

Happy  
New Year



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

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### Sai a Beacon for Humanity

#### EXPERIENCES OF SAI BA.NLSA WITH SHIRDI SAI - 6



Let us recall from Shri Sai Satcharitra as to how Sai blessed two students and granted them success in their examinations. Babu Tendulkar believed the predictions by astrologers and got disheartened. He preferred not to write the examinations in Medicine. Similarly Shevade who was also taking Law examinations were equally graced and blessed by Baba to come out successfully in their tasks. I would like to humbly submit my similar experiences. It dates back to the month of October 1990 when I was set out to go for a departmental promotion scheduled to be held in Madras (presently the city of Chennai). As a matter of habit, I was nervous. On the dawn of the day I was sitting on the lawns of the GuestHouse and going through the ritual of reading the Sai Satcharitra. The day's chapter turned out to be 45th one where in Kaka Sahib expresses doubt and Baba answers to Anand Rao in vision "go now, fear not, feel no anxiety, and you will attain your welfare". I could simultaneously hear a cuckoo singing. I took it as a good omen and blessings from Sainath. I faced the interview courageously and could come out successfully with flying colors. Happily I returned back to Hyderabad. Again during the same month of October 1997 I moved out to Bombay for promotion to the next higher grade. I was relatively less qualified compared to all others in the fray. Sai must bless me this time also, otherwise it is simply impossible. After a shower in the morning, I sat down for the normal parayana of Satcharitra. By strange coincidence I was to read the same chapter i.e 45th one. Repetition of what is sited in the above lines - Kaka Sahib's doubt and Anand Rao's vision - Baba's unfailing words of assurance. Of-course this time it was not cuckoo but a pigeon's call. I am once again blessed and I leave it for anybody to guess the outcome. Repeat of 1990 in 1997 under identical situations and to be blessed on both the occasions is humanly not possible but for the divine intervention of Sainath. Recapture of these incidents rejuvenate my faith in Shirdi Sai Baba. I am sure everyone can undergo his/her own experiences in his fold.

BOW TO SHRI SAI - PEACE BE TO ALL.



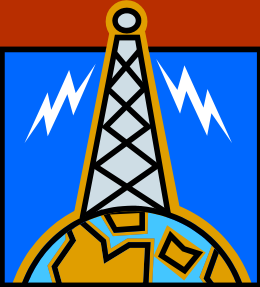
# Sri Guru Charitra



*Gopim  
sthratha  
yatha  
krusnah  
thatha  
nachne  
kulavanaya*

*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 XXVII

### Harijan Becomes A Learned Brahmin

Shri Guru saw a man passing by. He asked his disciples to call him. He was a Harijan. He bowed to Shri Guru and prayed for liberation.

Shri Guru gave a stick to a disciple and asked him to draw seven parallel lines. On doing this Shri Guru asked the Harijan to cross a line. The Harijan crossed the first line and Shri Guru asked him who he was. He said he was a Kirat. On crossing the second line, he had more knowledge. On crossing the third he said he was a gangasut i.e. a boatman. On crossing the fourth he became a Shudra. On crossing the fifth he became Somdatta Vaishya. On crossing the sixth he was a Kshatriya named Godavari. On crossing the seventh line, he said, 'I am a Brahmin. I know Vedas, Shastras, Vyakaran and my name is Adhyapak (Teacher).

Shri Guru said, 'These two Brahmins have come to discuss Veda Shastras. You may discuss with them' So saying he asked him to apply enchanted vibuthi to his body due to which he looked more bright.

Seeing this miracle, the Brahmins began to tremble with fear and started getting pain in the heart. They fell on the feet of Shri Guru and said, 'We are great offenders. Kindly forgive us and liberate us. You are incarnation of three Gods and Guru of the world. Your greatness is indescribable.'

Shri Guru said, 'You have harassed Trivikram Muni and have committed many other offenses' You will become Brahma-rakshasas and have to suffer for your sins.'

