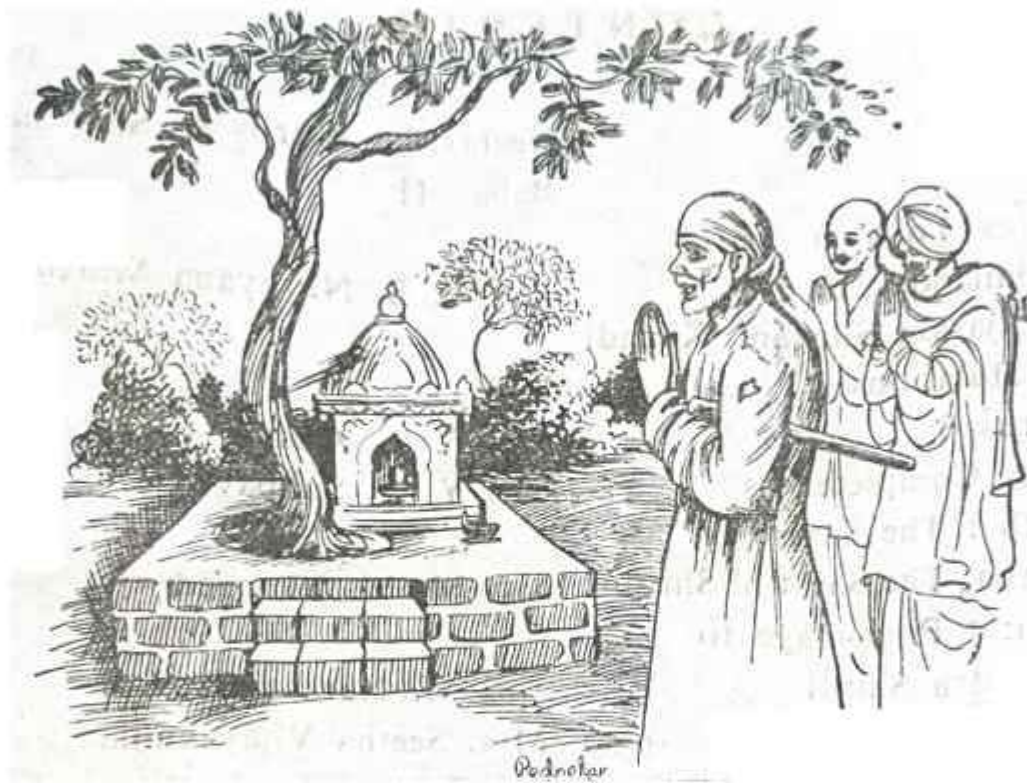


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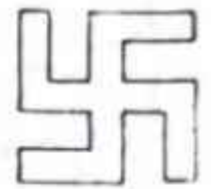
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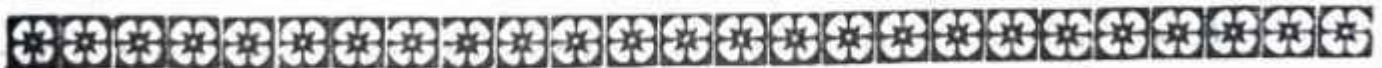
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Nectarlike Words of Shri Sai Baba

II

Though Shri Annasaheb Dabholkar has given at length the story of how Shri Baba was pleased to grant him the necessary permission to write His biography still at the beginning of the third chapter he continues that story as follows :-

आतां पूर्वकथेची संगती । साई पूर्ण अश्वासन देती । म्हणती "आपुली संपूर्ण अनुमती ।
चरित्रस्थिती वर्णावया ॥ १ ॥ तुम्ही आपुलें कार्य करा । मनीं यत्किंचितही न
कचरा । विश्वास पूर्ण मन्दचर्नी धरा । निर्धार करा मनाचा ॥ २ ॥ केलीया
मल्लीलेचें लेखन । होईल अविद्यादोष निरसन । भक्तिभावे करिता श्रवण । प्रपंचभान
मावळेल ॥ ३ ॥ उठतील श्रवण सागरावरी । भक्तिप्रमामृताच्या लहरी । बुडिया
देतां उपारा उपरी । येतील करीं बोधरत्ने" ॥ ४ ॥

(Now referring to the old story, I may say that after giving complete assent to the writing of the Sat-charita Shri Sai Baba said, "I fully agree with you that you may write my biography. You do your duty. Do not be afraid in the least. keep full faith in my skeep and keep your mind steady. If my Leelas are described the ignorance will vanish. If they are listened with devotion, the consciousness of the worldly existence of those who listen the stories will die out. Waves of devotion and love will rise on the sea of hearing. If one dives in my Leelas again and again, one will get jewels of knowledge")

In this short speech Shri Sai Baba has told many important things. Shri Baba tells that by describing His Leelas the ignorance is removed By listening to His Leelas the consciousness of the

wordly existence dies out. Waves of devotion rise up and in the end if those Leelas are heard or described constantly, then knowledge is obtained. Though apparantly Shri Baba is telling only about His own Leelas, still the above statements are applicable to the Leelas of God or His incarnation and the Leelas of the saints. Therefore Shri Sai Baba tells us here in general about the fruit of listening or describing the Leelas of saints while just granting permission to Shri Annasaheb Dabholkar to undertake the work of writing His biography. This is how Shri Sai Baba gives his bit of advice without giving a stress on it.

After these words of Shri Sai Baba, Shri Dabholkar further quotes Shri Baba's words as follows :-

“यातच्चि तुमचें कल्याण आहे । माझे ही अवतार सार्थक्य हें । माझी तो घोळणी नित्य पाहें । काळजी वाहें हेच मी ॥ १० ॥ परी एक सांगतो शामा । प्रेम घेईल जो मन्नामा । तयाच्या मी सकल कामा । पुरवीं प्रेमा वाढवीं ॥ ११ ॥ मग जो गाई वाडेंकोडें । माझे चरित्र माझे पवाडे । तयाच्या मी मागे पुढें । चौहीकडे उभाचि ॥ १२ ॥ जे जे भक्त मज कारणें । असतील विनटले जीवें प्राणें । तयांसी या कथा श्रवणें । आनंद होणें सहजाच ॥ १३ ॥ कोणीही केल्या माझे कर्तन । तयासी देईन आनंद घन । नित्य सौख्य समाधान । सत्य वचन मानावें ॥ १४ ॥ जो मज लागीं अनन्य शरण । विश्वासयुक्त करी मन्दजन । माझे चित्तन माझे स्मरण । तयाचें उद्धरण त्रींद माझे ॥ १५ ॥ माझे नाम माझी भक्ती । माझे दफतर माझी पोथी । माझे ध्यान अक्षय चित्तीं । विषयस्फूर्ती कैची त्या ॥ १६ ॥ कृतांतांच्या दाढेतून । काढीन मी निजभक्ता ओढून । करितां मत्कथा श्रवण । रोगानिस्तन होईल ॥ १७ ॥ कथा करा सादर श्रवण । त्यावरी करा पूर्ण मनन । मननावरी निदिध्यासन । समाधान पावाल ॥ १८ ॥ ‘अहं सोहं’ जाईल विरोन । उन्मन होईल श्रोतियांचं मन । चित्त होईल चैतन्यघन । अनन्य परिपूर्ण श्रद्धेनें ॥ १९ ॥ ‘साई साइति’ नामस्मरण । करील सकल कलिमलदहन । वाणीश्रवणगतपापभंजन । एक लोटांगण घालितां” ॥ २० ॥

(If you always repeat my name then I will take care of you. Your welfare will come to you by this (My name) and it

will fulfil the purpose of my incarnation; but Shama (Madhavrao Deshpande) I will tell you one thing. If a person utters My name with love, then I shall fulfil all his desires and increase his love for Me. If a person earnestly sings My life and songs, then I will stand in his front and rear and (protect) him in all the four directions. Those devotees, who will become one with Me with their heart and soul, will naturally feel happy when they will hear these stories. Believe in My words that if anybody sings about Me, I will give him infinite joy and everlasting happiness and contentment. It is My special characteristic that I lift up a person, who surrenders completely to Me, who sings songs about Me with faith and who meditates and remembers Me. How will they be influenced by cupid (the God of Love), who utter My name, who are devoted to Me, who think of My deeds and biography and who always meditate on me in their mind? I will drag out My devotee from the jaws of death. Simply listening to My stories, will cure people of all diseases. Therefore listen to my stories with respect. Think carefully about them and after thinking meditate on them. This will lead you to contentment. Pride and egoism will vanish. The minds of those, who listen to My stories, will be set at rest. Their active mind will be completely filled with faith (श्रद्धा). The simple remembrance of My name as 'Sai Sai' will burn all the bad thoughts that are likely to crop up due to influence of Kali and only one bow will remove all sins of speech and hearing).

It will be seen that the above extract is addressed to Shama (Madhavrao Deshpande) by Shri Sai Baba. Why is it so? It will be recalled that Shri Annasaheb Dabholkar did not think it proper to speak directly to Shri Baba in order to request Him to grant Shri Dabholkar the necessary permission to write Shri Baba's biography. So he managed to put it on Shri Baba's ears through Shama. It therefore appears that after speaking directly to Shri Dabholkar in connection with the permission and granting him the same, Shri Sai Baba casually spoke to Shama; but in this casual speech also Shri Baba has given us quite a few

important instructions about devotion, which is the main object of teaching of all the saints all over the world.

After describing कर्मयोग, ज्ञानयोग, सांख्ययोग ect. in the earlier chapters Lord Krishna describes भक्तियोग in the 12th canto of the Bhagawadgeeta. Here he clearly states

क्लेशो ऽ धिक्तरस्तेषामव्यक्तासक्तचेतसाम् ।
अव्यक्ता हि गतिर्दुःखं देहवन्द्भिरवाप्यते ॥ १२ : ५ ॥

(Those whose mind is fully engrossed in the meditation on the invisible ब्रह्म have to toil more because the human beings are able to realise ब्रह्म with great difficulty.)

Thus while describing the different roads leading to salvation (मोक्ष) Lord Krishna has clearly said that the path of devotion (भाक्तमार्ग) is the easiest of all. All over the world the saints of all religions and creeds have also laid great stress on this path of devotion because it is very easy to follow. In the above speech of Shri Sai Baba we also find simple instructions of following the path of devotion. We devotees often times do not know the exact way of following the path of devotion. Therefore the instructions given by Shri Sai Baba here are very valuable. He states very clearly that नामजप (repeating the name 'साई साई') and listening to His stories or describing them are the two main ways of devotion to Shri Sai Baba. Obviously for doing that no big preparations are necessary or practices of yoga of any sort are also not expected to be done.

Describing the way of devotion to Him in this manner Shri Sai Baba also has described the benefits of that devotion. Though in the Bhagawadgeeta Lord Krishna has described at length the importance of doing all acts (कर्म) without looking to their resultant fruit, still human mind has never been away from it. The human beings are normally in the habit of first thinking about the fruit of any act that they are doing and sometimes they are

carrying out some things even for getting a certain fruit. Thus common human psychology is known to all saints and therefore in every 'stotra' of God, which is written in His praise and for describing His greatness, the fruit of repeating it or reading it is invariably stated, usually at the end, in clear terms. The devotees are therefore, so to say lured to repeat that stotra in order to achieve that fruit. Shri Sai Baba also knew this psychology of the devotees and He therefore told in clear terms the fruit of devotion to Him. The first thing He tells is that the welfare (कल्याण) of the devotees is stored in their devotion to Him. He also tells that the fulfillment of His incarnation (अवतार) is in the uplift of all His devotees. The main and only object of all incarnations of God is the spread of devotion and religion and therefore Shri Sai Baba correctly points out the fulfillment of His (अवतार) in the above speech.

The next fruit obtainable :from the devotion to Shri Sai Baba is protection from all diseases. Shri Baba clearly states that He would be on all the four sides of His devotee (चोर्हीकडे). This is an assurance given by Shri Baba to His devotees for protecting them from all quarters. Shri Baba then describes the result of listening to His stories (कथा श्रवण.) People will have joy and contentment when they listen to His stories. Baba has even promised to drag a devotee out of the jaws of death (कृतांताच्या दाढेतून । कादीन मी निजभक्ता ओढून.) The effect of devotion on the mind (मन आणि चित्त) has not been overlooked by Shri Baba. He has thought about that also and has described it in these words उन्मन होईल श्रोतिषांचें मन । चित्त होईल चैतन्यघन । अनन्य परिपूर्ण श्रद्धेने ॥ Out of the two main points in Shri Baba's teaching श्रद्धा is an important one and Shri Sai Baba has stated here that श्रद्धा will completely pervade the mind of the devotee because of thinking and meditation about His stories.

Ego is a great hindrance in the spiritual path. Unless that vanishes completely and unless a devotee surrenders fully to His

God or Guru, he can never rise and achieve Mokshe. Shri Sai Baba pointedly refers to this and clearly states that this ego will vanish by devotion to Him ('अहं सोहं' जाईल विरोन ।)

The last thing is the effect of the Kali Yuga on the speech and listening of a person. In our speech we commonly commit sin knowingly or unknowingly. Speaking in an angry tone, censuring others, poking fun at somebody's shortcomings are different ways in which we commit sin by our speech. Similarly listening bad things and encouraging some one to speak ill about others and listen to it intently is also a way of committing sin by listening. Shri Sai Baba was even aware of this and He states that कलमल दहन will take place because of devotion to Him. Similarly Shri Baba states that वाणीश्रवणपापभंजन also will be the result of devotion to Shri Baba and the result of the repeating of His name and listening to His stories.

