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FROM THE SATSANGHS OF SAIBANISA JI

The three letter word - EGO

Ego, this three letter word is so short, but yet very powerful. It can make even a learned man fall on his face. We should always be aware of this emotion. Let not the worldly honor and pomp get into our heads. We sometimes get so entangled in the verbal praise and honor bestowed upon us. Let us drive this out of our head and always keep praying to be humble and show respect. Let us understand that nothing is possible unless Guru blesses us. So we need to pray unanimously.

Sri Sai Maharaj, on this beautiful Thursday we stand with our arms spread, we acknowledge that we are nothing, we are nobody. You are absolute and real. If we are to ask You anything for self, then let it be humbleness and humility. Give us the patience to take everything - praise or insult as Your blessing. Please help us understand that You love an egoless person. Aid us be that person. This body is a shell created to only carry on your will.

May this Thursday bring us Strength and Success to be worthy of your blessings.

SAI'S NEWS FROM TIME MACHINE

Oct 15, 1918 Tuesday

On Vijaya Dashmi, Sai Baba left his mortal coil at about 2-30 p.m. Few minutes before He gave Rs. 9/- as prasad to Laxmi Shinde. These nine coins represent nine dimensional devotion to GOD.

Oct 16, 1918 Wednesday

Early morning Baba appeared to Das Ganu at Pandharpur, in dream and said, "The Dwaraka mai has collapsed and all the oilmen and grocers have troubled Me a lot. So I am leaving the place. Go there quickly and cover My body copiously with flowers".

Oct 16, 1918 Wednesday

In the evening Baba's body was taken in procession through the Shirdi village and then interred in Booty Wada with due formalities.

SIGNIFICANCE OF MEDITATION

The Benefits derived from Meditation

(Source: Saidarbar.org)

Meditation is not only for spiritual life, but it also purifies the mind. As the mind becomes steady, the breath is retained for short periods in 'Kumbaka', which strengthens the nerves, improves blood circulation and digestion and increases one's alertness. Those who meditate everyday find that all the ailments are overcome. Through Meditation, the mind spontaneously becomes quite and stable and the movement of the breath becomes more relaxed. When we find peace within, a new excitement breaks forth in our life.

By doing meditation we will find the peace in ourselves. Search for the objects of the five senses ceases in meditation. When Sakthi opens her hidden store house, we will get higher meditation. When that happens, our true beauty will be revealed. Then we will come to know the Divine Lights. Our worldly desires will be fulfilled. Our treasured beauty will be attained. We will see the world as full of brilliance. Then Sound emanates. Divine music will be heard.. We will get deep sleep. The sound will make us taste a Divine Elixer. Then we will have no more suffering, no more feelings of 'I' and 'Mine'. Where there is beauty, sound and taste, there is always the 'Fragrance'. When Divine scent inside us reveals itself, the entire world becomes perfumed, and the same fragrance spreads throughout our house. Heaviness and numbness leaves our body and every limb is super charged with vitality. We will feel Divine Love pulsating inside for our children and relations. When our inner 'Kundalini Shakti' unfolds, Her love will flow all through our body, through all 72,000 nadies. Her rapture will spread through every particle of blood as a result we will experience bliss in every pore.

As the result, the light that was lost will return to our eyes, our lips will become red, our dried up face will become aglow with love, we will experience happiness in everything. Wives will become Goddesses to their husbands, husbands becomes Gods to their wives. Houses become temples. We will ourselves become God.

We will behold beauty; we will taste Nectar, smell fragrance, hear Divine Voice and find joy. Meditate for this purpose and our daily needs are fulfilled without asking God. By constant meditation, we will get supernatural experiences such as 'Clair audience Clair Voyance and Yogic Postures'. In meditation, the power of our memory increases.

Through meditation, Divinity inspired mutual respect grows between husband and wife. Brother and sisters see the Divine in each other and the relationship between children, parents and in-laws are filled with a Divine Emotion. This is known as 'Svargamaya Samsar'. Life will be filled with heaven. This is the fruit of Meditation.