The Brahmins again entreated, 'How shall we be free from this worldly sea?'

Shri Guru: 'You shall be Brahma-Rakshasas for twelve years. Shuknarayan, a Brahmin will come and advise you and then your sins will be wiped off and you will be liberated. You go to the river now.' The Brahmins went to the river. They had severe heart-pain and they died, They lived as Brahma-Rakshasas and after twelve years they were liberated.

The Harijan Brahmin said to Shri Guru, 'I was a Brahmin, then how was I degenerated? What sins had I committed? Kindly enlighten me.'



# Excerpts from Sai Leela

## BHAGWAN DATTATREYA'S SIXTEEN AVATARS SIXTH AVATAR - LEELA VISHWAMBHAR

The love for children and intense mercifulness of Shri Datta are observed in this Avatar. There was a great famine in the country. Animals could not get food and water. So they were reduced to boney skeletons. Thieves and dacoits looted the public. Rishi-munis could not perform their rites and sacrifices were stopped. Rishi-munis, Brahmins etc. surrendered to Shri Datta, who was lying in the laps of Anasuya and feeding on her breast. Hearing the prayers of the people, Shri Datta appeared as Leela Vishwambhar before them and offered to them food, clothes and provisions and satisfied them all. This was achieved easily and hence he is known as 'Leela Vishwambhar'. One day Shri Datta addressed the devotees as follows, "This life is like a vast forest. Ahankar is like a big mountain surrounded by big trees, creepers and plants. Kama i.e. cupid is a fierce lion, krodha (anger) is an enraged serpent, vasana (desires) are great lakes. Those, who cannot swim in the water, get drowned." Shri Datta then changed this scene. The devotees, therefore, asked, "Where is the fierce forest?" Shri Datta replied smilingly, "It has immersed whence it was created. It comes into existence due to ignorance and when it is wiped off, it vanishes. Those, who remember me, get rid of the family miseries. All this physical world is destroyable and Atma, which is at the root, is only lasting." The devotees enquired, "How is the Atma?" Shri Datta replied, "I am that Atma. I am known by good action and intense devotion."

1. According to the Puranas, how many heads did Brahma have before Shiva plucked one out?  
Five, Four, Three, Ten
2. How many avatars of Vishnu are believed to have come down to Earth so far?  
Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven
3. In the epic Ramayana, with which weapon did Rama finally kill Ravana?  
Marika, Sushka, Prasvapna, Brahmastra
4. In the epic, Ramayana, Rama asks Hanuman to fetch him a medicinal herb that grew in the Himalayas. What was its name?  
Banafsha, Chaaksu, Ajmoda, Sanjivini
5. Who is the wife of Brahma, and mother to the first man, Manu?  
Sarasvati, Radha, Lakshmi, Aditi
6. In the epic Mahabharata, who is called Dharmaputra?  
Arjuna, Yudhishtira, Bheeshma, Duryodhana
7. How many legs do the Hindu gods Agni and Kuber have?  
Two, Three, Five, Seven
8. Who among these is the Hindu God of Seas?  
Varuna, Garuda, Narada, Indra
9. In Hindu mytholgoy, which kingdom did Kamsa rule?  
Mathura, Dwarka, Kishkinda, Lanka
10. How many days did the battle of Mahabharat last?  
18 days, 100 days, 25 days, 10 days

**QUIZ!**

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*Gopala  
gundurayadhi  
puthra -  
pauthradhi  
vardhanaya*

*Namaha*



# Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM



**suvarnabindurakshobhyah sarvavagisvaresvarah |  
mahahrado mahagarto mahabhuto mahanidhih ||86||**

suvarna-binduh - Om suvarna-bindave namah.