It will thus be seen that Shri Sai Baba had thought very clearly the simple ways of devotion to God and the effect of devotion by repetition of the name (जप) and meditation (ध्यान, चिंतन). He therefore advises the devotees to listen to His stories and repeat His name in order to be fearless and happy in this life. Teaching has been the practice of all saints and they have done it in the way in which they thought it to be the best ; but the teaching of some saints has been so difficult to understand that other commentaries have been necessary to explain the teaching to the common man. We the Sai devotees have however been singularly lucky in having the advice of Shri Sai Baba in very simple and straightforward language given by Him in His nectarlike words. We Sai devotees should therefore try our best to assimilate the same in all possible ways. ★

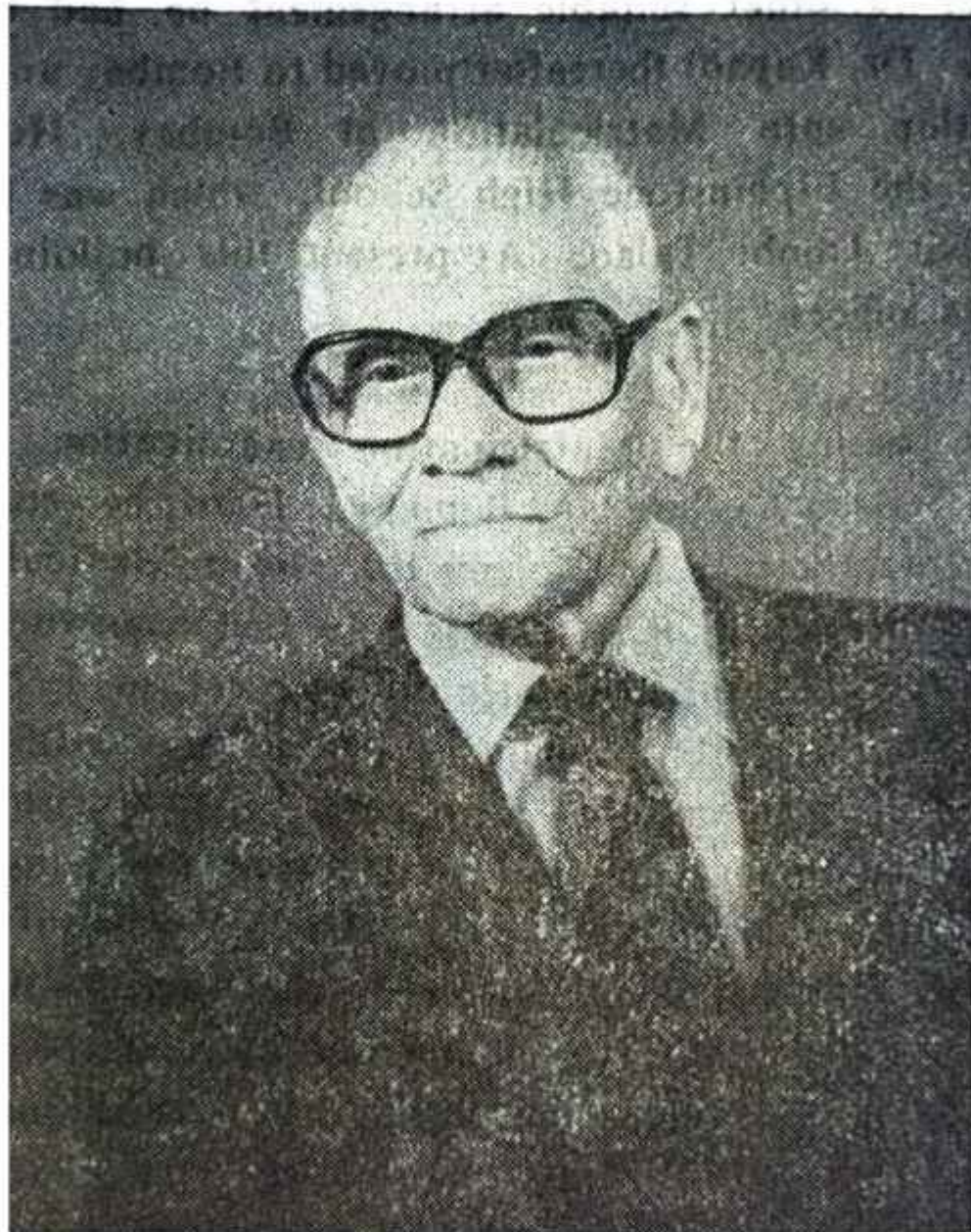


We Bow To You, Sri Saipadananda

Saipadanand Shri Radhakrishnaswamiji entered Mahasamadhi on 14-1-1980. Hence the following homage paid to Him by His devotee is published here to commemorate that event. — Editor

We bow to you Sri Saipadananda
Radhakrishna Swamijee ;
You were the living manifestation
Of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdee,
And yours was a saintly life dedicated
To the spiritual advancement of mankind.
'Sri Sai Spiritual Centre' at Bangalore
Founded and nurtured by you
Is a perennial fountainhead
Of the nectar of Sri Baba's grace,
And a haven of peace and solace
To your devotees from far and near.
The exquisite idol of Radhakrishna
Consecrated by you in the lovely arbour
Of the exotic Parijatha and Thamala plants,
Immortalises your name and fame
And is a glorious memorial
Of your divine love and grace.
Sanctified by incessant worship,
Prayer, meditation and oblations
And chanting of 'Shri Vishnu Sahasranama;
The Centre is vibrant with a divine grace
Which acts as a panacea
For all ills of body and mind.
Though you have attained Mahasamadhi,
You are enshrined in our hearts,
And, in solemn gratefulness,
We re-dedicate ourselves to keep aloft
The noble ideals instilled by you,
And to prove worthy devotees of the worthy Master.
B. S. Narayana Murthy

Dr. Rajaram Sitaram Kapadi M. B. B. S.



On the 6th of April 1896 Dr. Kapadi was born at Sangameshwar, in the Ratnagiri District, in a well-to-do family. After completing his primary education upto Marathi fourth standard at Sangameshwar, the question of his further education cropped up and Dr. Kapadi moved to a village named Ozare, which is ten miles away from Sangameshwar, for his secondary education. Sangameshwar is a Taluka place and it is also a place of historic importance, because it was at this place that Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj was arrested by the Mughal army through treachery; but during those days there was no provision of getting secondary education at Sangmeshwar. At Ozare however one Shri

Pangu Jagushte had started a private school for teaching English and therefore Dr. Kapadi stayed at that place. In this village Dr. Kapadi prosecuted his studies of the English language; but in the absence of other suitable arrangement he had to cook his own food. Dr. Kapadi thereafter moved to Bombay and completed his education upto Matriculation at Bombay. He studied in Bombay in the Elphinstone High School, which was located in a building near Dhobi Talao. At present this building is mostly occupied as offices.

After passing the Matriculation examination Dr. Kapadi joined the Wilson College at Bombay. Here he completed his course of Inter Science and joined the Grant Medical College at Bombay for the M. B. B. S. course. In the meanwhile Mahatma Gandhi started the non-cooperation movement in 1920 and gave a call to all the students studying in schools and colleges to leave them and to join the national movement. Like a true patriot Dr. Kapadi left the college in 1921 and joined the non-cooperation movement. He also joined as the Head Master of a national school which was started at Alibaug in the Raigad District under the name Vaishya Vidyalaya. Sometime after Dr. Kapadi again joined the Medical College but during 1927-28 he suffered from dysentery and he had to leave the college and go to his native place for taking rest. Ultimately he completed the M. B. B. S. course in 1931. After taking some post-graduate training in the colleges at Bombay and Madras, Dr. Kapadi left Bombay and started medical practice at his native place. At that time there was good scope for practice in Bombay; but Dr. Kapadi wanted to give some medical relief to the people of his native place with whom he played in his childhood and who fondled him at that time. During his stay at his native place, Dr. Kapadi served the villagers very sincerely. He went for visits at odd hours of the day and night when he was summoned. He travelled for his visit even on foot and reached the nook and corner of the Western Ghats. Some times he had even to travel in country crafts

for miles in order to go to the house of the patient and examine him there. He did many delivery cases and helped many patients suffering from Cholera during this period of his life.

Social Work

While practising at Sangameshwar Dr. Kapadi did lot of social work for the uplift of the local people. Dr. Kapadi worked hard along with Shri Sardal Guruji to start an Anglo-vernacular school, which was opened at the auspicious hands of Barrister V. D. Sawarkar. As chairman of the Paisa fund institution at Sangameshwar Dr. Kapadi strived hard & arranged to get permission for starting a high school there. He thus got satisfaction that he could provide some facilities for education at Sangameshwar when he used to often remember the inconveniences which he had to withstand in his childhood for getting education.

Another field in which Dr. Kapadi worked was the amalgamation of subcastes and the marriages amongst them. Dr. Kapadi worked with Shri Sardal Guruji and the local leaders for holding a convention of the Vaishya community staying in Maharashtra. This caused awakening in the Vaishya community staying in the Konkan and they carried out many social reforms such as abolition of sub-castes and taking food with people of other subcastes and giving their daughters in marriage to them.

Dr. Kapadi's father was a merchant. The elder brother of Dr. Kapadi, Shri Sakharam S. Kapadi, took interest in the business of his father and prospered very much; but unfortunately he expired in the Influenza epidemic that swept all over India in 1918, after the first world war. Before his death Dr. Kapadi's brother had the good fortune to have darshan of Shri Sai Baba and it was because of his devotion to Shri Sai Baba that Dr. Kapadi was also attracted to Sai Baba. Dr. Kapadi's father wished that his son (Dr. Kapadi) should undertake their ancestral business; but Dr. Kapadi had the attraction of the medical course

Under these circumstances Dr. Kapadi had great tension on his mind; but Sadguru Shri Sai Baba gave him definite instructions to continue his medical course. In the month of May 1918, Dr. Kapadi had the good fortune to take the darshan of Shri Sai Baba when he was alive in flesh and blood. After the Mahasamadhi of Shri Sai Baba, Dr. Kapadi had visited Shirdi along with his younger brother Shri Keshav S. Kapadi. At that time the devotees had to get down a few steps in order to take darshan of Shri Baba's Samadhi.

The parents of Dr. Kapadi were religious minded persons. His mother died early but his father lived upto 80 years. His ancestors from his father's side have a tradition of long life. His grand-mother (father's mother) died at the age of 90 years. Dr. Kapadi is running 87th year. His younger brother is 85 years old and his younger sister is 83 years of age. His last brother also is aged 80. All his brothers and sister are still enjoying good health.

At Kolhapur

At about 1941, the children of Dr. Kapadi became of college going age. At that time there were no colleges at Taluka places as they are today. Hence Dr. Kapadi went to Kolhapur in that year and settled there. Since that time he is practising at Kolhapur. Due to his stay at Kolhapur Dr. Kapadi was able to give College education to his children, who are now occupying high positions and are well-settled in life.

Dr. Kapadi inherited devotion to God and saints and a religious bent of mind from his parents. So he likes to take darshan of saints that are alive and also to visit the shrines of the saints, who have attained Mahasamadhi. He also likes to read the biographies of saints and also the books written by them. In his childhood he was taught to learn by heart many stotras and other religious hymns. He is in the habit of reading epics like Mahabharat, Ramayan and Bhagwat by St. Eknath and Dasbodh

by Saint Ramdas and such other books in Marathi. He has taken darshan of many saints among whom were Shri Balkrishna alias Dadamaharaj from Patgao, Shri Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon, Shri Siddharudh Swami from Hubli, Shri Meherbaba, Shri Sai Baba, Shri Upasani Baba, Shri Harikaka from Vyankatmadhi, Shri Nana Maharaj, Shri Shyam Maharaj, Shri Chile Maharaj, Shri Anna Maharaj from Bijrapur and many others.

Dr. Kapadi has also visited the shrines of the following saints, who have attained Mahasamadhi :-

Shri Brahma Chaitanya Maharaj of Mangaon, Gondavalekar Maharaj, Shri Manik Prabhu Maharaj from Hnmnabad, Shri Balekundri Maharaj from Belgaum, Shri Dnyaneshwar Maharaj from Alandi, Shri Swami Samartha from Sajjangad, Shri Tukaram Maharaj from Dehu, Dattavtar Balkrishna Saraswati Maharaj from Kolhapur, and some other shrines also have been visited by him.

Dr. Kapadi has studied the biographies of Bidkar Maharaj from Pune, Gajanan Maharaj from Shegaon, Shri Shankar Maharaj from Pune, Shri Akkalkotkar Maharaj, Shri Sadhumaharaj from Karnatak, Shri Uplekar Maharaj from Phaltan, Shri Kane Maharaj from Belgaum, Shri Laxman Maharaj from Kolhapur and some others. Dr. Kapadi has written short biographies of some of the above saints.

