Arta, artharthi, etc.
- h) He Who created the fit being the four-faced brahma (catura = kusala, fit).
- i) He Who manifest Himself in four kinds of Atmas: jiva, antaratma, paramatma, jnanatma.

#### **catur-bhavah** - Om catur-bhavaya namah.

- a) He Who gives expression to the four vyuha forms through four kinds of actions.
- b) The Source of the four varnas, asramas, purursharthas, etc.
- c) He Who created the four kinds of species.

#### catur-veda-vit - om catur-veda-vide namah.

- a) He Who is known by those who are learned in the four Vedas.
- b) He Who is the Knower of the four Vedas.
- c) He Who makes it possible to know the four Vedas.

#### **eka-pat** - Om eka-pade namah.

- a) He Who manifests only a part of His mahima when He takes incarnations amongst humans.
- b) He Whose manifestation in the form of this Universe is only one-fourth of Himself.
- c) He Who is constantly on the look-out as our Sole Protector (ekapo + at).

#### 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)





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#### **GITA FOR CHILDREN - PART 3(A)**



'Let us examine your problem a bit deeper. You say that Bhishma is your grandfather. That is true but don't forget that the relationship is purely one of the body. Next, even though Bhishma is your grandfather, he has lined up with the forces of evil. In fact, he is the Com-

mander-in-Chief of the wicked Kauravas. Now tell Me; what should be your duty? Can you walk away claiming that Bhisma is your grandpa or should you stand up to the forces of evil and defeat them in battle?'

'The answer is clear, is it not? Arjuna, in life duty must always be performed, without any trace whatsoever of attachment or selfishness. In practical terms, you must discharge your duty without a) being bothered about the outcome, and b) expecting a reward. That really is what Atma Dharma is all about. Only a selfish person would worry about success, rewards, etc. That attitude is not correct. Duty for duty's sake is the proper attitude.'

'Arjuna, there are two words that people often use – rights and responsibility. In the olden days, people always worried about responsibility and duty but these days people mostly talk about their rights. They constantly say, "I have a right to do this, I have a right to do that," and so on. Let Me make one thing very clear. Man has a right only to duty and nothing else!'

Arjuna asks, 'Krishna, you make Atma Dharma sound so simple. If it is as simple as all that how come in this wide world there is hardly anyone who is truly following Atma Dharma?'

Krishna answers, 'That is because people get easily deluded by the senses and the Mind. These two in unholy collusion prevent a person from looking deep within himself and communing with the Heart.'

'Once a person gets cutoff from the Indweller, his outlook and vision become purely

external. The outside world is full of what is called the pair of opposites like joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, success and failure, and so on.'

'A person immersed in the external world is easily overwhelmed by six terrible enemies that are deadlier than the deadliest serpents. These enemies are: Kama meaning desires, Krodha meaning anger, Lobha meaning greed, Moha meaning attachment, Mada meaning pride, and Matsarya meaning jealousy. To these you may add to more namely, Ahamkara meaning ego and Mamakara meaning the "mine" feeling.'

'Arjuna, take it from Me, unless you keep out these enemies and have full control of yourself, you cannot fight your external enemies, as you have to do shortly.'

'Do you want to know why these internal enemies have to be vanquished first? Simple; you would agree that when you have to deal with a crisis, you have to remain cool, wouldn't you?'

'Now what exactly does remaining cool mean? It means that you should not be disturbed or be bothered by what is happening around you. It is only when you are cool that you can think clearly. And unless you can think clearly you cannot really handle a crisis properly. Agree?'

'A good leader must not lose his cool. This characteristic does not come easily, unless one makes a conscious effort to practice detachment. One who is detached is automatically unaffected by success and failure, joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain. There is one word that describes such an attitude – equanimity.'

'Arjuna, equanimity is necessary not only for a so-called leader but for everyone. In a family, the father is a leader. So, equanimity is needed for the father. What about the children? They had better start copying their father and learn to get into that groove from an early age! Above all, equanimity it is that helps the seeker to rise above the world, rise above the pairs of opposites, and go towards God.'

krsnaya vasudevaya devaki-nandanaya ca nanda-gopa-kumaraya govindaya namo namah







Gurupada parayanaya

Namaha

### Sri Sai Baba's Sermon

#### SHRI BHAKTA LEELAMRUT

#### Chapter-33

One who does not care for good and evil, who does not respect the Lord and the one, one who does not have good intentions is bound by the cycle of birth and death. One who is crafty, talks bitterly and is a great sinner is also bound. One who does not respect holy men, indulges in worldly affairs, does not think of charity, and is always arguing is certainly, bound. Oh Nana, one who does not repay loans, praises oneself and slanders the holy men and gentlemen is also bound. One who pretends to be a holyman and follows the path of immorality, one who slanders others to glorify oneself is also bound. One who betrays one's friends: who creates enmity with his own Guru, who does not believe in the Vedas is also bound.

One who reads a lot of holy books and recites a number of good sentences but cannot purify his heart is also bound. Such a person can not get absolution, he cannot keep good company and ultimately, he goes to Hell to suffer a lot.

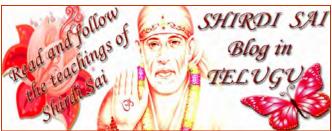
Now I will explain to you the properties of a person who is desirous of absolution (Mumukshu). You must listen to me carefully with faith. One who is sick with the state of being bound, one who knows good from the bad and is keen on meeting with the Lord is a Seeker (Mumukshu).

If a person repents his past deeds can attain absolution even though he was a sinner. A person who is happy with his destined state, one who is afraid of sins, one who does not lie is a seeker. One who is sincere to God, who is polite to holymen and who follows the path of morality is a seeker. One who does not leave good company, even for a moment and whose tongue is busy with the name of Hari is a Follower (Sadhaka).

One who realizes that the worldly desires are poisonous, and who tries, every day to understand the Adhyatma Vidhyas is a follower. One who prays to the Lord in solitude should be called a follower. One who is overpowered with joy while listening to the name and acts of the Lord is a follower. One who does not allow the Lord to escape from his mind and the one who serves the holymen without caring for his own vanity is a follower.

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#### Srí Sooktam:

Varssantu Te Víbhaavarí Dívo Abhrasya Vídyutah | Rohantu Sarva-Bííja-Anyava Brahma Dvísso Jahí ||23||

#### Meaning:

23.1: (Harih Om, Salutations to Mother Lakshmi) O Mother, Please Shower Your Light of Grace like Lightning in a Sky filled with Thunder-Cloud ...

23.2 And Ascend All the Seeds of Differentiation to a higher spiritual plane; O Mother, You are of the nature of Brahman and Destroyer of all Hatred.

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