We should strive for this equanimity. This means, renounce disharmony and differentiation. As we dwell on oneness and live within it, distinctions fade away from our hearts. Awareness of oneness is the true essence of all. It is 'PARAM BRAHMA'.

By doing meditation some develop extraordinary knowledge of past, present and future events. Some receive warnings of forthcoming mishaps. They talk and receive instructions from Gods and Goddesses. They obtain insight into spiritual matters and readily find solutions to problems. They also acquire ability to see colours in their meditation. Some will see Red, White, Black, Blue and Saffron colours.

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SHIRDI SAI BABA'S SERMON

(Four Chapters on Shirdi Sai Baba by Dasganu Maharaj)

The four Chapters are Chapter 31, 32 and 33 from Shri Bhakta Leelamrut and Chapter 57 from Shri Sant Kathamrut.

This is in continuation from the last issue.

The Maharaj used to go round and get oil from the grocers, with which he lighted every evening a number of oil lamps in the mosque and in the temples -his daily 'Deepotsava'. One day, the grocers, tired of giving oil gratis, decided to refuse as a body. They lied to him saying they had no oil. Baba was surprised that the grocers found it so easy to tell him a lie.

People tell lies, degrade themselves and move away from the Lord, falling eventually under the weight of their own karma. A liar is among the worst of sinners. One who always tells the truth attains the Lord. Truth is the path to salvation. Even penance and japa cannot match it. Truth is the river of bliss. One should stick to truth.

The Maharaj said nothing to the grocers. He went back to the mosque and performed a miracle. He set the earthen lamps all round the mosque and put wicks in them. The grocers, who had followed him, stood watching. "How can the lamps burn without oil?" they said to one another. "The man must be down-right mad; he is thinking of lighting the lamps without oil. Can any sane man think of maternity for a sterile woman? Sure he is a mad man, a leader of the ignorant."

Nanasaheb Dengale, a Sai devotee, did not agree with them. He said to them, "You are all blind. Do not despise him like that. Shree Hari knows what powers this man has. If a diamond lies in a heap of stones, would you call it a stone? Keep quiet for a while and see what the Fakir does now. Don't make hasty statements."

There was a little oil in Baba's tin can just enough to light one small lamp. Baba put some water in it and drank the mixture.

He then filled the oil lamps with water and lighted them and lo and behold, the lamps burned, as with oil. Awed, Dengale fell at Baba's feet. The people of Shirdi seeing this miracle, began to wonder about Baba's powers. They said that God himself had incarnated in Shirdi. They came all together, fell at Baba's feet and said: We have sinned against you. Forgive us our sin. You are

our dear mother and we your children. O merciful one, please do not be angry with us. You are Mercy, Knowledge, Virtue and Peace embodied in human form" Baba then said to them, "Listen to me carefully. Act in such a way that the *Lord* will be pleased with you. Never tell lies. Be truthful always. Never deceive anybody. Spend your wealth on good causes according to your capacity. You will be benefited and meet Narayan in the end. Remember my words and act accordingly." Chastened, the people of Shirdi bowed down to Baba and went back happily to their homes.

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THE DREAMS TRAIN

(Dreams Of Saibanisa after Undergoing Bypass Surgery on 17-5-1996)
Compiled by Saibandhu Raghu Raman Satulury

03-06-1996:

Sai appeared as a fakir and said:

1. There is no harm in befriending the rich without anticipating any returns.
2. From now on adapt Abhimanyu in Mahabharath as your role model to fight the battle of life. You will then loose the fear of death.
3. Your children are now grown up to lead their lives independently. Let them do so.
4. For your health and happiness, I shall present four bananas. In return offer me with Rs. Six as dakshina (Arishadvargas).
5. Shortly you will undertake a mission to highlight that "Sab ka malik ek hai" and I shall guide you from behind.

Gradually change over to the path of spiritualism.