After coming to Kolhapur Dr. Kapadi has continued his work in the social and educational fields also. He continues to do the work of Maharashtra Vaishya Parishad. Work of abolishing the subcastes and encouraging the marriages among different castes is also done by him. Dr. Kapadi is also helping educational institutions to thrive further. He was the President of the Kolhopur District Co-operative Housing Society Federation for over thirteen years.

Dr. Kapadi is also fond of drama. From his young age he is acting important roles in many dramas. He had written seven dramas which were staged and were applauded much by the audience. He acted many roles in the dramas presented by the Karweer Natya Mandal and Sai Natya Mandal. Only last year he played an important role in one famous play written by Ram Ganesh Gadkari, a famous Marathi playwright.

We are very lucky that we have such an illustrious personality like Dr. Kapadi as President of this year's annual gathering of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela Magazine. Persons, who were fortunate to have Shri Baba's darshan in flesh and blood, are getting less and less every day. We wish Dr. Kapadi a happy and long life to serve Shri Sai Baba and to spread Sai devotion in younger generation. His speech and experiences will be eagerly awaited by the younger generation as they will be very valuable guides to them on the spiritual path. ★

Congratulations

The marriage of Shri Subhash, son of Shri Sadanand Chendvankar, Executive Editor of Shri Sai Leela and Mrs. Tarabai Chendvankar, with Kumari Shubhangi, daughter of Shri Shrikant Rajaram Golwankar, was celebrated at Dadar on Saturday the 11th December 1982 with joy and mirth. The lunch, served in the morning and the reception, held in the evening, were attended by a very large gathering of relatives, friends and well-wishers of both the families, who blessed the wedding couple.

We congratulate the wedding couple and pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that the wedding couple may have a long and happy married life.

Editor.



SAI-PRASAD

To me, Sai Baba is an ever-living reality. I feel His celestial vibration every second.

As soon as my wife missed her menses for the first time, my parents (T. A. Ram Nathen & Vijayem) and myself began getting busy with selection of sweet and short names. We picked many choice male and female names and cast the lot at the Holy Feet of Shri Sai Baba before we had taken "aarati". After "aarati", we blind-foldedly picked one from one set. Sai Deepa was the Sai-choice. Sai-Ram for the male child. I am 31 now well settled in an Electronics Company in a senior post by Saigrace ! My wife Lalitha had delivered a bony baby girl on 14. 8. 1982 at 3 p m. at Mannargudi (Tamil Nadu) and Sai-Deepa name has stuck to my daughter. See how Sai Baba preferred Deepa (Light) for my daughter ! By Saigrace, our dearest Sai-brothers had also reacted auspiciously and one Sai-brother. Navin Chanderji (Hyderabad) had even Sai-blessed my daughter with a cash remittance of Rs. 25.00.

There is a story behind a story. Before Sai-Deepa was ushered into this world, the doctors announced the delivery date as 8. 8. 1982 which was inauspicious for her parents according to my astrologer-father. On my return from Mannargudi after the delivery of my wife, my mother had revealed to me that my 59-year-old father was incessantly praying to Sai Baba to postpone her birth between 13th and 16th August with a view to free the Moon from the aspect of Saturn. It is no secret that Sai Baba had answered his prayer and my daughter was born in Taurus (Vrishabha) rashi with no Saturn's aspect from Virgo and with the Moon in her exaltation sign.

Sai-Miracles are experienced by multitudes of Sai-devotees and we find there echo in the following holy words of Saint MEHER BABA (Pune) :-

“You will not be able to understand thoroughly how great Sai Baba was. He is the very personification of perfection. If you know Him as I know Him, you would call Him the MASTER OF CREATION.” ★

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Endless Completeness

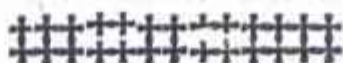
Spirit is eternal and had its end in completion,
 Maya, though finite, ends in completion
 Spirit alone gives space to Maya
 Finite comes out of the eternal
 Resultantly, completeness yields space to another
 When one completeness is taken from another
 Completeness itself remains for ever.

Sainath : The Savior

O Lord, Saihath, Thou art the savior of all,
 Thou leadth us to temptation never,
 But delivereth us from evil ever,
 Thine ears are open to the safest cry,
 Thine grace desends to meet the lifted eye,
 Thou readeth the language of a silent tear,
 And sighs are incense from a heart sincere.

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Sai Baba, The Saint of Shirdi

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(Continued from December 1982 issue)

CHAPTER XXIII

1. Sagun manifestation of Brahman (contd.)
2. His stay in Shirdi and probable date of birth
3. Baba's humility
4. Sai as Sagun Brahman
5. Dr. Pandit's worship.

Adorned always Thou a seat one
Travelled never and saw none
Thou had a small stick in hand
Which Thou carried always in Thy hand

Being Thou thought free wer't calm
And cared never for wealth or fame
Throughout Thou lived on food begging
Lived Thou such a life ragging

Uttered Thou always 'Allah Malik'
And unbroken was Thy love for all
A storehouse of self knowledge wer't Thou
And full of bliss divine wer't Thou

Thy divine form as Sai Baba was such
Boundless, endless, and undifferentiated much
The whole universe envelops in principle and one
Incarnated in Thee from a stone pillar to Brahmanand
none

The meritorious only got Thy treasure trove
And to the demerited Thou away drove
Being some fortunate by Thee got bliss eternal
Unfortunate other beings became miserable

Knew none Thy date of birth and Thy parents
 And determined was it approximately rent
 By Thy stay at Shirdi from Thy first advent
 Till Thy last hour at Shirdi Thou spent

Though a young lad of sixteen Thee came first
 To Shirdi and there stayed for years three first
 All of a sudden Thou then disappeared
 To return to Shirdi a lad of twenty and appeared

Roaming here and there in state Naizam
 Near Aurangabad a place in state Naizam
 Returned to Shirdi with Patil's marriage party
 To give bliss eternal to all in Shirdi party

Stayed Thou in Shirdi thence
 For an unbroken period of years sixty hence
 And took Thee the Mahasamadhi in 1918 year
 Speaks this A. D. 1838 approximately Thy birth year

Thou had the qualities all in Thee
 Bhagwan Krishna had in 'He'
 Fame, wealth, non-attachment the first three
 Knowledge, grandeur, liberality the next three

For the sake of devotees incarnated Thee
 In flesh and blood like a man simple see
 Thy grace and kindness being wonderful
 Thou drew the devotees to Thee numberful

For devotees' sake Thou words utter
 That Goddess of speech dare not scatter
 Spoke Thou humbly to devotees all
 A slave Thee and a debtor of devotees tall

Satisfied wer't Thou with devotees' darshan
 And was it a favour great Thee had their darshan

Being Thou an insect in their excreta
Thou considered Thyself blessed creta.

What Thy humility was this
If published this a disrespect to Thee
We the devotees beg parden of Thee
And to atone for this we sing Thy name free

Seemed though Thou sense objects enjoy outwardly
Thou had consciousness not of sense defects inwardly
Had Thou not any taste and interest any in what Thee saw
Thou wer't a celibate perfect like Hanuman's Law

Wer't Thou attached not to things any
Thou wer't consciousness pure honey
The place of resting of desire and feelings many
Thou wer't in short free and perfect sunny.

The aspects two of Brahman are
The manifested and unmanifested far
The one aspect is with human form
The other aspect is without form

People some worship former prefer
Some people the latter worship refer
As worship the former is easy and preferable
To worship the latter is hard and non-preferable

Man being with form of his own
Prefers he to worship God in form lone
To devotion develop for time certain
Till advances he towards nirgun certain

So proceeds he from known to unknown
He so goes from definite to indefinite
Starts he from simple to complicated
Moves so he from particular to general

Sagun worship leads us to worship nirgun
 So starts man to worshipping first sagun
 Such as image, alter, light, sun,
 Water, Brahman the seven and none

Sadguru is better than these all
 So bring to our mind the form Sai all
 A non-attachment incarnate call
 And a place of resting for devotees all

Our faith in Thy words is our seat all
 Our determination is abandonment of desires call
 So say some Thou wer't a devotee of the Lord
 And say others Thou wer't a devotee cord

Thou being always forgiving extremely
 And never irritable and content heavenly
 Soft, straight, tolerant beyond comparison
 So to us Thou art God incarnation

Though Thou looked embodied
 Still wer't Thou disembodied
 Emotionless and unattached wer't thou
 Still worshipped all Thee with love

On her way to the sea the holy Ganges
 The creatures afflicted with heat cools and refreshes
 And gives life to the crops and trees
 So do the saints like Thee live the life

So Thee give solace and comfort to all
 The saint is his soul and living image said Krishna
 So 'He is He' or 'his pure being' in form
 And a power indefinable God in form.

This power a bliss incarnate Thee
 In Shirdi hailed in the form of Sai fee

To bless the bliss eternal to all dee
Thus lived Thou to Thy prestige free

Shruti as bliss the brahman describe
But people devout to Thee this bliss prescribe
Being Thou the support of devotees all
Need no support from devotees call

A sack cloth Thou used for Thy seat
Covered with a small beautiful bed neat
A rest to Thy back a bolster placed
By Thy devotees devout classed

Never Thou said nay to Thy devotees
And allowed to worship the devotees
As they liked to worship Thee
So they worshipped as to their liking, Thee

Some waved fans before Thee
Some played on instrument musical dee
Some washed Thy feet and hands when
Others applied chandan and scent then

If gave some leaves with betel nuts to Thee
Others gave a naivedya to Thee
So served all Thee with vast devotion
Being overwhelmed with great emotion

Thou out of Shirdi Masjid went never
Still wer't Thou present at places all over
Thus Thy all pervasiveness experienced all
Before Thee a sadguru prostrated fall.

A friend of Noolkar Dr. Pandit came once
To Shirdi for Thy darshan in life once
Sat in Masjid saluting to Thee
But him Thou asked Dadabhat to see

Dada Bhat having received the guest
 To Thee worship left home the host
 Dr. accompanying the host to Masjid
 Dadabhat worshipped Thee at Masjid

None till then dared to Thee paste sandal
 But Dr. Pandit to Thy forehead applied paste sandal
 None but Mhalasapati dared to apply paste
 To Thy throat without any haste

But Dr. Pandit a devout simple-hearted
 Things worshipping picking from dish pasted
 Drew a Tripundra on Thy forehead clear
 Surprising all Thy devotees dear

Thou still kept silent and uttered a word not
 So asked Dadabhat Thee in the evening dot
 Why Thou not objected Dr. Pandit's act
 Of applying sandal to Thy forehead a fact

To this to Dadabhat replied Thou
 Dr. Pandit believed Thee his Guru how
 Raghunath Maharaj known as Kaka now
 So Thee allowed Dr. Pandit to apply sandal glow

(To be continued)

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My First Pilgrimage to Shrikshetra Shirdi

By dint of the divine grace of Shri Sai Baba only, my cousin brother Shri K. Subba Rao now an Additional Electrical Engineer at Cumbhum in Andhra Pradesh told me for the first time about the incredible Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi in 1941, when I was hardly a boy of 13 and he was elder to me by two years. Now I have completed 54 and fortunately I had been in His Divine fold ever since I came to know of Lord Sainath. Devotion to Shri Sai Bhagwan Shirdi Sai Baba has been flowing in my veins since then. As years rolled by, my confidence in Lord Sainath's mercy and love for his devotees has grown profusely. This pen finds itself quite incompetent to depict the complete picture of Shri Sai Baba. His kindness is boundless and His greatness is limitless. He is ever ready to guide His devotees and to offer His blessings. This is the experience I have been having all these years and perhaps the same with millions of His devotees all over the world. Hardship and miseries are the tests of life. These are highly inevitable in one's life. But I am having the 'solace' that my 'Sai' "The Saviour" is always with me to face boldly the difficulties specially in bad days. It is my personal experience that a Godfearing man or woman is no doubt subjected to many sufferings and humiliations in the present day world; but he or she who takes refuge at the lotus feet of 'Shri Sai' is certain to succeed in the long run. The small 'space' in the magazine is highly inadequate to narrate all my life incidents so as to show that Shri Sai the Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscient is near every devotee of His. When I was a boy, as I was returning from my school at Nellore in A. P. state a big branch of a huge and old tree fell of its own accord on my left foot. I had another accident on the left knee when I was about to see a God's (Lord Venugopala Swamy) procession at Nellore. I was hospitalised for a few months and I was the only victim on both the occasions. I escaped both these big accidents in my life by

