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

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JAI SAI RAM



The Spark of Thoughts

Our Sadguru is Omnipresent Omnipotent and Omniscient in our conscience. He is always in our hearts and thoughts with so much love. If you distribute your love it will be infinite. You have so much love within you that you will never feel lonely...

We have to meditate and have self assessment. Ask yourself, "Where am I going wrong ?" " Is the fault in my words, behavior or actions?" When you have seen what is wrong, decide to correct it, to be alert and not commit the same mistake. We should nurture our own self with all the wonderful qualities displayed by Baba and follow it through in our day-to-day life. It is very important to find all these teachings in the Satcharitra. Read the book with valuable messages everyday and work towards following them.

With the blessings of Shri Sai let us try to achieve the path of salvation, which is the condition of our own self, which has been trained in such a way that no illusions or the world of attraction and repulsion can ever disturb it anymore.

**Wish you all
a Very Happy
Republic Day**



SaiDarbar



*Bhakta
hrudayalaya
Namah*



The omnipresence of Baba is clearly manifested in various experiences that He has given to his devotees.....He has told that he is omnipresent-anywhere, everywhere, all the time in all the creation. He not only preached this, but He demonstrated the truth through His deeds. Even today the tomb of Sadguru is speaking to and leading His devotees towards spiritual perfection. But still, He always said, "I am the slave of God"; "Allah Malik".

Shri Sai always promises that he will lead his devotees both materially and spiritually and this is possible only if we remember Him always.....

Now you can read Saibanisa ji' s articles in TELUGU
on LORD SAINATH OF SHIRDI from
teluguvarisaidarbar.blogspot.com



Shirdi Diary

By GS Khaparde



**1911 21 December Thursday
Shirdi**

I got up as usual, prayed ,and sat talking with Durveshisaheb. He said he had a vision in which he saw three girls and a blind woman knock at his door. He asked them who they were & they replied that they had come to amuse themselves. Therefore he ordered them out on pain of being kicked and began a prayer. The girls & the old woman ran away on hearing the words of the prayer. He then blessed all in the room & in the house and the whole village. He asked me to ask Sayin Saheb. When I went to see the latter on his return to the Masjid, & before I was fairly seated, Sayin Saheb commenced a story. He said he was bitten last night by something on his private parts and hands that he applied oil wandered about, had a stool & then felt better near the fire. I champoosed his legs & on my return told the story to Durveshasaheb. The answer was clear. After the midday Arti, I sat reading Bhavirtra Ramayan & then later on saw Sayin Saheb near the Chavadhi, & later on again at Sheja-Arti at Chavadhi. Then we had Bhismas Bhajan and Rama Maruti 's gesticulations. Later still Mr Dixit read Ramayana.



Pujyasri B.V.Narasimhaswamiji, who visited Shirdi in the year 1936, collected authentic information about Lord Sainath from persons lived with Sai and wrote many books on Lord Sainath. All his works are authentic . One such book is SRI SAINATHA MANANAM. This book was published as early as in the year 1942 and the fourth edition came in the year 1945.

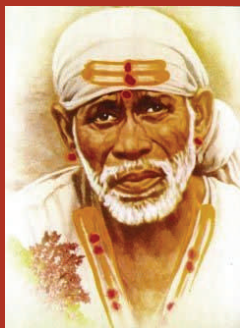
Arati

- Jaya Jaya Sai, Arati (waving of lamps) to Thee, On Thou Murari, Raghunath, Lord of my life.