- He Who concealed the truth of the vedic path from the asura-s with sweet words.
- He Who has a beautiful form with golden-colored beautiful limbs.
- He Who is in the form of the auspicious praNava mantra.
- He Who has a beautiful form, and Who has beautifully divided the creatures of the universe into their various parts.
- The Knower of the veda-s consisting of auspicious letters.
- He Who has the beautiful golden-colored sandalwood marks on His forehead, cheeks, etc.

a-kshobhyah - Om akshobhyaya namah.  
He who is unshaken by desire.

sarva-vag-isvara-isvarah - Om sarva-vag-isvara-isvaraya namah.  
The Lord of all who have a mastery over all words.

maha-hradah - Om maha-hradaya anamah.

- The Vast Lake in which the sinners drown never to rise again, and the devotees dip again and again to get relief.
- He Who is associated with the deep waters, as in kAlIya mardanam, or in His reclining on the Milk Ocean.
- He Who has created the great oceans so that the earth does not become completely dry and perish.

maha-gartah - Om maha-gartaya namah.

- He Who pushes the great sinners into the great pit of samsara.
- The Great Charioteer of mahabharata fame.
- The One with the Great Chariot (with the Garuda in its flag).
- He Who resides in the great mountains such as Seshacala.
- The Great Pit in which everything in this Universe originates, resides, and merges back.

maha-bhutih - Om maha-bhutaya namah.

- He Who considers great men as His own.
- He Who is a Great Being.
- He Who is the Origin of the five elements.

maha-nidhih - Om maha-nidhaye namah.

- He Who has the great treasure in the form of His devotees.
- He Who is a great treasure for His devotees.
- He Who is the Abode of everything in the Universe.
- He Who is like a treasure from which His devotees can draw at will.



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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Five      | 6. Yudhishtira |
| 2. Nine      | 7. Three       |
| 3. Prasvapna | 8. Varuna      |
| 4. Sanjivini | 9. Mathura     |
| 5. Sarasvati | 10. 18 days    |

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## Children Section

## GITA FOR CHILDREN

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‘Arjuna, just look at Me. I am the Lord and Master of the Three Worlds. Verily, I have no duties to perform. And yet, donning a human form, I am engaged in service to humanity all the time. Don’t you see? Right now, I am driving your chariot? Is this really My job?’

‘Why do I serve when I really don’t have to? To set an example Arjuna, to set an example. My Life is My Message! And My policy is to Love All and Serve All!! Got it?’

‘Supposing I did not do what I am doing. Do you know what would happen? People would start saying, “Look, God in human Form is not bothered about action. May be that is what God wants of us too!” Imagine what would happen to the world if people start abandoning their duties. It is to prevent this disaster that I perform duties, though in reality I have none to perform.’

‘Inaction is bad and laziness is rust and dust. It is to teach that lesson that I always keep Myself busy doing something or the other, of course always for the benefit of others. I never do anything that would bring advantage to Me personally. Selfless Love is My Guiding Principle, every second of My life.’

‘So, Arjuna, I hope after all this lengthy explanation, you have understood that the Paths of Action and of Wisdom are not two disjointed options; just that they represent two different starting points for reaching the same goal. Some start from Action and then progress to Wisdom while others attain Wisdom and then go into Action, that is all. Either way, the circle is complete.’

‘You will notice of course that many things are common to the ideal followers of the two Paths; they both are totally free from ego. The man following the Path of Action sees God as different from himself, at least to start with. He lives entirely for God and sacrifices his ego so that he may win the Love of God. The man on the Path of

Wisdom identifies himself totally with God and since ego has no place in God, he automatically becomes devoid of ego. So both types of devotees of the Lord get rid of ego, each in his own style. Once ego is got rid of, one becomes one with God. And that, if you remember is the goal to be attained.'

'So you see the important thing is to get rid of ego, and as I just told you, it can be done by two different methods. Hence both Paths lead to the same goal. However, if you ask Me which of these two paths is better suited to you, I would unhesitatingly pick the Path of Action or Karma Yoga as it is called. In fact, Karma Yoga is the preferred choice for 99.99999....% of humanity!'