His grace. Besides the above I was hospitalised on three other occasions and underwent surgery and came through successfully. Suffice to mention here that I had come up by His grace. I have been feeling that Shri Sai Baba is always with me. The sufferings and disappointments are due to my "prarabhada" and I never blamed Shri Sai Baba for any of these sufferings I have undergone. Always my silent prayer to Shri Sai Baba has been - "Bear with me and sustain me Oh! Lord". May Shri Sai Baba bless every soul whoever sincerely thinks of Him at any time and at any place and practice, "Shraddha" i.e. (Nishtah) and "Saburi", i.e. faith with devotion and courage with patience. It has taken so many years for me to become a subscriber to 'Sai Leela' magazine, an official organ of Shirdi Sansthan - thanks to the persuasive efforts of my friend Shri K. Subba Rao who is a very sincere and ardent Sai devotee at Hyderabad who has been rendering silent service in the spread of "Sai devotion" among "Shri Sai devotees". I have enrolled as subscriber for this magazine only in 1981. It is he who as a matter of fact has been vigorously advising me to visit "Shirdi" without fail and also my doctor daughter Dr. K. Subhadra Devi MBBS (MD) since 1981. My daughter and son-in-law Dr. K. Rama Kumar, M.D. visited us at Hyderabad and advised us to visit Shirdi and pray to Shri Sai Baba Bhagwan knowing our present circumstances well. I have been daily reading Shri Sai Satcharit Chapter XI as advised by Shri K. Subba Rao, Sai devotee, to have His Divine grace. I felt that perhaps my utter sincerity and devotion to Shri Sai Baba has been on trial all these years i.e. since 1941 to 1982 as the divine call to visit Shirdi has not come to me, till August 11th 1982 on which day myself, my wife Smt. Leela Devi and my grand son K. Datta Dev (ie 2nd son of Dr Subhadra Devi my second daughter) along with a friend of mine, his wife and their family members travelled quite comfortably from Kachiguda Railway Station to Manmad Railway Station by Ajanta Express and touched the holy Shirdi "Soil" for the first time on 12.8.82 at 11.30 A.M. which happend to be a very

auspicious day being "Krishnashtami". I felt that Shri Sai Baba chose to see us on 12th August, 1982 being Thursday and 'Krishnashtami' to give it a special significance. In this connection, I may have to tell that as a student in High School and College and later as Dist. Agricultural Officer I used to worship Shri Sai Baba in Shri Sai Baba temple at Nellore besides worshipping His photo all these years. Later when I was working as Assistant Director of Agriculture at Kurnool I used to pay very frequent visits to Shri Sai Baba temple. While working at Guntur too from 1975 to 1979 I used to visit two temples of Shri Sai Baba and offer worship. Though there has been an ardent desire in me to visit Shirdi with my family all these years, it came only in 1982 as told above due to His divine grace only. Nowadays I feel Shri Sai Baba is my commander as I have placed myself in His hands at His will due to His grace on me. As the wants and worldly requirements of not only myself but others will be too many, it is felt, not desirable to enumerate here the several Leelas I have experienced personally all these years both in private and public life. It is enough to say here again that I am ever under His divine care.

On 12th August, 1982 we had worshipped Shri Sai Baba at "Samadhi Mandir", visited Dwarakamai and "Gurusthan". My individual experience was that my life mission has been fulfilled and as I touched Shri Sai Baba's "Mahasamadhi" I felt "the touch of Shri Saibaba". On 13th at 8.30 AM again when we participated in "Abhisheka Seva" and after worshipping Lord Sainath we visited Dwarakamai, "Chawdi" Gurusthan, Lendi-Bagh, Khandoba temple. I felt that Shri Sai Baba's mission is perpetual in showering His Kripa (divine grace). Lord Sainath to me is an incarnation of GOD. I have visited Shree Kshetra "Ganagapur" in Karnatak State in Gulburga Dist. and Humnabad where I worshipped the incarnations of Lord Datta - Shri Narasimha Saraswathi Swami at Ganagapur and Shri Manikyaprabhu at Humnabad. I had the fortune to visit "Kurvapur" Kuragadda also near aichur in Karnataka State where another avatar of

Lord Datta Shri Pada Shree Vallabha treaded. To me, personally, I felt that Shri Sai Baba (Lord Sainath; is an incarnation of Lord Datta.) On 13th morning after "Abhisheka" when I got up near the "Mahasamadhi" tears rolled down in gratitude and reverence to Shri Sainath as Sai Bhagwan did not desert me at any time though I faced (cruel) fate all through my life.

On 13th morning at 8.30 A.M. when I sat for about twenty minutes in the prayer hall before the Samadhi and the marble statue of Shri Sai Baba (carved by the renowned sculptor Shri Bhausahab Talim and installed in the Samadhi Mandir on 7th October 1954) in the Samadhi Mandir a queer idea rose in my mind to worship Shri Sai Baba and request Him with an absolute merger with Him when I drop my mortal coil on this earth. As I went up near the Samadhi of Shri Sai Bhagwan and spread a "Shawl" on it as my offering and gazed at the marble statue of Shri Sai Baba the words of Shri Baba "Why fear when I am here" echoed in my ears.

At Shirdi on 12th at 3 P.M. we had experienced yet another miracle. My grandson K. Shree Datta Dev aged 7 years by Shri Sai Baba's grace very narrowly escaped a motor cycle accident while we were enquiring with the "Tangawallah" to be engaged by us to take us to "Sakori". It looked to me that Lord Sainath desired to make me "His confirmed devotee", while I was physically at Shirdi. In the four decades of my acquaintance with Shri Sai Baba, I feel that every thing in my life so far, is a part and parcel of His divine majesty. "His grace is always available in abundance but it is only our 'Jhholi' which is not big enough to receive it; one should always try to enlarge it "as said by my friend and co-Sai devotee Shri K. Navin Chander at Hyderabad who has encouraged me to contribute an article of my experiences with Shri Sai Baba to the "Sai Leela" journal, as it is essentially meant for voicing the devotional emotions of Sai devotees. May Sai Baba bless me to continue to spread His devotion and philosophy.

We all felt our "Shirdi" visit will certainly lead us to a higher "spiritual level" by the blessings of Shri Saibaba.

I may mention here that now the "Sai cult" is spreading far and wide. The devotees are also multiplying by leaps and bounds. I am happy "Shirdi Sansthan" is performing its duties efficiently by the grace of Shirdi Sai Baba. We are very much impressed with "Sai Prasad" (Bhojan Griha) of Shri Saibaba so neatly kept up and serving the Sai-devotees (about 1200 persons are fed at a time) with nourishing food at a comparatively low rate of Rs. 2/- (Rs. two) for adult and Re. 1/- (Rupee one) per child. May Shri Sai Baba bless the Sai Samsthan authorities to expand its activities more vigorously and provide more and more accommodation to the pilgrims that are pouring into Shirdi every day and in very large numbers on festive occasions.

In conclusion, I only wish to have again early revisit to Shirdi to worship Shri Sai Baba and continue to pay regular visits thereafter to Shirdi to worship Shri Sai Baba.

We returned to Hyderabad very happily and very comfortably on 16th August, 1982 morning visiting Trimbakeshwar near Nasik and Bombay with blessings of Shri Sai Baba.

On my return to Hyderabad very ardent Sai devotees Messrs M. Hanumantha Rao, K. Navin Chander, K. Subba Rao and others visited my house at Hyderabad and offered prayers to Shri Sai Baba in my house and received reverentially "Udi" of Shri Sai Baba brought by me from Shirdi and we spent quite some time in exchanging our experiences with Lord Sainath. We all felt that "every Sai devotee is an unpublished book and their experiences show how Sai Nath Maharaj rushes to help His devotees. ★

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I Am Yours

Oh Sai Ram ! Oh Sai Ram ! Hear my prayer
Day and night, I am in your care,
Look to me from above
Bless me whom you dearly love

Day in and day out, dear Sainath
Of two things I pray
To see you in everybody
To make me love everybody

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Sainath, to Thee
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Your love

Take my lips and let them be
Filled with 'Sai' 'Sai always
Take my everything to use
In the way you shall choose

Teach me, My Lord
In all things to see you
And what I do in anything
To do it all for you

I am yours and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Omnipresent Sai Baba

Sai Baba is not a mere saint; but a manifestation of Lord Dattatreya. The passing of a saint creates a vacuum. But the void created by Sai Baba after His Mahasamadhi on 15.10.1918 was soon filled by Himself. The first indication Sai Baba gave of His continuing Sai presence was within 24 hours of His Mahasamadhi. In the early day break of Wednesday (16 10 1918), Sai Baba had appeared in a dream vision of a village astrologer Laxman Joshi, tugged at his hand and told him to wake up because "Bapusaheb thinks I am dead. So he won't come to the Dwarakamai for the morning prayers." to quote Sai Himself. That same morning another greatest Sai-devotee Das Ganu Maharaj, who was then stationed in Pandharpur and had no inkling of His having shuffled off His mortal coil, had a dream of Sai Baba. Said Sai to him, "I have come to tell you that I had to leave the mosque. Please go there and cover my body with flowers.". Both Laxman Joshi and Das Ganu Maharaj had never doubted the Sai-presence and fulfilled Sai-wishes.

As this Sai-miracle had gained currency among the Shirdi people, the shock and grief had worn off and they went about their routine work exactly as if Sai Baba was amongst them in flesh and blood.

A sense of Sai-presence continues to pervade not only in Shirdi but at every where a Sai-temple or a Sai-devotee is present.

To those in urgent need of assistance, even today Sai Baba appears in their dreams/visions (to the lucky ones like Basheer Baba of Ram Sai Nagar, R. S. Chitnissahib physical appearance too !) and provides succour to them and it is no less potent than it was during Sai Baba's physical presence in Shirdi.

When even Lord Indra could only vanquish invincible Vritrasura by fashioning "Vajrayudha" from the sacred bones of

sage Dadhichi, no wonder multitudes of Sai devotees from all over this planet instinctively pour into Shirdi Sai Samadhi like ants day in and day out to combat ill-luck !

Such is Sai-Presence; Such is Sai-Power ! Such is Sai-glory !

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OBITUARY

We regret to inform our readers that Shri K. M. Bhide, secretary Shri Sai Baba Mahamandal, Hubli passed away on 29-9-82 at Pune after a brief illness.

He was an ardent devotee of Baba. He was one of the founder secretary of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba, Mahamadal, Hubli. He put his efforts to organise the Mandal on sound basis. He never spared his pains for the service of Shri Baba.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. The Mandal offered condolences for the sad demise of Shri K. M. Bhide recording his unstinted service.

We extend our sympathy to the family members of Shri Bhide in their sad bereavement and pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that the departed soul may rest in peace.

—Editor

How the Grace of Shri Sai Baba Operates

In our country we believe that God Almighty, who is both nirguna and saguna had taken ten avatars whenever His creation had gone out of bounds. To the ten recognised avatars we may add Shri Sai Baba also who is nothing but omni-present, omni-potent and omni-scient and the unseen power that pervades the universe, seen and unseen to our mortal sight.

When He entered His Samadhi on 15th October 1918 He clearly told all his devotees that He would continue to show His sympathy from His tomb. The various experiences of His devotees from, all the corners of the country are an irrefutable evidence to His Leelas showing His sympathy, kindness and mercy on his devotees.

From His varied Leelas and as a matter of fact from my personal experience, I may say, with my humble knowledge that His mercy showers on His devotees equally irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

When an afflicted person commences his devotion towards Him, it appears that He would first attend to the ailments mental, physical, monetary and otherwise, so that one can have peace of mind and can stand erect without fear. Afterwards He slowly guides us to understand the motive force of His creation and thus leads us to selfrealisation.

Thus I believe and trust that the ever sympathetic Sainath bestows upon us the correct angle of vision and method of approach towards understanding "Paramatma, Jeevatma and Prakriti".

One need not change his ancestral religion, need not torment his body, nor strain his mind with impossible mental feats. If you develop sincerity it is enough.

With this mental strength if we look at Him, He will look at us. It was perhaps this same thing that Lord Shri Krishna Bhagawan told Shri Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. Shri Sainath has also told it to us in one sentence, "If you look at me I will look at you". ★

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Punyatithi Celebrations At Patna

With the Grace of Shri Sai Nath, at the residence of Shri K. P. Mathur, Diwan Mohalla, Ramzani, Chowraha, Patna City (Bihar), on the day of VIJYA DASHMI (27.10.82) Abhishek ceremony was organised by Shri R. P. Mathur at 8 30 a.m. and special bhajan was conducted thereafter for two hours. After bhajan Charanamrit and Prasadam were distributed amongst the devotees who attended the function.

Amongst the bhajan singers prominent were Shri V. B. Mathur, Sushil Kumar, R. N. Verma, Narendra Sharma, R. P. Sinha, Smt. Asha Mathur and Shri Neelam Mathur. ★

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Book Review

Apostle of Love Sri Saipadananda

[Shri Narsimha Swamiji was an apostle of Shri Sai Baba and he started the All India Sai Samaj at Madras for the spread of Sai devotion. Through this Samaj Shri Narsimha Swamiji did good propaganda and spread Sai devotion in South India on a very large scale. Not being satisfied with only one centre in the south for the propaganda, Shri Narsimha Swamiji directed his sincere disciple Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji to start another centre at Bangalore for the worship and spread of Sai devotion. The true disciple therefore founded the Sai Spiritual Centre at Bangalore in 1953. On completion of twentyfive years for the Centre Sri Radhakrishna Swamiji thought of installing a marble statue of Shri Sai Baba at Bangalore in the premises of the Sai Spiritual Centre and with the help of all the devotees in Bangalore a marble statue of Shri Sai Baba, which resembled the statue at Shirdi, was installed at Bangalore in May 1978.

After achieving this object and finding that the Sai Spiritual Centre at Bangalore was now established on a sound footing, Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji felt that his mission, which was entrusted to him by his Guruji, was fulfilled and he entered Mahasamadhi on 14-1-1980. In December 1981, the All India Sai devotees' convention was held at Bangalore under the auspices of the Sai Spiritual Centre. The devotees of Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji decided to install his marble statue at the Sai Spiritual Centre during the convention and with great struggle this uphill task was achieved by the devotees of Swamiji at Bangalore.