Dhynana

- O Sai Natha, Sadguru, I bow unto you who is the Supreme bliss, the giver of that highest Bliss, pure consciousness beyond relativity (== the Pair of opposites), like unto the sky, pointed out by the Mahavakya, Tatwamasi etc., the One, the ever abiding Immaculate, Unshaken and the witness in the hearts of all creatures.
- Let the Guru be meditated on as seated in the centre of the corona of the lotus-shaped heart, seated in Siddhasana pose, with a divine body, bright as moon, bestowing on us, all the desires of the heart and also Sat Chit Ananda.
- I constantly meditate on Guru Sai as dressed in white with a small wand in his hand, and a body shining softly like the gem chandrakanta, and with a host of sages worshipping his feet.
- When creatures sleep, this Sai intently keep awake and guards (them). This, the doing of Sainatha who can achieve barring God!
- All the earth is controlled by fate and fate is controlled by Mantra. Sai is the Lord of that Mantra. Lord Sai is my God.
- O Brahmins! Innumerable are the incarnations of Hari, the storehouse of Satwaguna.
- All the parts (amass) of God (Hari)--viz.,Rishis, Munis,Gods, the mighty sons of Manu and Prajapatis,-
- These are fractional manifestations of the Supreme Purusha (God). But Krishna is the manifestation of the entire God. These manifestations protect the world distressed by the Asuras.

...will continue.....



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Vaasine
Namaha*

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Dreams Of Saibanisa Compiled by Saibandhu Raghu Raman Satulury

09-05-1997:

Sai appeared as a saint and said:

1. It is God who presents us the knowledge and wisdom. Love and mutual concern are the ways of God. It is the same God who can make a dumb one to talk, enter into one's heart and extend help to the fellow beings and receive prayers on the Vijayadsaimi day. It is our responsibility to constantly think of him and his supreme powers.
2. There is no logic in going on pilgrimage thinking about the jewellery kept at home and the expenditure involved. It will be better not to undertake such tours without sanctity in mind.

Pilgrimages undertaken with distracted thoughts do not give the expected results.



DEVOTEES EXPERIENCE AND ARTICLES

INTRODUCING SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA

- (Late) Dr. RS.R. Swami

ON A SINGLE POINTED DEVOTION

I have often been put the question by well-wishers, why Shiridi Sai Baba and not any other? My only answer is that I had no choice in this even as I had no choice in having been born to my father. Sometimes I am told there is a more recent Baba or there is a more powerful Baba who suits the present needs of the times more effectively. Therefore, a change is called for. My answer is, may be, but even as I cannot change my father now, I cannot change my Eternal father, the Captain of my soul, already steering my life's course.

I shall give another analogy. You see I am feminine in my attitude to life. After we attained Independence John Spender of the London Spectator asked Gandhiji, "Now that you have achieved Swaraj the sumum bonum of your life, how do you propose to spend your time?" Gandhiji replied, "Well, as regards swaraj, it is only a two-anna swaraj. Anyway, now I am trying to cultivate some feminine virtues." So you see I am not ashamed of my feminine

attitude, rather proud of it. Hence, Shirdi Sai Baba is to me my Lord and Master indeed my spiritual Husband of whom I think while awake and dream while asleep. If you dare to ask any of our married women (who thank God are not changing their husbands so easily do their clothes, most of them being Patiuratas, if you ask any one of them) why not go in for a new model husband you will receive a fitting reply and a lesson to remember all your life. For every married woman of our sacred land, once a husband is always a husband. In the same way, I feel. While may extend my respect and regard for other incarnations however popular or glorified and modern, my devotion and dedication is at the feet of my own Lord and Master who in case fulfils all my needs.

I shall give yet another analogy. I was ship-wrecked and being tossed hither and thither on the dark and dreary bosom of the raging ocean of life with human sharks and shoals waiting to swallow me up. Then in His infinite Mercy, of His own accord due to my Rinanubandha He sends me not only a boat with a pilot to steer me through to safety but also provides an Eternal Anchor for me to hold on to, so that even if the waves may overwhelm me and I may go under I cannot be drowned. I surface every time and keep afloat. Now, if one were to come and tell me, come on let go your Anchor, here there is a new computerised model for you, I only spurn the offer and in the words of Christ, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Thou shalt not tempt me with thy blandishments;" Such is Shirdi Baba whom I adore making me as every one else of His devotees stand four-square to all the storms that blow, who has induced into me, a mere man of straw, the courage of a man of steel to constitute myself an occasion into a majority of one and stare the world in the face even if it has blood-shot eyes, I have my model in no less a saint than Tulsi to draw inspiration from. When once someone suggested to him why not visit Dwaraka and Kashi. He replied, what is Ayodhya for? That is my attitude. Shirdi is my Kashi and Dwaraka in one and Shirdi Baba is the alpha and omega of my life. I feel no need for any other, whatever the world and his wife my say.

