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Sai a Beacon for Humanity EXPERIENCES OF SAI BA.NI.SA WITH SHIRDI SAI - 10

Let me request and focus your attention to 40th chapter of Sai Sat charitra where in Sai during the year 1917 has promised to Hemadri panth in his dream that he would visit their house on ' HOLI ' the festival of colors for having lunch . This promise he fulfilled and arrived in the form a photo-

graph just before their lunch time. Similar experience which I have undergone is narrated under this experience to show that Sai is continuing to extend his humble grace even now, as he was doing to his devotees in the past while alive.

It was during the month of March 1996, on a Sunday morning hours, Sai appeared in the form of my establishment's Chief Executive and conveyed that he would come to my house for lunch. This message I have duly passed on to my wife as she has to prepare extra food for the guest to come. My wife although a Sai devotee was doubtful about the possibility of my chief's visit as we do not have family contacts with him. However from her side she went ahead with her preparations. My consciousness was firm that someone uninvited would definitely come by lunch time.

It was past one' o clock and none turned up and my wife unable to withstand hunger commenced her lunch at two' o clock. By now I was turning a bit shaky, but my belief was still firm that he would come in some form or other. My mind was oscillating like a simple pendulum between her nagging on one side and my belief on the other side. In state of helplessness I too commenced my lunch mechanically without any appetite for eating. At the fag end of my lunch , our door bell gave a ring and my joy knew no bounds to find a lower cadre employee of our organization and a good acquaintance of mine stepped with words that he has come to say a hello to me.

Normally nobody from my office have the habit of visiting me at my house. How come this could happen? It is only on initiation of Sai this could take place. The words uttered by him are more significant to the present context as he said that on completion of his shift duties he was on his way back home and felt strong desire to see me. As the Bus touched our corner street he got down to see me. Now I was in a fix whether I should offer him lunch or not, but my wife expressed her opinion that it is not our tradition to offer leftover food items to a guest as it violates the principle of ' ATHIDHIDEVOBHAVA '. However she came forward with a suggestion to offer him freshly prepared snacks (a fast food item) .He was offered a plate full and without any hesitation he consumed all of it. Later he had a glass of water and stepped out with a soft smile. The gentle smile reminded me of Sai's promise that he would go to any extent to keep up his word. Of course one may have to undergo through trials and testing periods to be ultimately blessed by him.

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Chíntamagna haríthrane thasya sarva bharam vahaya

Namaha



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 XXVIII

Advice of Karma Vipak to the Harijan (continued)

Vamdev said, 'Shri Shankar had gone to Mandrachal along with his Rudragan. Indra, Brahmadev, Vasishta, Narad, Yaksh, Gandharva and Rishis also had come there to see Shri Shankar. Who was seated on a beautiful throne, having seven backgrounds, all very bright and made of precious stones. He had the Moon on his forehead, locks of hair on his head, Takshak on one ear and Vasuki on the other and wreaths of serpents around this neck. He had trishul in one hand, Damaru (drum) in the second, sword hands, held different weapons. He was sitting with Parvati Devi, who was wearing rich clothes and ornaments.

Sanatkumar requested Shri Shankar to tell some means by which one could attain all the four Purusharthas.

Shri Shankar said, 'have tripundra (3 lines) on the forehead and apply bhasma on the body. This will destroy all the sins, such as taking the wealth of others, enjoying with others, wives, cajoling, giving false witness, stealing of cow, land, gold or till, selling milk, flesh, salt and doing adultery etc. and after death one goes to heaven.

Vamdev gave enchanted Bhasma to the Brahma Rakshas who applied it to his body and had tripundra on his forehead. He was at once transformed into a celestial person and a plane descended to take him to the heaven.

Though Bhasma has much greatness, the greatness of Shri Guru is still more and so due to the favor of Vamdev the Brahma Rakshas was liberated."

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namah pankaja-nabhaya namah pankaja-maline namah pankaja-netraya namas te pankajanghraye

My respectful obeisance are unto You, O Lord, whose abdomen is marked with a depression like a lotus flower, who are always decorated with garlands of lotus flowers, whose glance is as cool as the lotus and whose feet are engraved with lotuses.