Due to the selfless work of Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji, both at Madras and Bangalore, the devotees and disciples of Swamiji felt that this great achievement, of Swamiji in nursing both the institutions at Madras and Bangalore should be committed to

writing and a very able writer was found in Shri Rangaswami Parthasarathi to shoulder this great job of compiling the biography of Shri Swamiji and it goes to the credit of Shri Rangaswami that he brought out a sizeable volume of 333 pages within a very short time. This biography was published in one of the sessions of the All India Sai Devotees' Convention held at Bangalore in December 1981 and it won great applause from all devotees of Shri Swamiji. As Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji attended the gatherings of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela, held at Shirdi in 1978 and 1979, he got a place in the hearts of many contributors of Shri Sai Leela magazine. Shri Anil K. Rasal, who is contributing articles to Shri Sai Leela very often, was impressed much by the personality of Shri Swamiji and he has given here a brief review of the book written by Shri Rangaswami Parthasarathi under the caption of "Apostle of love Sri Sai Padananda". It is hoped that this review will inspire our readers to know more about Shri Swamiji and they will be attracted to read the original biography of Shri Swamiji which is compiled by Shri Rangaswami Parthasarathi with great labour. —Editor]

Now-a-days there is a flood of books on spiritual matters in the market. Some of them are forgotten as soon as they are read, some others leave a temporary impression on the readers' minds. While there are few books which purify the readers' minds and turn them Godward. To this last category the book under review falls. If one reads this book, one's heart is lit up by divine light of Shri Baba's grace just as He lit up Dwarakamayee when in a mortal frame.

In the introduction to the book Shri Parthasarathy has stated that though Swamiji performed countless miracles the greatest miracle of His was however to change the minds of these who came in contact with him and had lead them towards self-realisation. From his own personal experience, the reviewer is compelled to testify to the truth of the above statement. For verily, the contact with this saint has changed him completely.

In this book, the author has not only given biographical account of Swamiji's early life, which though full of comfort could not satisfy the inner urge of Swamiji who was chosen by Shri Baba to spread His devotion in this country and outside. It is extremely important to note that no domestic tragedy or worldly failure compelled Swamiji to go in search for self, but a meeting of few minutes with His Guru Shri Narasimha Swamiji at Ooty. Because of delay where he was to be the Chief Guest Shri Narasimha Swamiji took a short-cut to the venue of the function and met Swamiji and immediately the former asked whether Swamiji was "ready". When Swamiji said "Yes", Shri Narasimha Swamiji made him perform Pooja of Shri Baba's photo. Thereafter Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji asked His Guru the meaning of His name when the latter asked Him to come over to Madras. Swamiji gave up everything for the sake of self-knowledge and in due course attained fullness of spiritual stature to take over the responsibility from Shri Narasimha Swamiji of spreading Sai-devotion through the length and breadth of this country.

Apart from the full biographical account of Swamiji the book is important from the sadhaka's point of view. There are detailed instructions to the sadhaka on how he should develop himself to receive Shri Baba's grace in full measure. He has advised devotees to practise detached attachment in all worldly affairs. For purification and stability of mind He has advised devotees to recite Vishnu Sahasranama and study of Bhagvadgita, Sai Satcharita and to see Shri Baba in all animate and inanimate objects. He has advocated the practice of divine love for the entire creation. This type of conduct will eventually culminate in total purification of the sadhaka's mind and total surrender at the feet of the Almighty. Thereafter he has to simply "sit quiet" as Shri Upasani Maharaj and Meher Baba did to get full measure of grace from Shri Baba.

The author has written the book in an engaging manner and drawn a larger than life size pen-portrait of Shri Swamiji

which he has made three dimensional with the aid of his sharp intellect and soft heart. He has divided the book in different chapters, of which, he has devoted a major portion to write about Shri Swamiji's philosophy. All chapters are very ably written but the chapter titled profile of a woman devotee is a master piece which made me weep bitterly.

In short, this book is a must for all Sai devotees and therefore, deserves to be translated in all regional languages. It is reasonably priced at Rs. 30/- It is profusely illustrated with photos of Shri Narsimha Swamiji and Radhakrishna Swamiji. It can be had from Shri Sai-Spiritual Centre, Sai Baba Mandir Road, Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore 560028. (Apostle of love, Sri Sai Padananda, by Shri Rangaswami Parthasarathy. Pages 333) ★

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Fulfilling Thy Promise

The editorial of 'Shri Saileela' of October 82 was a feast to eyes, body and soul. The unfathomable leelas of Lord Sai & several events showing his being present everywhere are really wonderful. In fact in the mind of Sai Bhaktas and others, who have even once heard his mention, have developed firm belief beyond doubt that Baba is 'Omnipresent'. His leelas are great and create a reverential curiosity in every one. Several incidents from 'Sai-Charita' are quoted, in this editorial, where the Lord has reached His Bhaktas, helped them as promised, at the same time also helped poor and forlorn. This help was rendered to all and not only to particular people of a caste or creed. Baba reached his blessing, to any one whoever remembered Him with full faith. Such is the great Brahma Swaroop of Lord Sai.

I have a very humble such incident to narrate even in my case, where Baba helped me, as promised in his many such

sayings 'If you look at me I look at you'. 'All your worries and problems are mine, if you remember me with full faith and perseverance', 'Dwarka-mai the Masjid is Parama Dayalu', whosoever sits in her lap for once, his burdens are taken over by Him, and " to fulfil my promise I will forgo and sacrifice all I have." Lord Sai has in umpteen number of instances and at many places, conveyed this in several forms to His devotees, which are being felt daily by them. These instances lead us to have utmost and unshakable faith in Lord Sai.

In April 79, a mountain of miseries befell on me. I was in peril and shattered. My immediate boss, due to his greed and ambitions, implicated me, in several cases very badly. I was desperate. I ran from pillar to post for help, but it was of no avail and in the end I was doomed. My old parents, wife, relatives all were in grief. My service and the very source of livelihood was in danger whereas I had several responsibilities, small children wife, old parents to look after etc.

When all my requests, pleadings to prove my innocence failed I was left with no choice but to move to the High Court at New Delhi as a last resort.

Arguments for the writ petition, filed by me, started in Oct. 1979, while I was at Bombay. But the pile of lies filed by the ambitious boss ran in several hundred papers. On every hearing of Court, I used to be tense at Bombay thinking, in case the writ fails I would be totally doomed! Months started passing, whole of the family was worried and in suspense. I had no choice but to pray to the Lord Almighty Sai and in the mean time I made trips to Shirdi, praying Baba for His help.

Finally in Feb. 80, I went to Delhi to meet my counsel and attended a date at Court, But January and February were very tense months for us, as in January every fortnight, the Court heard the arguments and adjourned the case. We at Bombay used to be very curious whether the writ was accepted or rejected? During February arguments were heard every week, and the tension was

mounting. I was becoming desperate and under tremendous strain.

On 29th Feb. 80, it was Thursday, I was very confident that Baba would certainly come to my rescue. My case came before the double bench of judges. Arguments and counter-arguments started. I was not hearing them, I was only praying to my Lord with a request to get the writ settled that day only, in any way, in my favour or disfavour since I could no longer bear the tension prevailing for the past six months. In the meantime I just heard the judge announcing adjournment of the case to 15th April. On hearing this I got cold feet, as again, axe of tension would cut me down; when I would go back to Bombay. I desperately prayed to Baba for help to get writ decided on the same day as I could no longer bear the tension.

What a miracle ! The counsel of opposite party, got up and started pestering the judges to hear the case in detail on the same day only. My counsel, kept on sitting quietly. The judges finally had no alternative but to allow the arguments to proceed. Opposite counsel came up with several arguments against me and briefed the bench. Finally my counsel got up to refute them saying one line only, that everything done was against the laid down policies on the subject, which was a fact,

The Bench of Judges, took no time and immediately gave the judgment. My writ was admitted. I thanked profusely Lord Sai Baba and the whole family gave a sigh of relief.

Due to Baba's benevolence I am still serving in the same department. He saved me from many humiliations which otherwise I would have to face.

Today, as on October 82, my case is pending to come up for further hearing. I know it will only be when Baba desires. In the mean time I am serving peacefully and I know Baba would finally come to my rescue, as promised, to help all who seek His help and one day I will again be granted new lease of life by Him. ★

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SAI MANIA

Shri M. Hanumanth Rao's services to Sai mission are well-known to Hyderabadis. His Sai Mania sometimes has all the dramatics with a touch of the absurd. But from those seemingly absurd circumstances he always comes out triumphant with a feeling of being on the top of the world. All India Industrial Exhibition as usual was due to start from 1st January, 1982 in Hyderabad. Hardly there was one month left. One morning he suddenly came and announced that he will open a stall in the exhibition for Sai Mission. He had no money whatsoever to start with. We ridiculed him that in the circumstances it was like a lotus eater's dream. But he was not deterred. On the other hand his enthusiasm caught us like a contagion. The exhibition authorities being aware of his sincerity allotted him a free stall. We gave him Rs. 500 and another Rs. 500 he got from his friend, Shri Rattan Singh. With these scrapings the stall was got furnished. But how about the capital? We absolutely had no idea. Just before a week of starting, from out of the blue, he got about Rs. 2,000 from his LIC agency commissions - his only means of earnings. With that he rushed to Shirdi and brought books, photos, rings, lockets and all other Sai paraphernalia for sale on no loss no profit basis adding only marginals to cover running expenses.

During those two months Shri Raoji practically had no sleep and no timely food. He worked like a beaver night and day. Except for Shri Rattan Singh he had no other help. Daily thousands used to visit the stall. It was a terrific nerve-wracking, back-breaking job especially for the two 65 years olds. All facets of Sai mission were undertaken by him. Even Shri Sai Leela Magazine got a boost in that stall. Daily we used to keep enough money order forms duly filled in and when a customer devotee agreed to become a subscriber we simply added his address and sent the M. O's so collected in a bunch every day to the Post.

Office. Thus more than a 100 new subscribers were added to Shri Sai Leela by his untiring efforts.

As the capital invested was very small he had to make several trips to Shirdi to replenish the ever depleting stocks. Though a frail person he was a power house of energy by the force of will. His zeal was like a virus. Hundreds became fresh devotees. Many related their miraculous incidents and many brought their problems right into the stall. He patiently attended to them all to their contentment.

Overawed by the sincerity and success, my husband wanted to contribute his own mite to the Sai mission. He came freshly from a visit to the only temple of Goddess Saraswati in India at Basar. Suddenly he had a brain-wave. With a soulful supplication to the Goddess he started writing Sai experiences. It was a pleasant surprise that he found an instant facility of expression. It was like the experience of a dumb man who suddenly got the faculty of speech. Like a possessed man he quickly wrote four articles and got them printed in a booklet titled 'DEEPA SAI' with money got by encashment of leave and distributed them to all earnest seekers at the stall. We were wonder-struck at the speed with which it all happened the idea, the money, the writing and printing all in a fortnight's time or so. This writing success - the divine gift of Baba - gave us an impetus to continue writing Sai experiences and jump headlong into the Sai mission in loving gratitude. Rightly the first article started was "A Mission to Shirdi"

But I had my misgivings. I felt how this external phenomena of action could bring God-realisation. During the final days of the exhibition, one morning Shri Raoji came to our house. Talking of Sai he was suddenly overcome by emotion and cupping his face in his palms, he began to cry like a child. He informed that the previous day he felt extremely tired and his stall was full of people. He was helpless and unable to cope up with the situation,

He prayed to Baba. Instantly he saw a fakir in front of the stall with a white bandana, white kafni and lungi, with a jholi, a wooden staff in armpits and a tumbler in hand. His face was a replica of Baba's. Shri Raoji involuntarily started to come out from the counters. The fakir sternly admonished him with quick nods of his chin, "Dekh, dekh wo loghon ke liye kya hona dekh. Halo mat" (Don't move. Look to what they need.) Another minute passed. The fakir was still standing with a twitch of smile on his face. Shri Raoji could no longer restrain himself. He started to move round the corner to come out. Simultaneously, the fakir moved away. When Shri Raoji came out, the fakir was nowhere to be found. The people in the stall said they did not see any fakir of his description at all. Nobody saw him. Instead they questioned how a fakir will come there without purchasing a ticket. However, he instantly felt like an elixir shot into his veins and his flagging zeal was rebuilt enabling him to attend to his ordained chores with redoubled vigour. Though that was the umpteenth time when Shri Sai Baba gave vision to him that day listening to his wonderful account, I quickly changed my ideas of God-realisation. Our eyes touched tears for his incomparable sense of decorum when he returned the money he took from us. His 'Shirdi Saibaba Shibir' was a grand success in more than one respect. Many people became Sai devotees. More sales for Shri Sai Satcharit and other books and more subscriptions for Shri Sai Leela. A greater build up of faith and, above all, an insatiable craving for us to write more and more of Sai experiences.