Will continue...

Experience with Sai

I am also a devotee of Sai Baba (rather devotee of only Sai Baba) for last 2 years. Experienced His blessing in my life many times. There are many examples. But I would like to write only about the latest one. For the last 3/4 days, my left leg (knee area) was paining continuously. It was not terrible pain, but bad enough to disturb all my daily routine (can't work properly, can't sleep properly). Yesterday night before I went to sleep, I came to my Sai Baba pic, ask for his blessing and applied Udi (which I got form Shridi) in that knee area. Within 5 mins, the pain subsidies. I had good sleep after couple of nights, n when I woke up in the morning there was no pain at all. Read so much about power of Udi, so glad to experience of my own.

I would like to address to those people who pray to Baba for different relationship problem. Sometime or most of the time, it won't happen what you want no matter how hard you pray. Because more than you, Baba knows what (or who) is best for you. You may be disappointed for the time being, but as the time progress you will realize, Baba has thought best for you (sharing from personal experiences).

Never loose faith in him. He is my universe, more than my parents. I live all alone, meet my parents only once/twice a year. I know who is Baba to me and to his millions of devotee. Other day I was telling my grandmom (who is a Sri Ramkrishna devotee) that He is the only saint in the world whose devotee number is increasing exponentially every year even after so many years of His samadhi. Its only because of the power of His blessing and Udi.

Om Sai Ram, Om Sai Ram, Om Sai Ram

From One of those million devotee. (Courtesy: www.shirdisaigift.com)



Baba's Close Devotees

Rao Bahadur S.B.Dhumal, B.A., LL.B,
Pleader, Brahmin, aged 63, Nasik

Nasik, 16th October, 1936 & Shirdi, 28th October, 1936



Regarding public work, I may first mention that I was the first Non-Official President of the Nasik District Local Board (nominated by Government) and that I served in that capacity from 1-11-1917 to 13-5-25. I had personally to sign thousands of papers myself without the use of a facsimile seal - a proceeding which took many hours of my day; and one consequence of this heavy public work was to ruin my legal practice and reduce my income-tax from 260 odd rupees to zero - in recognition of which sacrifice, this Sanad of Rao Bahadur was granted to me in 1927 - a very

poor and unsubstantial recognition you may say - but it is still some form of recognition. Anyhow I faced the work and went on trusting in Baba for the proper execution of my office. A peon had to carry these papers to me and blot each signature and after some hours the work would be over and the papers sent back to the office. One day, when the papers were before me, a visitor for whom I had much regard came in and stayed talking with me till midnight and so the signatures had to be postponed till the next day. The next morning, I found no time and as I was leaving the town, I sent back the papers to the office. When I returned to the town that night, I found only that day's papers brought for my signature and when I wanted the previous day's papers, I found that they all bore my signature. The peon had been sent away for his meal the previous midnight and how the thousands of signatures had been affixed to the papers I could not guess. I have no other explanation for it, except Baba and his superhuman powers.

Another public act of mine in which Baba's helping hand is traceable is this. As President, District Local Board, Primary Schools were under me. Deepawali holidays had fallen immediately after the close of the month. The Educational Inspector, a Mohammedan gentleman, one day came to me and asked me to make disbursements to help the teachers in such a big festival. At first, I did not consider his request seriously. Two or three days after, he again reminded me of his proposal. I asked the Chief Officer whether this could be done. He answered in the negative as sanction of Government grant was not received and that Account Office informed my office not to issue cheque in the absence of sanction. I was helpless. Again the



*Bhoota
Vaasaya
Namaha*

Educational Inspector opened the subject to me. I was inclined to agree but wanted Baba's permission. I cast lots and Baba approved disbursement. I at once issued cheque and sent the same to the Account Office, with the result that it was cashed, payments made and all the teachers were pleased. But what was to happen to me for brushing aside the Accountant's objection and issuing the cheque? By Baba's grace, it was nothing more than an audit objection raised long after the event and communicated to me and my reply to it or endorsement thereon was "noted for future guidance". There the matter ended.