11-06-1996:

Sai appeared as a doctor and said:

1. You have got a new lease of life from 17-05-1996, the no moon day (Amavasya). This is the last leg of your rail journey. You will be accompanied with Saibandhus who will be detraining at their respective destinations.
2. Doctors performed surgery on your heart. Internal wounds are yet to heal. Do not lift weights. Take medicines regularly and protect your health.

Precautionary measures alone will ensure good health hereafter.

DEVOTEES CORNER

Devotees Experiences

I am a devotee of Sai. He is always with me. Recently I had misplaced some important papers and have been searching it for a month. Today was the last day for finding it. I prayed to my Sai, read the Sthavan Manjari, and he directed me straight to it. I felt him asking me to search for it in the right place. Sainath answers everybody's prayers. Thank you Sai. Jai Sai

Sai Devotee - Mona

Om Sai Ram! I am a Sai devotee from Hyderabad, India. I would like to narrate a recent experience of mine- actually my husband's. I normally get up earlier than my husband. It was one morning that he was up before me and was talking on the phone. From his conversation I gathered that he was talking to his broker friend about investing in particular scrip. He sounded very excited. Later he told me that he was expecting a sharp rise in that scrip and that he was going to invest, and that we would get huge profits in a short time. My husband believes Baba as any other God. Of late he has started reading the Satcharita too. He reads it regularly after his bath, but randomly- any page that opens up. On that particular day, he sat down after his bath and surprisingly of all the chapters ch.25 opened up- Damu Anna's speculation where Damu Anna wants to speculate in cotton and asks for Baba's advice and Baba says "Tell that shet to be content with what he has, nothing is wanting in his house. Let him not bother about lakhs." My husband read that chapter and took it as Baba's advice. He wanted to invest some very huge amounts that day and after getting this warning from Baba he decided not to do so. His broker friend was shocked. He persuaded him and convinced him to put in some money at least, which he did. In the next couple of days we realized that the value of that scrip fell and people registered losses. Had we invested the originally planned amount of money we would have been in deep troubles by now, we would have had losses that we could never pay. Thanks to Baba's timely advice in warding off that calamity. Despite the warning my husband took the risk of investing some amount which ended in a loss. He took Baba's advice but not in full. The story about the man falling off the mountain was an eye opener. What is wanted is COMPLETE faith.

Om Sri Samartha Sadguru Sri Sainath Maharaj Ki Jai.

Hari Kiran, Hyderabad, India
(Posted from the archives of SaiDarbar)

Articles from Devotees

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He is The Father - Only Eternal

Aum Sai Sri Sai Jaya Jaya Sai

The relationship between Sri Sai Baba and His devotee is expressed in several ways. He is the mother, He is the father. He is Sadguru and He is God. He can be anything to anyone, just the way one would like it. However, the difference is that the relationship is permanent and existed even before it was known or felt. Sri Sai Baba would often say, I will draw my devotee to me, just as a bird is drawn with strings attached to its legs. The analogy aptly refers to the agitated mind of the child that is comforted by the thought of His safe hands. Let us see the relationship beautifully expressed in the following phrases:

This relationship between the Supreme Being and the individual soul [human being] will never be allowed to be snapped. Unlike the steps taken by a father to groom his son or daughter and the latter expressing his gratitude, which acts are merely temporary, the tie between God and His devotees will be unbroken forever. The essential requirement of the latter is to shed his ego.

Saint Appar has said even as a snake bites a person, ego stings him resulting in aberration in his behavior. Secondly, as a servant, he should demonstrate how he is always dependent on the Almighty. Poet Kamban has pointed out how Rama [God in the form of human being] followed Sage Vishwamitra and how Laxman dutifully attended on Him. I serve Him to please Him were his words. Likewise a sincere devotee should declare pleading with God, 'I want only You and none else and nothing else'. The term 'devotion' has been described in holy works from different angles. The essence of it, in simple manner, will be that it represents perfection of humility and ardent service to God and His messengers and also extinction of one's ego and ill will. It should not be mistaken with the display of mere emotional rapture. Then, what will be the definition of a sincere devotee? This too has been stated clearly, namely that he is one who has clear understanding of his relationship with the Almighty and that the bond that exists between the two is permanent. He should hold on to the feet of one God alone without switching his loyalty to various deities. A devotee will assiduously carry out Divine commands, and will attend on spiritual guides.