Shri Hanumantha Rao is expressing himself that he will again open the stall in the Exhibition starting from 1st January, 1983. We raise our hands in supplication to Shri Sai Baba to provide him with men and material to help him with a missionary zeal so that he may have some respite in his old age. ★

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Installation Ceremony of Shree Udyan Ganesh

In an atmosphere surcharged with intense religious fervour and amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns by five scholars specially invited from Pune and Bombay, the silver-covered idol of Shree Udyan Ganesh at Shiwaji Udyan, Dadar was installed in a new sanctum, built of white marble. The ceremony which was held at 12 noon on Friday, 19th November 1982, was attended by thousands of devotees and the board of trustees of Shri Udyan Ganesh Mandir. Vedapatha Pravin Shri Ganeshshastri Shende, aged 85, presided as the chief priest ;while His Holiness Govinda Saraswati Balaswami of Latur (Maharashtra), His Holiness Vishwanathji Brahmachari of Masurashram, Bombay, and Shri Mandlik, from Chicago, installed the idol, to the tunes of Shehnai and the loud Jai-Jaikar of the vast congregation.

The ceremony was preceded by a Havan at which Shri Gopal Hingorani, President of the board of Trustees of the Mandir and Mrs. Hingorani offered prayers.

The following were the highlights of the four-day festival, beginning on the 18th of November 1982 with Uthapana Ceremony and ending on the 21st November, with a musical invocation to Udyan Ganesh by the celebrated vocalist, Pandit Jasraj and his disciples in the evening and devotional songs by Yashwant Dev and Miss. Shobha Joshi in the night; Sadhana Bhajan Mandali's songs on Thursday night, Satya Vinayaka Pooja on Friday morning, Mantra Jagar (Vedic Chants) on Friday evening; Ashirvad Bhajan Mandali's songs on Friday night; Mahaganesh Yaga on Saturday morning and songs from Gitanjali Bhajan Mandali in the evening, and a Kirtan by Ramachandrabuva Pande on Saturday night. There was a Sahasravartan on Sunday morning.

Among the distinguished visitors to the function was Shri B. V. Chavan, Charity Commissioner of Maharashtra, who was present at the Mantra Jagar on Friday evening.

At the concluding function on Sunday evening, Shri Gopal Hingorani, President of the board of trustees of Shri Udyan Ganesh Mandir Seva Samiti, said that the temple which had been established only thirteen years ago, with hardly any roof over the earthen idol of Shri Udyan Ganesh, had now grown into a sizeable institution with a sanctum built out of white marble from Rajasthan. All this development had taken place with the help of small donations given by the ever-increasing number of devotees at the temple. The trustees had never approached any rich citizens of Bombay for donations. He was happy that he had been helped by a devoted band of co-trustees who never took any salary for their work. The temple had established a reputation for a clean accounting of the proceeds all these years. He said that the silver cast of the idol of Shri Ganesh had been prepared entirely out of the silver articles donated by the devotees from time to time. His Holiness Swami Chinmayanandji had installed the silver Kavach. Shri Gopal Hingorani could not help feeling proud at the many charities, which the temple had offered to deserving causes during the last few years. He was sure the institution would grow in the coming years, attracting larger number of devotees as the time passed.

A special souvenir on the occasion of the installation of Shri Udyan Ganesh idol, was released by Pandit Jasraj on Sunday evening.



Shri Sai Rescues Even Without Appeal

In the present days, people are having little or no faith in divinity. Those that are having faith in the existence of the Omnipotent are not firm in their belief; but those with "Nishtha and Saburi" are experiencing the immediate existence of Shri Sai Baba even now. Devotees of wavering faith in Shri Sai Baba would definitely intensify their faith in Him, when they go through various experiences narrated by devotees especially after His Mahasamadhi in 1918. Sai Leela Magazine is doing the best of the services for propagating Sai's faith. If we are devoted and cast all our burden on Shri Sai Baba, we may be assured of safety and protection from Him at all times, even without our appeal. With the ideas prompted by Sai Baba, I am putting forth this simple experience of mine before the Sai devotees through our Sai Leela Magazine.

My daughter Kum. Niveditha, an ardent devotee of Shri Sai Baba, is a student of II B. A., in Govt. College, Nandyal, which is about 3 KMs. (Three kilometers) from our residence. My son Shri Sai Niranjana usually takes his sister to the College every day on Suvega moped; but on 11.8.1982, due to absence of my son at home, I was to take my daughter Kum. Niveditha, to College on the moped. We both started on the moped and in time it gained speed. At one place on the way, a small boy, aged about 3 years, was easing on the foot-path. Seeing our vehicle coming with speed, the boy stood up and I thought that he would either stand in the same posture or turn back to his nearby house. There was enough of space between the boy and the path. As such I did not apply brakes either to stop or slow down the vehicle. In a twinkling, the vehicle reached the destined spot and lo! the standing boy, instead of either standing in the same position or going backwards, suddenly came forward and fell down in the space between the front and back wheel, when the vehicle suddenly and automatically stopped without application of any brakes with the engine working. With this unexpected happening,

when the vehicle stopped, myself and my daughter got down and stood aghast.

At that crucial moment, when I noticed the boy suddenly running towards our fast moving vehicle, I concluded that the boy must have met a fatal end, when he dashed the running moped. In utmost fear combined with confusion and anxiety, my heart was full of deadly fear and as such I did not even think of Shri Sai Baba; but even then, as I cast my burden on Him with the firm belief that Shri Sai Baba is the controlling authority of all my actions, knowingly or unknowingly, the miracle of the miracles happened. No sooner the boy dashed the running Suvega and fell down between the front and rear wheel, the vehicle automatically stopped; and the boy immediately stood up simply crying. The vehicle was not damaged. The boy also was not at all hurt. The engine had not stopped. Both myself and my daughter simply got down off the seats without the least injury. If it were not the kind grace of Shri Sai Baba, the boy would have been dead no sooner he dashed against the fast running vehicle and fell down between the wheels. Shri Sai Baba saved the innocent child from the dreadful death and averted me from the most unpleasant reaction of running to the hospital, Police Station and finally to the Court for being the cause of death of the boy. Had not Shri Sai Baba saved the boy from the clutches of death, my fate would have been different. How kind and merciful is Shri Sai Baba to come to my rescue even when I never thought of Him in the crucial moment with anxiety and fear ?

Shri Sai Baba rushes to save His trusted devotees with His hands irrespective of time, place and distance even till this day, even without any call or remembrance of His divine name, provided the devotees cast their burden on Him. Implicit faith in Shri Sai Baba makes one's life fearless and steadfast. ★

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Friday 29-10-82

From 7-30 p. m. to 10 p.m. in the night, "Warhad Nighalay Londonla" a one man show given by Prof. Laxmanrao Deshpande from Aurangabad was staged and after singing of the Shejarati thereafter the Punyatithi festival of this year, which lasted for four days, was concluded. On a moderate estimate it may be said that during the four days of the festival over 2 lacs devotees visited Shirdi. In the prasad served at the Bhojagriha during the festival a sweet dish was given to all the devotees every day in the usual rates of the lunch.

Kojagiriournima:- On Sunday 31-10-82, after the dhuparati was over, Dr. K. B. Gavankar and his friends from Bombay gave a programme of vocal music from 8 p. m. to 10 p. m. From 10 p. m. to 12 midnight Mrs. Padmaja Sahasrabuddhe performed keertan. The Court Receiver Shri Kakresaheb performed pooja of the Samadhi of Shri Sai Baba and of the Moon. After that Prasad, consisting of milk and pohe (parched rice), was distributed to all who were present on the occasion. From 12 midnight to 5 a. m, on 1-11-82 Dr. Gavankar and his friends gave variety entertainment programme which amused the audience very much.

The following artists gave their various programmes in the Samadhi Mandir during this month :-

Keertan :- 1 Shri Krishna Vishnu Shikhare, Andheri 2 Shri Bhaskarbuwa Ramchandra Ghaisas, Pune 3 Mrs. Padmaja Sahasrabuddhe, Bombay.

Pravachan :- 1 Pandit Gajanan Puranik, Pune 2 Shri Kulkarni Maharaj, Pandharpur 3 Shri Murlidhar Narayan Deshmukh, Shirdi 4 Shri Laxmanbuva Wakchoure, Shirdi.

Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Bhajan, Dance etc. 1 Shri Santosh Vijay, Delhi 2 Shri Vishnupant Yashwant Shikhare, Andheri 3 Shri M. S. Gopalswami, Secunderabad 4 Shri Surendra Suxena, Delhi; 5 Mrs. Nateshwari, Hyderabad 6 Shri Priyanal Gupta Hyderabad 7 Mrs. Maltibai Kulkarni, Pune 8 Shri Bapurao Mane, Pune 9 Shri Surdas Khare, Pune 10 Shri Shekhar Sarode, Pune 11 Miss Vimal Bhausahab Shirke, Jalgaon 12 Shri Satish Joglekar, Pune 13 Shri U. S. Telang 14 Miss Kalpana Telang. Indore 15 Shri Shriram V. Satardekar, Bombay 16 Shri Arvind Pilgaokar, Bombay 17 Shri Bhojraj Salvi, Bombay 18 Shri Makarand Kundale, Bombay 19 Shri Datta Limaye 20 Shri Tryambak Pilgaokar 21 Raosaheb Deshmukh, Amaravati. 22 Shri Bholanath Samel, Bombay 23 Shri C. V. Prasad, Hyderabad 24 Shri Namdeorao Bhoir, Navghar 25 Shri Gopal Surve and Mandali, Bombay. 26 Shri Dattaraj Khot 27 Shri Devadatta Sable 28 Shri Chandrakant Surve 29 Smt. Madhuvanti Surve 30 Shri Suryakant Surve 31 Shri Raghunath Baburao Sandbhor, Pune 32 Shri Rajesh Surve 33 Shri Narayan Kshirsagar, Chikalthana 34 Smt. Mina Rao, Bhopal. 35 Shri Chaburo Ahire, Hanumantgaon. 36 Shri Nandakishor Purohit, Baroda 37 Shri Shrikrishna Gurkhode. 38 Mrs. Niramala Balraj Naidu, Shirdi 39 Shri Vitthal Vishnu Manjrekar, Shirdi 40 Mrs. Prabha Devidas Bhirghe, Laxmiwadi. 41 Mrs. Kamal Raghunath Sandbhor, Pune 42 Miss Maneesha Vishwanath Kelkar, Nasik. 43 Shri. Vishnu Dayal, Kanpur 44 Shri Suhas Bhalchandra Kulkarni, Mulund. 45 Shri Girish Vasudeo Tandel, Navghar 46 Mrs. Gajare, Shirdi. 47 Sopan Gorakshanath Walunjkar, Kapurwadi 48 Shri Madhav Ausarkar, Sangamner 49 Shri Ashok Sharma, West Bengal. 50 Shri Digambar Bhatode, Rahata 51 Shri Shashikant Joshi, Rahata 52 Shri Pramod Baburao Vahadhane. 53 Dr. Shaikh Nazir, Rahata 54 Shri Ahmedkha Gulabkha

Pathan, Rahata 55 Shri Shantaram Mistry, Bombay 56 Shri Dnyanoba Wadekar, Shirdi 57 Shri Harakchand Chandrabhan Runwal, Alegoan. 58 Shri Vijay Bhagat, Sawantwadi 59 Smt. Leelabai Gujrathi, Shirdi 60 Shri Parashram Govind Angare, Bombay 61 Shri Lalit Kumar Joshi, Shirdi 62 Shri Dnyaneshwar Vaidya, Shirdi 63 Smt. Maniben, Hyderabad. 64 Smt. Annapoorna, Shirdi 65 Shri Dayal Babu Saksena 66 Shri Arjun Sukhadeo Chavan 67 Shri Nanasahab Rasane 68 Shri Santasena Bhajanmandal, Pune 69 Shri Baliram Rajaram Dukre 70 Shri Rajaram Runaji Raol, Bombay. 71 Shri Gangadhar Jadhav Pune, 72 Shri Sakharam Raghoji Salkar 73 Mrs. Asha Prakash Phatak, Bombay. 74 Shri Madhukar Nivrutti Bhalerao, Shirdi 75 Shri Vilas Rajaram Mahadik, Bombay 76 Shri Maruti Gunaji Mandavkar 77 Shri Shashikant A. Dalvi, 78 Shri Abhay Jagannath More. 79 Shri Rajan Madhukar Satghare 80 Shri Satish Nagesh Rao. 81 Shri Suresh Rajaram Anjarlekar 82 Shri Subhash Kambli 83 Shri Baravkar Brothers, Shirdi 84 Shri Raghunath Nagre 85 Shri Chaturdhan Nagre 86 Shri Sham Mirane 87 Shri Pradeep Rasane, Ahmednagar, 88 Shri Vilas Paralkar, Bombay. 89 Shreekrishna Bandpathak Sewamandal, Parel 90 Shri Amnapurkar, Pune 91 Shri Manik Salvi Shirdi 92 Shri Vivek Yadavrao Mulay, Bombay. 93 Shri Mahesh Hirakant Sawardekar 94 Mrs. Sharayu Saidas Marathe 95 Shri Kamesh D. Vaidya, Goregaon, 96 Prof. Laxmanrao Deshpande Aurangabad 97 Dr. K. B. Gavankar Kojagiri Utsav Mandal, Kurla 98 Shri Chandrakant Damodar Samant 99 Shri Jayawant Patade 100 Shri Bhalchandra Riswadkar.