Amidst the innumerable instances of Baba's help to me at every turn or crisis of my life I may select a few. In 1910, my intimate friend, Sriman Gopal Rao Buti, was anxious to help me. He agreed to lend me the necessary sums to maintain me in England for my study at the Bar and my family in India during my absence. We had settled in full detail all parts of this scheme and went to Baba for his approval. When Madhav Rao Deshpande put him the question "Should not Bhav (i.e. myself) be sent to Bilayat (i.e., England)?" Baba asked "What for?"

M. Deshpande : To Study for the Bar.

Baba : No. His Illayat (natural aptitude) and Vilayat (will of heaven) are not in Bilayat, but in this country. Why should he go to England?

I realised then that: "The best laid Schemes of mice and men Do often go awry".

In 1912, I underwent an operation in J.J.Hospital under chloroform. It was a serious venture. But I saw Baba seated on a chair at my head, close to the operation table before the chloroform began to operate. He was there to look after me and I felt reassured. The operation was, in fact, safely performed and was a success. In 1915, I was offered the Public Prosecutorship at Nasik but I took two days' time to consider and wrote at once to Baba. Quickly came the reply "Your former work is good. Do not accept the new", and I declined the offer.

Will continue.....

Om Sai Ram

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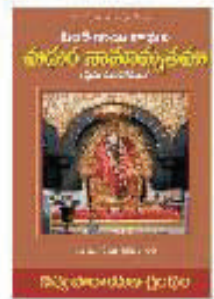
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Stories for this Week: "The Frog and the Serpent"



THERE lived a frog king by the name of Gangadatta, in a deep well. His subjects and other relatives too lived in the same well. The relatives had an evil eye on his throne and often created problems for the king frog. In order to disrupt the smooth working of the kingdom, and with a view to cause impediments, they hatched a plan with the connivance of a minister of the kingdom and soon there was a revolt against the king frog. The king frog somehow managed to subdue the revolt, but he was very unhappy. He took a vow to take revenge and teach them the lesson of their life. One day, he came out of the well with the help of iron chains hanging on the walls of the well. He headed straight towards the hole of a big black serpent, which he had seen earlier.

Keeping him at a considerably safe distance, king frog called out to the serpent. The serpent was surprised to hear a frog calling him. He came out of the hole.

"I wish to be your friend", said the king frog.

"But we are born enemies," replied the serpent. "How's it possible?"

"I will make it possible. I have a proposal," said king frog. He spoke to the serpent about his plan and told him that he was bent upon teaching his relatives a lesson. "I want to punish them. I will take you to the well and in the process you can eat them all."

"Is it a dry well?" asked the serpent.

"There is not much water in it", said the king frog. "However, you needn't worry. There is a nice hole in the wall of the well, a little above the water level. You can eat my relative frogs and retire into it to take rest."

"Okay, lead me to the well. I'll teach your relatives a lesson", said the serpent hissing

loudly.

The king frog took the serpent to his well and said, "Here live my relatives and rebels. You can eat them all, but please spare my near and dear ones."

"All right," said the serpent and entered the well followed by the king frog. There he started eating the frogs, one by one, as and when pointed out by the king frog. Soon all the enemies of the king frog were eaten up by the serpent.



Now it was the turn of the king frog and his family. The serpent said to the king frog, "As you see, I've finished all your relatives and rebels. I've eaten your disloyal minister also. Now I've nothing to eat except you and your family."



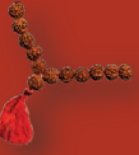
King frog realized his folly. He had befriended his enemy to achieve his own selfish ends and settle his score with his enemies. The king frog felt as if the God of death was in his hot pursuit. He, somehow, managed to gather some courage and said to the serpent, "No problem. I'll visit some other wells and ponds and persuade the frogs living there to resettle them in this empty well. Once they are in here, you can feast on them with ease."

"That's, good", the serpent became happy. "Do it soon. I'm hungry."



Both the king frog and his wife came out of the well and took to their heels, never to return to the same well again.