Bow To Sri Sai - Peace Be To All

May Baba Be Always With You

(Posted from the archives fo SaiDarbar)

Letters from Devotees

Sairam

I have been receiving the “Glory Of Shirdi Sai” for last 4 years. This magazine has greatly benefited me and my family. It is really interesting to read the Experiences of the devotees and the spiritual teachings of SaiBanisa Ji. May Sai bless all of us and keep guiding us in all walks of life. Sai's 11 Assurances is the cure and remedy to every question one may have. His 11 assurances give hope and courage to every man. Sai is always alive and is with each of his devotee in every step of their life.

Om Sai Sri Sai Jai Jai Sai

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NEWS FROM SAI DARBAR

Sai Ram,

Thursday, September 24, 2009.

It is with Great pleasure to announce that we are adding Spiritual Discourses By Sai Banisa Gopala Rao Ravada in English to our Stable.

After An Initial Success of Sai Banisa's Spiritual Discourses in Telugu, Sai Banisa Ji was Approached by Lot of Devotees around the world with a Request to convert the Telugu Discourses in to English Language & Deliver the Same.

Now we are happy to inform you that we have successfully produced the Discourses in English & at present we are offering it to the Sai Devotees around the world on Donation.

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05. Sai In Dreams	26:56
06. Sai on Birth & Rebirths*	38:03
07. Sai's Advice to Gruhasthas*	26:49
08. Sai's Advice on Conduct in Life	32:33

09. Sai's Philosophy	24:58
10. Hidden Meanings in Sai Satcharita	36:40

* With Sanskrit Slokas.

These discourses mainly focus on the fact that **Sri Sai Satcharita of Sri Hemadpant contains the essence of Ramayan, Bhgavatham, Sivamaha puran, Gurugita and Srimadh Bhagavadhgita.**

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Thanking You.
Yours Sincerely.

Sai Sevak Raghav
Sai Darbar - India.

SAI WITH CHILDREN

Dear Friends,

This is Sneha again. We make many choices in life. Some choices are small and insignificant and other choices are big enough to change lives. This is a story of how a young man made a right choice and its effect on other people.

Hope you enjoy the story and it inspires you to make the right decisions! Jai Sai Ram

The Sacred Fruit of Action

On Saturday, a father was involved in worshipping the Lord and he called his son and told him to get some plantains for one rupee. This son was a good boy; he purchased the plantains, but on his way he saw a mother and son, who were very hungry, standing on the road. When the hungry boy saw the plantains, he ran towards him. The hungry mother, who saw the boy running, ran after him and caught him but both of them collapsed of hunger. When this young man found these people suffering so much from hunger, he thought that it was much better to feed hungry people than take the bananas home. He gave the bananas to this mother and son and later brought water and gave it to them. These people were so relieved of their hunger and thirst that they expressed their gratitude in many different ways and shed tears of joy. This young man went

home empty handed and when the father asked him if he had brought the bananas, he replied in the affirmative. When asked where the bananas were, the son replied that the bananas were sacred, would not rot and could not be seen. The son explained that he fed two hungry souls with the plantain and the fruits, which he brought home, are only the sacred fruits of the action. The father then felt that his son was worthy of him and he felt that all his prayers had been answered that day. The father developed great affection for the son that day and they came much closer to each other.