Weather :- There was no epidemic or any other sort of disease present at Shirdi during this month, though the day temperature was still rather high, the nights have started getting cool. There used to be pleasant cold in the night. ★



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श्री स्वामी समर्थ सन् १८५७ के प्रारम्भ में अकलकोट में आये । और वहाँ २१ वर्षों तक वे सदेह विद्यमान रहे । इससे स्पष्ट होता है कि दक्षिणेश्वर में श्री रामकृष्ण परमहंस और अकलकोट में श्री स्वामी समर्थ काफी समय तक

एक साथ भूतल पर विद्यमान रहे, अक्कलकोट में जाने से पूर्व श्री स्वामी समर्थ सन् १८३८ से १२ वर्षों तक मंगलवेड़ा में तथा कुछ काल सोलापुर में भी रहे और वहाँ की जनता को अपनी ईश्वरीय लीलाओं से विमोहित किया। मंगलवेड़ा के श्री सीताराम महाराज और बालकृष्ण बुवा के ऊपर उनकी विशेष कृपा हुई। सीताराम महाराज को श्री स्वामी समर्थ का ही अंश समझा जाता था। मंगलवेड़ा में वे 'दिगम्बर बुवा' के नाम से जाने जाते थे। मंगलवेड़ा में ही श्री स्वामी समर्थ ने एक ब्राह्मण की बाँझ गाय का दूध दुहवा कर उससे तैयार की गई दशमी का नैवेद्य ग्रहण किया था और उसके बाद वह गाय बराबर दूध देती रही। इसी गाँव में उन्होंने अपने सेवक भक्त बसाप्पा तेली को सर्वप्रथम काँटों पर शयन किये हुए दर्शन दिया था और तभी से वह उनका परम भक्त बन गया था। इसी बसाप्पा तेली को सन् १८५४ में स्वामी समर्थ ने काटवण के निबिड जंगल में सर्प उठा लेने का आदेश दिया था और वह सर्प स्वर्ण बन गया था, जिससे बसाप्पा को दरिद्रता से मुक्ति मिली थी।

मंगलवेड़ा ग्राम में घूमते हुए श्री स्वामी समर्थ ने एक वैदिक ब्राह्मण बाबाजी भट से पीने का पानी माँगा। बाबाजी भट ने उनको आदरपूर्वक बैठाया और गाँव में से पानी लाने लिए बाहर जाने लगे। स्वामी समर्थ ने कहा कि "घर में कुआँ होते हुए बाहर गाँव में पानी लेने क्यों जा रहे हो?" उन्हें बताया गया कि "कुआँ घर में है अवश्य, पर वह सूखा है, उसमें पानी नहीं रहता"। स्वामी समर्थ ने उसी कुएँ के पास लघुशंका की। फलस्वरूप वह कुआँ पूर्ण शुद्ध पेय जल से परिपूर्ण हो गया और उसी कुएँ के जल से स्वामी समर्थ ने अपनी प्यास बुझाई। तब से फिर कभी उस कुएँ का पानी समाप्त नहीं हुआ। मंगलवेड़ा के एक साळी महाराज को स्वप्न में स्वामी समर्थ ने बताया कि "तुम्हारे घर में आँगन में जो तुलसी का पौधा है, उसके नीचे विपुल धन गडा है। उसे निकालकर सुखमय जीवन बिताओ" और तुलसी के नीचे खोदने पर सचमुच साळी महाराज को भरपूर धन प्राप्त हुआ, जिसके फलस्वरूप मोहोळ में बसकर उन्होंने सुखी जीवन बिताया।

मोहोळ में निवास करते समर्थ श्री स्वामी समर्थ एक बार पन्डरीनाथ नामक व्यक्ति का जूता पहनकर रवाना हो गये। एकनाथ पन्डरीनाथ से कहने लगा कि "तुमने अपना जूता इस पगले को दे दिया। अब काका तुम्हारी चमडी

उछेड लेंगे” । इतने में ही श्री स्वामी समर्थ वहाँ प्रगट होकर बोलें कि “अपना जूता लो । अब काका तुम पर रुष्ट न होंगे” । पन्डरपुर से लौटते समय पूर (बाढ) पर आई हुई भीमा नदी के जल पर चलकर स्वामी समर्थ सकुशल नदी पार कर गये थे ।

सन् १८५४-५५ में श्री स्वामी समर्थ मोहोळ से सोलापुर आए । उन्होंने रामभाऊ गुर्जर के घर पर निवास किया । दर्शनार्थियों की भीड बढ़ने लगी । एक दिन श्री स्वामी समर्थ दत्त मन्दिर के बरामदे में बैठे हुए थे । चितोपन्त टोळ नामक एक दत्त भक्त ने उनके दिगम्बर रूप को देखकर मन ही मन कहा कि “ये अवश्य कोई सिद्ध पुरुष होने चाहिये” । मन में सोची गई इस बात का उत्तर देते हुए स्वामी समर्थ ने कहा कि “मैं सिद्ध पुरुष हूँ या बेकार हूँ, इससे तुमको क्या मतलब ? तू अपनी राह जा” । यह सुनकर चितोपन्त टोळ ने मन में ही कहा कि “ये तो कोई अन्तर्यामी जान पड़ते हैं” । तब स्वामी समर्थ बोले “मैं अन्तर्यामी हूँ कि कौन हूँ ? तू अपनी राह जा । तुमको इस सबसे क्या मतलब ?” । तभी से श्री चितोपन्त टोळ उनके अनन्य भक्त बन गये । इन्हीं चितोपन्त के पुत्र विष्णुपन्त कचहरी में अनुपस्थिति के बावजूद स्वामी समर्थ ने अधिकारियों के समक्ष उन्हें उपस्थित दिखाकर अपनी ईश्वरीयता का परिचय दिया था और विलम्बसे आने पर जब विष्णुपन्त ने अपने अधिकारियों से इसके लिए क्षमा-याचना की तो अधिकारियों ने विष्णुपन्त को पागल समझा ।

सोलापुर से श्री स्वामी समर्थ अक्कलकोट आये । एक बार श्री क्षेत्र गाणगापुर से कोई भक्त पुजारी स्वामी समर्थ के दर्शनार्थ अक्कलकोट आया । स्वामी समर्थ ने उससे पूछा कि “तुम कहाँ से आ रहे हो ?” उस पुजारी ने कहा “गाणगापुर से” । स्वामी समर्थ ने पूछा “वहाँ कौन से देवता का वास है ?” भक्त ने उत्तर दिया “नृसिंह सरस्वती का” । तब स्वामी समर्थ ने उससे कहा “मेरा ही नाम नृसिंह भान सरस्वती है, अनेक बार मैंने ही राम, मैंने ही कृष्ण ऐसे अनेक अवतार ग्रहण किये हैं” । इस पर एक भक्त ने पूछा “आप कौन हैं ?” तब स्वामी समर्थ ने उत्तर दिया था “दत्त नगर, मूळ पुरुष, वटवृक्ष ।”

एक त्रैरिस्टर ने प्रश्न किया कि आप कहाँ से आए ? तब स्वामी समर्थ ने उत्तर दिया था कि “पहले मैं कदली वन से निकला । घूमते-घूमते कलकत्ता वगैरह शहर देखे । बंगाल में घूमकर काली का दर्शन किया । फिर गंगा के

किनारे-किनारे हरिन्दार, बद्रीनारायण, केदारनाथ घूमते हुए आया। वहाँ से गोदावरी में स्नान करके उसके किनारे-किनारे हैदराबाद गया। कुछ दिन वहाँ रहकर पन्डरपुर आया। पन्डरपुर से बेगमपुर, वहाँ से मोहोळ और मोहोळ से सोलापूर आया और अब अक्कलकोट में हैं।

अक्कलकोट के राजासाहब स्वामी समर्थ के प्रति बड़ी श्रद्धा रखते थे। वे उनको साक्षात् दत्तावतार ही समझते थे। १८५७ से १८७८ तक २१ वर्ष श्री स्वामी समर्थ ने अक्कलकोट में वास करके अपनी असंख्य ईश्वरीय लीलाएँ दिखाईं। चोलप्पा कुटुम्ब पर दिव्य दृष्टि की। राजासाहब का उद्धार किया। अनेक शंकालु लोगों ने उनकी नाना प्रकार से परीक्षाएँ लीं और उनकी अलौकिक महिमा से हतप्रभ रह गये।

स्वामी समर्थ का सर्व प्रिय भजन था—“शिव हर शंकर नमामि शंकर शिव शंकर शम्भो” जिसे वे सदैव गाया करते थे। स्वामी समर्थ अब देह-त्याग करने वाले हैं, इसका भान उनके सतत सम्पर्क में रहनेवाले भक्तों को पहले ही हो गया था। शक संवत् १८०० (सन् १८७८ ई०) में अन्तिम दिन श्री स्वामी समर्थ ने यही भजन गाया। उनके पास उपस्थित सेवक भक्तों ने भी यह भजन गाया और इसी भजन के साथ उन्होंने अपना इहलोला समाप्त कर दी। आज देश में अनेक स्थानों पर श्री स्वामी समर्थ के आश्रम या मठ हैं, जिन पर उनके अधिकारी भक्त मठाधीश के रूप में प्रतिष्ठित हैं! स्वयं अक्कलकोट में स्वामी गजानन महाराज का गुरुदेव आश्रम है, जहाँ पर नित्य मठ की प्रचलित परंपरा के अनुसार ही पूजा-अर्चा होती है। स्वामी गजानन महाराज की अक्कलकोट के स्वामी समर्थ के स्थानापन्न उत्तराधिकारी के रूप में मान्यता है और अक्कलकोट जाने वाले दर्शनार्थी उनका भी दर्शन और आशीर्वाद प्राप्त करके अपने को कृतार्थ समझते हैं। अक्कलकोट के स्वामी समर्थ शरीर में अब नहीं हैं, फिर भी अपने भक्तों को स्वप्न में दर्शन देते तथा संकटों में निरन्तर सहायता करते रहते हैं। श्री साईं बाबा का यह वचन “नित्य मी जिवन्त जाणा हेचि सत्य” श्री स्वामी समर्थ पर भी अक्षरशः लागू होता है। श्री स्वामी समर्थ की जय।

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तेरी चरण चंपी करके शिवरूप का अनोखा दर्शन पाया ॥
तेरे दर्शनकी आस लिये ॥ ४ ॥

गुरुस्थानमें चरण वंदन निम्ब वृक्षकी घनी घटामें घनि तृप्ति ।
दूरसे चावडीमें तेरी तस्वीर निहारी मैं हो गई बारी बारी ॥
तेरे दर्शनकी आस लिये ॥ ५ ॥

नंदादीप तेरा दैवी तेज दत्तावतारी दर्शन साई का पाया ।
गगनचुंबी पेड और पंछी कलरवमें साईको मैंने देखा ॥
तेरे दर्शनकी आस लिये ॥ ६ ॥

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मुक्तानन्द स्वामी

पूर्णिमाकी रात्रीको चंद्र खितीज परसे जब आकाशके मध्यभागकी ओर जा रहा था तब रातके ठीक ग्यारह बजकर बीस मिनीटको गणेशपुरी के स्वामी मुक्तानन्द जीवन्की उर्ध्वगामी यात्रामें चल गये । शरीर का नाता तोड़कर अनन्त की यात्रामें निकल चले । असा कहा जाता है की महापुरुष कमी मरते नही । जिन्दगीमें हर कदम इस कदर बढ़ते है जिस कदम पर हमे चलने का सहारा मिल जाता है । महापुरुष चलते है, रहते है, जीते है लेकिन उनकी रहनसहन हमेशा दूसरों के लिए मिसाल बन जाती है ।

ऐसे ही अब्बल दर्जे के आध्यात्मिक पुरुष स्वामी मुक्तानन्दजीने पूर्णिमा की रात को जीवन से मुक्ति पायी । उनकी शरीरमुक्ति के बाद सब को ये ही महसूस हुआ । पूर्णिमा के दिन जिन का जन्म हुआ ऐसे मुक्तानन्दजीने पूर्णिमा की रात्री को ही अन्तिम दिन बनाकर एक तेजस्वी वर्तुल पूरा किया है । उन्होंने थोडे समय पहले ही अपना आध्यात्मिक और अन्य धार्मिक कार्यक्रमों का उत्तरदायित्व अपने शिष्य को सौंपकर कहा था अमी मैं आस्ते आस्ते मुक्त हो रहा हूँ । मुक्ति का एहसास कर रहा हूँ ।

मुक्तानन्दजी का आत्मा ईतवार की पूर्णिमा के दिन अनन्त मे लीन हो गया और शरीर मंगलवार को मुक्त हुआ । हरद्वार के महामण्डलेश्वर स्वामी ब्रह्मानन्दजीने मुक्तानन्द के शरीर को अन्तिम संस्कार हजारों भक्तों की अभुभरी मौजुदगी में गणेशपुरी में किया । उसके पहले स्वामी मुक्तानन्दजी का पार्थिव देह शास्त्रोक्त मन्त्रोच्चारों के साथ उनके गुरु गुरुदेव नित्यानन्दजी के समाधि मंदीर में लाया गया । वही से सिद्धपीठ आश्रम में वापिस लाने के बाद समाधि संस्कार किया गया ।

कुदरत का ये कैसा अजिबोगरिब करिश्मा है कि मुश्किलसे एक फुलांगका अंतर जो गांवदेवसे गणेशपुरीका है स्वामीजीको पालखीमें तय करना पडता है जो अन्तर स्वामीजी हमेशा गंजराज पर बैठकर तय करते थे ।