Arjuna silently digests all this and then slowly asks, 'Krishna, what You say is very clear no doubt but there is one thing I still do not understand. Why is it that people are driven to sin even though they know it is wrong? What is amazing is that sometimes people seem to commit sin even against their will! It seems there is some stronger force. What is that?'

Krishna replies, 'The short answer to your question is that the force you are talking about is the force exerted by the internal enemies. Take, for example, a man addicted to drinking. To start with he did not know the taste of alcohol. One fine day, the enemy called desire tempted this man saying, "Listen, you don't know what you are missing! Give this a try!!" The man falls for this evil advice and soon finds that he is hooked. Later he realises that his health is being ruined and that death would soon catch up with him but still he is not able to give up drinking. These internal enemies are very powerful and that is why they should not be given even a toehold in the first place.'

'Arjuna, desire is man's mortal enemy. It is like a raging fire, a huge unstoppable conflagration. Desire sneaks in by devious means and later hides in the senses and the Mind. Once it gets in, it can smother even Wisdom; that is how even very Wise men have been dragged to ruin. You must therefore slay this evil dragon called desire, well before it gets hold of you!'

'You might think that what I am asking you to do is difficult but do not worry. Just trust in Me and throw desire into the Fire of Knowledge for it to be totally destroyed. People perform all sorts of Yajna at great expense; no need for that. Just burn away your bad qualities, starting with desire – that is more than enough. Do it as an act of Love for Me; if you do, then be assured that I shall help you, all the way to success. Of this you can be sure!'





# Sri Sai Baba's Sermon

SHREE SANT KATHAMRUT  
BY SHREE DAS GANU  
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Nana folded his hands and prayed, 'Baba, I have some difficulty in understanding, here. You said the Bramhan is devoid of pain and it envelopes everything. It is blissful too. My Mother, you said everything contains this Bramhan. I, however, find that the world is full of miseries and pain. It is also infinite. I do not see any properties of Chaitanya in it. How can a born-blind see beauty? How can Real Chaitanya live in an illusory thing? If the Soul itself is the life force, then its unity does not exist at all because there are many souls. The pleasure and pain of one soul do not affect others. How can we? Then say that all of them contain the same Chaitanya? Since the bodies are different I feel that the souls are also different.'

Baba said, Nana, you make a mistake, here. Now listen to me with full concentration. If we mix red, white, black, yellow, blue, green, violet and crimson colours separately with water and keep these mixtures in different glasses, can the water be different? It gets red colour with red and yellow with yellow. If we separate the colour from the mixture, the colour of the water will not be visible again. In the same manner, after the union of the soul with heart, experience of miseries and pain are caused. Bodies of the animals are different but there is no difference in their souls. All of them have the same soul. Pleasure and pain are the properties of the heart (body). The body, however, is necessary for the soul. Understand this, My Child.

Now, I will analyze this topic so that you will understand it well. My child Narayan, the Chaitanya has three qualities. They are spiritual (Parmarthic), customary (Vyavaharic) and illusory (pratibhasic). They are similar to the three states of the body viz. childhood, youth and old age. The souls who have reached the state of spiritualism are considered as holymen. Those who understand the difference between the right and the wrong and follow" the Shastras are called customary. Those who consider illusion as the truth are called illusory. They are covered with nescience, Nana.

*..will continue*



*Go spadhi  
krutha  
kastabdhave*

*Namaha*





**Srī Sook̄tam:**

*Lakssmīim Kssiira-Samudra Raaja-Tanayaam  
Shrīirangga-Dhaame[a-I]shvariim |  
Daasii-Bhuuta-Samasta Deva Vanitaam  
Loka-i[e]ka Dīpa-Amkuraam ||27||*

**Meaning:**

27.1: (*Harīh Om, Salutations to Mother Lakshmi*) *Who is the Daughter of the King of Ocean; Who is the Great Goddess Residing in Kseera Samudra (literally Milky Ocean), the Abode of Sri Vishnu.*

27.2: *Who is Served by the Devas along with their Servants, and Who is the One Light in all the Worlds which Sprouts behind every Manifestation.*

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