Source: Chinna Katha

SPIRITUAL GEMS FROM SAI SATCHARITA

Chapter XXXIV

Greatness of Udi (continued)

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Sharma's Sister-in-law

Shama's younger brother Bapaji was staying near Sawool well. Once his wife was attacked with Bubonic plague. She had high fever and two bubos in her groins. Bapaji rushed to Shama at Shirdi and asked him to come and help. Shama was frightened, but according to his wont, he went to Baba, prostrated himself before Him, invoked His aid, and requested Him to cure the case. He also asked His permission to go to his brother's house. Then Baba said, "Don't go there at this late hour (night), send her Udi. Why care for the fever and bubos? God is our father and master; she will be alright easily. Do not go now, but go there in the morning and return immediately."

Shama had full faith in Baba's Udi. It was sent with Bapaji. It was applied on the bubos and some of it was mixed with water and was given to the patient for drinking. No sooner was it taken in, than perspiration set in profusely, the fever abated and the patient had a good sleep. Next morning Bapaji was surprised to see his wife alright and refreshed with no fever and bubos. When Shama went there next morning with Baba's permission he was also surprised to see her at the hearth and preparing tea. On questioning his brother, he learnt that Baba's Udi cured her completely in one night. Then Shama realized the significance of Baba's words. "Go there in the morning and return immediately."

After taking tea, Sharma returned and after saluting Baba said, "Deva, what is this play of Yours? You first raise a storm and make us restless and then calm it down and ease us". Baba replied "You see mysterious is the path of action. Though I do nothing, they hold Me responsible for the actions which take place on account of Adrista (destiny). I am only their witness. The Lord is the sole Doer and Inspirer. He is also most merciful. Neither I am God nor Lord. I am His obedient servant and remember Him often. He, who casts aside his egoism, thanks Him and he, who trusts Him entirely, will have his shackles removed and will obtain liberation".

Sai Ram. Though Baba said that He is not God and He is His obedient servant, it may be understood that once the ego is cast aside, there is no difference between the servant and the master. Hanuman is blessed by Sri Ram and is fully authorised to bless us and remove our obstacles. Similarly, Saints are fully empowered by God. As stated elsewhere, there is no difference between Sant and Anant. Sai Ram.

Irani's Daughter

Now read the experience of an Irani gentleman. His young daughter got fits every hour. When the convulsion came she lost her power of speech, her limbs got shrunk and contracted and she fell down senseless. No remedy gave her any relief. Some friend recommended Baba's Udi to her father and asked him to get it from Kakasaheb Dixit at Vile Parle (suburb of Bombay). Then the Irani gentleman got the Udi and gave it mixed with water to his daughter daily for drinking. In the beginning the convulsions, which were coming on hourly, came every seven hours and after a few days the daughter recovered completely.

Sai Ram. Here we see that Sai's grace flows through His bhaktas and His udhi. That the girl got cured of her epileptic seizures is due to Sai's grace only.

UPCOMING EVENTS

With the blessings of Lord Sri Sai Nath, SaiDarbarUSA.org is completing its sixth year and cordially invites you with family and interested friends for its **Annual Day Celebrations** at

Chinmaya Kedar
560 Bridgetown Pike,
Langhorne, PA 19054
On Saturday 24th October, 2009 at 02:00pm

Sri Shirdi Sai Samsthan, Livonia, Michigan invites one and all for **VIGRAHA PRATISTA**. It is a 5-day event from Oct 28th 2009 to Nov 1st 2009. The actual Shubha Muhurtam is on **Oct 31st 2009**. Sri Shirdi Sai Baba temple, Livonia welcomes everyone to visit the temple and get HIS blessings. For more details about the Vighraha Pratishta Mahotsavam visit our website.

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EDITORIAL

Jai Sai Ram

"Trust in the Guru fully. That is the only sadhana."

Dear SaiBandhu's,

Sai devotees may continue to write about their Sai-related activities, essays, articles or poetry and send to the email id editor@saidarbarusa.org. We shall put in our best efforts to include them in the upcoming issues of the magazine. Unless the author of the articles explicitly instructs not to publish his/her email id, we will publish them as a matter of routine practice.

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