स्वामीजीने जिस देहसे मुक्ति पायी उस देहको आजसे करिवन ७४ साल पहले बुध पूर्णिमा के दिन १५ मई १९०८ के दिन धारण किया था । उनका

जन्म हालके कर्नाटक राज्यके उडीपी जिलेमें मंगलोरके पासवाले गाँव में हुआ था। उनका घराना धनिक परिवारो में से एक था। सिर्फ पन्द्रह सालकी उमर में उनको उनके गुरु नित्यानन्दजीका दर्शन हुआ। नित्यानन्दजीने बड़े प्रेमसे ये बाल-योगीको गलेसे लगा लिया। उनके गालपर हलकासा तमाचा लगाया जो एक प्रकारका शक्तिपात ही था। उसके बाद दस महिनेमें ही यह नवयौवक परम तत्त्व-सनातन सत्य की खोजमें घरसे बाहर निकल गया। घूमते घूमते हुबलीमें सिध्वारूढ स्वामिके मठ में आ गये और सन्यास लेकर वेदान्त और योग का प्राथमिक अभ्यास किया। सिध्वारूढ स्वामी के महासमाधिके बाद कुछ उच्चतम कश्चको प्राप्त करनेके लिए मुक्तानन्दजीने चलकर देशका दौरा किया। पचास साल की भाग दौड़ के बाद आखिर गणेशपुरी आए। सन १९५६ में नित्यानन्दजीने वहाँ ही रहनेका आदेश दिया जहाँ उन्हें गुरुकृपा प्राप्त हुई। नव सालकी कठोर तपस्या और साधनाके बाद उन्हें अन्तिम लक्ष्य प्राप्त हुआ। सन १९६१ में स्वामी नित्यानन्दजीने समाधि ली। गुरुदेवकी स्मृतिमें मुक्तानन्दने गणेशपुरीसे एक किलोमीटर की दूरी पर उनके आश्रमको 'गुरुदेव आश्रम' का नाम दिया।

मुक्तानन्दजीके जिवनकी दो बड़ी उपलब्धियाँ हैं। उनकी पहली सिध्दी है 'शक्तिपात दीक्षा' जिसके जरीये भक्तोंकी आध्यात्मिक उन्नति और अन्दरौनी चेतना जागृत होती है दूसरी सिध्दीमें उनका लिखा हुआ पुस्तक 'चित्त शक्ति विलास'। ये ग्रन्थमें स्वामीजीने निजी आध्यात्मिक अनुभवोके साथ सिध्दयोगका बड़ा गहरा विवेचन किया है।

ऐसे सिध्द योगीके बारेमें 'साई लीला' में लिखना इसी लिए उचित है कि मुक्तानन्दजीने शिरडी को उनका दूसरा गुरुस्थान माना है। शिरडीमें वे बार बार आते थे। उन्होंने अक्सर अपनी भावना प्रगट की है। "अगर यदी मेरे नित्यानन्दजी गुरु है तो जब मैं शिरडी में पाँव रखता हूँ और साईबाबा का दर्शन करता हूँ तब मुझे परम शांति मिलती है। मेरें दिल को तसल्ली हो जाती है।" और कहने की यहाँ कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है कि श्री मुक्तानन्दजीने शिरडी में कई सार्वजनिक मकानोंका शिलान्यास या उद्घाटन किया है।

अंतमें, उनको एक ही श्रध्दांजली दे सकते हैं। मुक्तानन्दजी जो शरीरसे

मुक्त हो गये लेकिन भक्तों के हृदयमंदिरमेंसे मुक्त नहीं हो सकते । आपके लिए हमे जो भाव, आदर और श्रद्धा है हमेशा रहेगी ! आपको लाख लाख वन्दन ।

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अन्तर्यामी साई

अन्तर्यामी साई मे
राम की वास है
त्रिमूर्ती दत्त के
वे अवतार है

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साई के चेहरे पर
सूरज का तेज है
उनका मन चाँद जैसा
शीतल है

॥ २ ॥

साई के भक्ति मे
पवित्रता भरी है
उनकी सेवा मे
चन्दन की वास है

॥ ३ ॥

साई का नाम लेनेसे
भक्त को मुक्ति मिलती है
उनके आशीर्वाद से सबकी
मनोकामना पूरी होती है ॥ ४ ॥

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प्रभु दर्शन दे जाओ

मेरे भगवन् साई बाबा

दरस दिखाने आओ ।

प्यासी आँखें राह देखतीं

मन शीतल कर जाओ ॥ १ ॥

आशा और विश्वास रहे

साई नाम की प्यास रहे ।

भटक गये अपनी मंजिलसे

हमको राह दिखाओ ॥ २ ॥

करते हैं कितनी अभिलाषा

छिपी रही जीवन की आशा ।

शिर्डी प्यारी देख सकें हम

अपने धाम बुलाओ ॥ ३ ॥

तेरे नाम का अमृत साई

दुनिया ने है प्यास बुझाई ।

श्रद्धा और भक्ति मिल जाये

यह वरदान दे जाओ ॥ ४ ॥

मेरे भगवन् साई बाबा

दरस दिखाने आओ ॥

श्रीमती इन्दु मिश्र

श्रीराम वार्ड मण्डला, म. प्र. ४८१६६१



ॐ साई

निसदिन चिन्तन कर ले भाई !

ओम् साई हर ओम् साई ॥ ४ ॥

नादब्रह्म की मंगल लहरी
पावन करती मनकी नगरी
तपन मिटाये अन्तर्मन की
ओम् साई हर ओम् साई

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जैसे जैसे बढे साधना
भजन कीर्तन नित उपासना
लगे लगन यों गुरुदर्शन की
ओम् साई हर ओम् साई

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गुरु भक्ति की महिमा न्यारी
उज्वल होवे काया सारी
रहे भावना नित समर्पण की
ओम् साई हर ओम् साई

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गुरु सेवा ही 'हरी' की सेवा
सेवा में ही मिलता मेवा
लीला ऐसी गुरु चरनन की
ओम् साई हर ओम् साई

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बिन गुरु ज्ञान जगत् में दुर्लभ
'गुरुमंत्र' ही भवतारक सुलभ
आत्मशक्ति गुरु चिन्तन की
ओम् साई हर ओम् साई

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भजन

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आराम से मुझको रहने देना, आंखों मे तुम आकर बसना
दान दे दो इतना बाबा, प्रपंच करलूं मै यह पूरा
शादी बियाह की रहेना चिन्ता, कर दूं मै अपना फरज् अदा
फिर मैं रहू तेरी याद में, कुटीया बनाऊ एक जंगल में
बातें बस तुझसे करूंगा, मन ही मन में सुखी रहूंगा
ध्यान लगा के तेरे चरणो में, मस्त रहूं मैं तेरी याद में
फिकर कुछ भी रहे न मुझको, घर की याद न आवे मनको

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पीछे मेरे कोई न आवे, घर को चलो कोई न कहे
बहार रहे कुटीया मे मोरे, तेरी ही रहम नजर रहे
रोता हुआ वहाँ कोई न आवे, हँसता हुआ ही बाहर जावे
बाग लगाऊ वहाँ मैं छोटा, हरा भरा जो दिखे सदा
तस्वीर तेरी रहे सामने, फूल चढाऊं मै हाथों से

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आनन्द से झुमता रहूं सदा, आनन्द भुवन हो मेरी कुटीया
जय घोष हो साईं नाम का, सुख से रहेगी सारी दुनिया
गीत मैं लिखूंगा खुपी से, गाएंगे उसको सब ही मिलके
दुआ मिलेगी साईं की उसमे, दुखः दूर होंगे एक ही पल में
साईंदास लक्ष्मण देख के महीमा, नाच उठेगा उसका मनवा
खो जावेगा साईं ध्यान में, अन्त होगा ध्यान लगन में

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साईनाथ की अमर कहानी

सुनो सुनो वो दुनियावालो साईनाथ की अमर कहानी ॥ टेक ॥

धन्य वो माता पिता जिन्होने जनम दिया साई को
कहाँ है इतना भाग हमारा हम जान सके उनको
कोई बोले साई हिन्दु कोई बोले यवन
साई नहीं थे इनमे कोई थे खुद वो भगवान ॥ १ ॥

धन्य वो शिरडी गाँव जहाँ साई का रहा ठिकाना
धन्य धन्य वो लोग जिन्होने साई को पहचाना
तन मन धन अर्पण कर उन्होने सेवा का फल पाया
कृपा साई की पाकर उन्होने जीवन सफल बनाया ॥ २ ॥

हिन्दु मुस्लीम सीख ईसाई साई सबके दुलारे
सबके अल्ला मालिक होकर बन गये सबके प्यारे
भक्तिभाव की पूँजी लेकर जो चरणोमें आया
साई ने कभी खाली हाथसे उसे न लौटाया ॥ ३ ॥

थे किशोर जब शुरू में साई शिरडी मे आये
नीमतले देखो प्रकट भये लोगों को भी भाये
आओ साई जब म्हालसानें पहली बार पुकारा
लोगों के संग साई प्रभू को नाम लगा प्यारा ॥ ४ ॥

सरपर रमाल फटी पुरानी कफनी और धोती
फिर भी साई मुरत ऐसी जो कभी न शरमाती
बगलमे झोली हाथमे डिब्बा घर घर मे वो जाते
माँग माँग रोटीके टुकड़े वो वहीसे लाते ॥ ५ ॥

स्वयं ब्रह्म जो विश्व विधाता जिसका रूप भिखारी
छुपी हुई हे बात पते की इसमे प्रभु की न्यारी
जिसने राज थे जान लिया वो हो जायेगा पारे
कर लेंगा वो खुद ही अपने जीवन का उद्धार ॥ ६ ॥

त्रेता युगमें बने प्रभुजी भक्तोंके लिये राम
व्दापर में बने प्रभुजी गोकुल के घनश्याम
अब कल्युग मे बने प्रभुजी शिर्डी के साईराम
जिनके कारण बना हुआ है शिर्डी चारों धाम ॥ ७ ॥

चाँदसे प्यारा रूप था न्यारा मेरे बाबा का
दया भरी थी आँखोमे जैसे सागर करुणा का
सगुण बाबा था रूप एक अनन्त निर्गुणका
जिसने किस्मतका तारा चमकाया भक्तोंका ॥ ८ ॥

चाँदभाई था जब उलझनमे घोड़ी खोजनेसे
घोड़ी फिरसे उसने पायी साई की कृपासे
चमत्कार जब साईने उसको ऐसा दिखलाया
बनकर दास चरणोमे वो साई के आया ॥ ९ ॥

अग्निहोत्रि मुले शास्त्री को चमत्कार दिखलाया
उसके गुरु के रूपमे अपना रूप उसे दिखलाया
देख अनोखा रूप साई का वो मनमे शरमाया
साई है भगवान उसने मन में जान लिया ॥ १० ॥

तेल के बदले पानीसे साई ने दीप जलाये
सवा हाथ लकड़ी का मंचक जिसपर साई सोये
प्रलय काल को रोक लिया शिर्डी को बचा लिया
महामारी जब आयी उसी को बेनाम कर दिया ॥ ११ ॥

समझ लिया था मेघाने साई बाबा को यवन
उसको दिया साईने शिवरूप मे अपना दर्शन
काकाजीको विठ्ठल रूप ऐसा ही बतलाया
देकर दामुको सन्तान उसको खुश किया ॥ १२ ॥

भक्त मिमाजी तडप रहा था बिमारी के कारण
इस लिए आया बाबा के चरणों में वो शरण
धन्य साई की पवित्र उदी जो ऐसे काम में आयी
जान उसी की उस उदीने वापस लौटायी ॥ १३ ॥

जहँर साँपका उत्तराकर शामा को बचा लिया
देकर अपनी आयु ताल्या को जीवन दिया
बायजा का भी ऋण साईने ऐसा चुका दिया
मौत बंटे की उसकी अपने सर पे ले लिया ॥ १४ ॥

भक्तों के लिए साई ने दिये हैं ग्यारह वचन
भक्त वही जो जिसने किया सब कुछ अपना अर्पण
तन मन धनसे जो साई के चरणोंमे आया
वही लाडला भक्त साईका साईने जिसको उठा लिया ॥ १५ ॥

श्रद्धा सबूरी मनमें रखो कहना साई बाबा का
पा जाओगे पूरे फल तुम श्रद्धा और भक्ती का
सुबह शाम साई के ध्यान करो उनके गुणगान
परमपद मिल जायेंगा पूरे हो अरमान ॥ १६ ॥

साई दुलारे बाबा प्यारे सबको छोड़ गये
ब्रह्मरूप ही ब्रह्म से अपना नाता जोड़ गये
दिन दशहरे का याद करो साई भक्तों मेरे
जिस दिन शिर्डी छोड़ गये साई बाबा मेरे ॥ १७ ॥

जो नश्वर था चला गया शरीर जिसका नाम
साई निज भक्तों के लिए बसे है शिर्डी घाम
आओ मिलकर सब गायेंगे साई के गुणगान
ऊंची गगन में लहरायेंगे बाबा के निशान ॥ १८ ॥

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मेरे माँ, बाप तुम बहन, भाई हो साई
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