ELEVENTH AVATAR - MAYAYUKTAVADHOOT

This Avatar took place on Jeshth Shuddha 13, Friday, Swati Nakshatra, at sunrise.

This Avatar appeared in a young meditating pose, having a beautiful young woman on his left lap. Knowing them as Lakshmi-Narayan, all narrated their family shortcomings; but none showed a liking for the spiritual matters. Shri Datta began to sing and dance with the young woman. People thought that Shri Datta was playing with Maya and they did not leave him. Shri Datta then brought forward flesh, wine and similar unpious articles and said, "I am enjoying all these things, so I have no power and ability to fulfil your desires." Hearing this, many persons forsook him and only few remained there. Shri Datta then told them, "Faith, devotion, meditation, practising rules of sam, dam and by conquering the desires the human beings can get rid of the family bondages."

Then Mayayuktavadhoot roamed in the region from the south of Narmada to the Mahur hills.

The Gods, harassed by Jambasur, Kartavirya – Sahasrarjun and Parashuram met Shri Datta in this region. Shri Datta advised, 'Tripura Rahasya' to Parashuram in order to get rid of the effects of his sins of wars against the kshatriyas and to attain the peace of mind.

TWELFTH AVATAR - ADIGURU

Shri Datta advised Alark, the son of Madalsa. While ruling as a king, Alark was engrossed in the worldly pleasures. Dnyani Subahu, his elder brother, thought that Alark was wasting away his life as dogs and cats do in enjoyment of passions. He intended to awaken him spiritually. He, therefore, came to his city and asked for his share in the kingdom. When it was refused, he sought the help of Kashi Raja and attacked and besieged his city. Consequently the provisions coming in the city were stopped. Due to this, the subjects could not get food grains and they began to suffer from hunger. Alark was dejected to see this. His mother, Madalsa, had told him to see her letter of advice, placed in the box in times of calamity. He left the city, entered a forest and next morning opened the box and saw his dear mother's letter. It was said in it that in times of adversity, one should forsake all and have the company of a saint and think of salvation. He should go to Shri Datta at Mahurgad for spiritual guidance. This Avatar appeared on Ashadh Shuddha 15 on Tuesday, in the first prahar, on first muhurt.

Alark went to Mahur, surrendered to Shri Datta and narrated his misery. Shri Datta placed his palm on his head and asked, "Where is your misery? Just think who you are." Only due to this one question, Alark began to think of himself. His ignorance was wiped off and his ego and greed also vanished. The feeling of enmity was extinct.



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Chithrathi chíthra charíthraya

Namaha

Ishnu SahasraNaan

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM

anur brhat krsas sthulo guna-bhrn nir-guno mahan adhrtah sva-dhrtah svasyah prag-vamso vamsa-vardhanah || 90||

anuh - Om anave namah.

- a) He Who has the power of being smaller than anything small that is known to us.
- b) He Who is the cause of the sound that permeates everywhere and is in everything (ana - Sabde).
- c) He Who is in the form of the Vedas, or He Who reveals the Vedas, the Sastras, etc. (ana - sabde).

brhat - Om brhate namah. The Great.

krsah - Om krsaya namah.

- a) He Who is lighter than the light.
- b) He Who is thinner than anything thin.
- c) He Who reduces or eliminates the difficulties to His devotees.
- d) He Who pares down the form for the jiva-s to make it possible for them to live in comfort.
- e) He Who makes `light work' of the asura-s (i.e., He Who destroys the asura-s).

sthulah - Om sthulaya namah.

- a) He Who is immense.
- b) He Who grows or enhances enormously the wealth of His devotees.

guna-bhrt - Om guna-bhrte namah.

- a) The Supporter of all that are subject to Him.
- b) He Who supports the three guNa-s of sattva, rajas, and tamas.
- c) He Who bears (has) infinite kalyana guna-s.

nir-gunah - Om nir-gunaya namah.

He Who is bereft of the qualities (common to others).

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mahan - Om mahate namah.