Never look to an enemy for help



*Bhootha
bhavishyadh
bhaava
varjithaaya
Namaha*

Spiritual Gems from Satcharitra

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THE WONDERFUL LIFE AND TEACHINGS
OF
SHRI SAI BABA

Chapter 46 *Contributed by: swamy@saimail.com* ..

Baba's gaya Trip - Story of Goats

Two Goats

Baba was once returning from Lendi, when He saw a flock of goats. Two of them attracted His attention. He went to them, caressed and fondled them and bought them for Rs.32/-. The devotees were surprised at this conduct of Baba. They thought that Baba was duped in this bargain, as the goats would fetch Rs.two each, at the most Rs.3/- or 4/- each, i.e., Rs.8/- for both. They began to take Baba to task for this, but Baba kept calm and cool. Shama and Tatya Kote asked Baba for an explanation. He said He should not store money as He had no home, and any family to look after. He asked them to purchase at His cost 4 seers of 'dal' (lentil) and feed the goats. After this was done, Baba returned the goats to the owner of the flock and gave out the following reminiscences and story of the goats.

"Oh, Shama and Tatya, you think that I have been deceived in this bargain. No. Listen to their story. In their former birth they were human beings and had the good fortune to be My companions and sit by My side. They were uterine brothers, loving each other at first, but later on, they became enemies. The elder brother was an idle fellow while the younger one was an active chap and earned a lot of money. The former became greedy and jealous and wanted to kill his brother and take away his money. They forgot their fraternal relations and began to quarrel with each other. The elder brother resorted to many devices to kill his younger brother, but all of his attempts failed. Thus they became deadly enemies and finally on one occasion the elder gave a deadly blow with a big stick on the latter's head while the latter struck the former with an axe, with the result that both fell dead on the spot. As the result of their actions, they were both born as goats. As they passed by me, I at once recognized them. I remembered their past history. Taking pity on them I wanted to feed them and give them rest and comfort and for this reason I spent all the money for which you reprove me. As you did not like My bargain I sent them back to their shepherd." Such was Sai's love for the goats!

Sai Ram.

Sai had love for all beings, insects, birds, animals and of course humans too. He wanted to convey a deep spiritual truth that if one behaves like an animal (under the control of animal instincts like Kama, Desire, Krodha, Anger etc., one will be forced to continue the birth cycle as animals. He being the Sadguru has full remembrance of the past, and also knows the future! I am sure that the brief contact of the two goats with Sadguru Sai would have proved beneficial to their future lives.

Sai Ram.

Quintessence from Shri Sai Baba's Philosophy



(By Late Sri Bharam UmamaheswaraRao) ~ Contribution by "Shashank" crazydiode@gmail.com, Mrs and Mr Anand

Chapter 39: Baba's Advice on Food

The food should be earned by fair means. The food should not be eaten for taste and fashion and it should not be eaten by having attachment to it.

We must know that our livelihood should be earned by honest means; the food should be cooked by wearing clean clothes in a well cleaned kitchen. First after preparing food, it must be offered to God and then it should be eaten by thinking of God and chanting His name. This sort of food is Satvik.

The food earned by foul means is eaten for taste and fashion – this is Rajasika.

The food earned by foul means, such as false-hood, fraud, theft etc without any sense of purity in an impure atmosphere; the food items like meat and eggs etc., and no attention is paid how the food is cooked, and one who does not wash his hands and feet and takes it with his shoes on and eaten in an impure manner, such food is Taamasika

Will be continued...

**Have a heart that never hardens,
a temper that never tires,
a touch that never hurts**

Events

सत्सङ्गत्वे निस्सङ्गत्वं निस्सङ्गत्वे निर्मोहत्वम् ।
निर्मोहत्वे निश्चलतत्त्वं निश्चलतत्त्वे जीवन्मुक्तिः ॥

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The material universe that you perceive through your mind, speech, eyes, ears and other senses is an illusory creation that one imagines to be real due to the influence of maya (illusion). In fact, you should know that all of the objects of the material senses are temporary.

~ Uddhava Gita

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