- a) He Who is supreme in everything.
- b) He Who is Great beyond comprehension.
- c) He Who is worthy of worship, and worshiped by the likes of Indra.

a-dhrtah - Om a-dhrtaya namah.

- a) The Unconstrained.
- b) The Unsustained.

sva-dhrtah - Om svadhrtaya namah

He Who is Self-sustained and superior over the baddha-s who may have some of the same ashTa aiSvarya-s that we saw above, through meditation, prayer, etc.

svasyah - Om svasyaya namah

He Who has a glorious status and is superior over the mukta-s, who have a status equivalent to Him in many respects, but who were once clouded by nescience.

prag-vamsah - Om prag-vamsaya namah

He Who is the cause of the eternally free souls and is superior over the nitya-s, the eternal souls in Sri Vaikuntham, since He is their origin, source and eternal support.

vamsa-vardhanah - Om vamsa-vardhanaya namah.

He Who keeps His progeny growing, bhagavan, the One who fosters and grows all the three categories of jIva-s.

O my Lord, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, son of Vasudeva, O all-pervading Personality of Godom namo bhagavate vāsudevāya head, I offer my respectful obeisances unto You. I meditate upon Lord Śrī Krsna because He is the Absolute Truth and the primeval cause of all causes of the janmādy asya yato 'nvayād creation, sustenance and destruction of the manifested universes. He is directly itarataś cārthesv abhijñah svarāt and indirectly conscious of all manifestations, and He is independent because tene brahma hṛdā ya there is no other cause beyond Him. It is He only who first imparted the Vedic knowledge unto the heart of Brahmājī, the original living being. By Him even ādi-kavaye muhyanti yat sūrayah the great sages and demigods are placed into illusion, as one is bewildered by tejo-vāri-mrdām vathā the illusory representations of water seen in fire, or land seen on water. Only vinimayo yatra tri-sargo 'mṛṣā because of Him do the material universes, temporarily manifested by the reacdhāmnā svena sadā nirastations of the three modes of nature, appear factual, although they are unreal. I kuhakam satvam param dhīmah therefore meditate upon Him, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who is eternally existent in the transcendental abode, which is forever free from the illusory representations of the material world. I meditate upon Him, for He is the Absolute Truth.



Please enjoy the talk given by <u>Saibanisa</u> ji in Telugu

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Samadhiye Samadhanam (My bones will speak from my Tomb-1) Samadhiye Samadhanam (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



" Let us say there is a Yogi who is deep in meditation. You would think this man is utterly inactive and frozen, giving a good imitation of a statue! Not correct!! You see, even while meditating, this Yogi spreads sacred vibrations all around him. People get drawn to the Yogi

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on account of his goodness, and when they are in his proximity, they experience badly-needed calm and inner peace, at least for some time. The Yogi is hardly conscious that he doing this; yet what he is doing is valuable service and therefore counts as action in the spiritual sense, valuable action in fact. Tell Me, how many are there who can render the important service of making people experience calm and peace?"

" The two important points you must note regarding actions are: firstly, they must be totally free from ego, and secondly they must be done with Love. In fact, as the saying goes, true Karma is Prema made visible! If action is performed in this spirit, then automatically there is no thought of reward; it is this sacrifice of the desire for the fruit of action or Karmaphala Tyagam as it is called, that would ensure eternal escape from rebirth."

" Over the ages, people have devised various methods of making offerings. Some build a sacred fire and offer material objects to that fire. This is OK for a start, but what is preferable is to sacrifice or offer or give up, call it what you will, one's undesirable traits, like bad desires, for example. Make this offering in the Fire of Knowledge."

" Knowledge or Wisdom is the greatest and most purifying fire that one can think of. Physical fire can burn only material objects whereas the Fire of Knowledge can burn even such subtle entities as bad qualities."

" There is nothing greater than Absolute Knowledge for that alone gives a glimpse of the Oneness that is God. It is Knowledge alone that will generate Constant



Integrated Awareness or the capacity to see God everywhere, in everything, all the time."

" Once you are able to see God everywhere, even the traditional ritual involving offerings to the fire would manifest as a part of the Cosmic Loop. That is to say, you would realise that the one who is making the offering is God, the object offered is God, the fire to

which the object is offered is God, and the ultimate receiver is also God. In short, everything is by God, for God and of God! That is the awareness that true Knowledge would bring to you."

" Arjuna, without Knowledge, you would be reduced to a bundle of doubts. Therefore, seizing the Sword of Wisdom, slay ignorance, before you embark on battle."

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Sri Sai Satcharita

Saibaba-The Invocation of the Divine

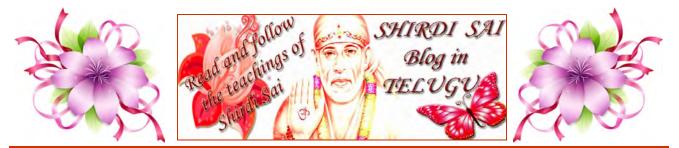
My Obeisance to Sri Ganesh, to Sri Saraswati, and Sri Guru Maharaj ! To the family Deity, to Sri Sita Ramachandra, my most humble obeisance! I bow in reverence to the most venerable Guru Sri Sainath!

- 1. For a smooth, unhindered completion of a work once begun, the wise and the learned sing, at the outset, the praises of the tutelary deities, and invoke their blessings.
- 2. By so praising the deities, by making an obeisance to them all, impediments are sought to be forestalled and the desired goals achieved.
- 3. Let us, therefore, bow, first to Ganapati, the benign figure of the elephantgod, with his twisted trunk; the Protector of the Meek, and the Lord and Master of the fourteen branches of learning.
- 4. Fourteen worlds are contained in your belly and hence you are called, 'Lambodara', while in your hand is the powerful, sharp-edged axe with which you strike down the obstacles in the way of your devotees.
- 5. O Lord of the Ganas (of Shiva), O elephant-faced God, I bow to you who assuage the pain caused by impediments. Pour your Grace into my utterances, I pray!
- 6. You are the succour of your devotees. Under your anklets come rolling all the obstacles. Just one glance from you is enough to drive away all want and poverty.
- 7. In the ocean of worldly life, you are the Ark; the Light of Knowledge you are, in the Darkness of Ignorance! You, O Lord, with your twin consorts, Riddhi and Siddhi (signifying Prosperity and Success), look upon me graciously, I beseech!
- 8. Hail to you, O Lord, who are the destroyer of the woods of impediments, and whose vehicle is the humble mouse. O son of Girija, O God of benign countenance, to you I bow!
- 9. Here do I follow the customary practice of making an obeisance to the tutelary deities, that I may complete my work unhindered, and be blessed with good fortune.
- 10. And yet, is not this Sai Himself, Gajanan, and Ganapati, who, axe in hand, will remove the obstacles to the narration of his story?
- 11. He is indeed Gajanan and Bhalchandra with the crescent moon on his forehead. And he boasts of a single tusk, and elephantine ears. He is the Terrible One of the broken tooth, the Annihilator of the jungle of obstacles.
- 12. Most Auspicious among the Auspicious, O long-bellied Lambodara, O compassionate Ganaraya! You are none other than Sai Himself! May you lead me on to the Abode of Eternal Joy and Peace.



Chínmaya anandhaya

Namaha



Srí Sooktam:

Vara-Angkushau Paasham-Abhiiti-Mudraam Karair-Vahantiim Kamala-[A]asana-Sthaam | Baala-[A]arka Kotti Pratibhaam Tri-Netraam Bhaje-[A]ham-Aadyaam Jagad-Iisvariim Tvaam ||30||

Meaníng:

30.1: (Harih Om, Salutations to Mother Lakshmi) From Your Four Hands - first in Vara Mudra (Gesture of Boon-Giving), second Holding Angkusha (Hook), third Holding a Pasha (Noose) and fourth in Abhiti Mudra (Gesture of Fearlessness) - Flows Boons, Assurance of Help during Obstacles, Assurance of Breaking our Bondages and Fearlessness; As You Stand on the Lotus (to shower grace on the devotees).

30.2: I Worship You, O Primordial Goddess of the Universe, from Whose Three Eyes Appear Millions of Newly Risen Suns (i.e. different worlds).

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