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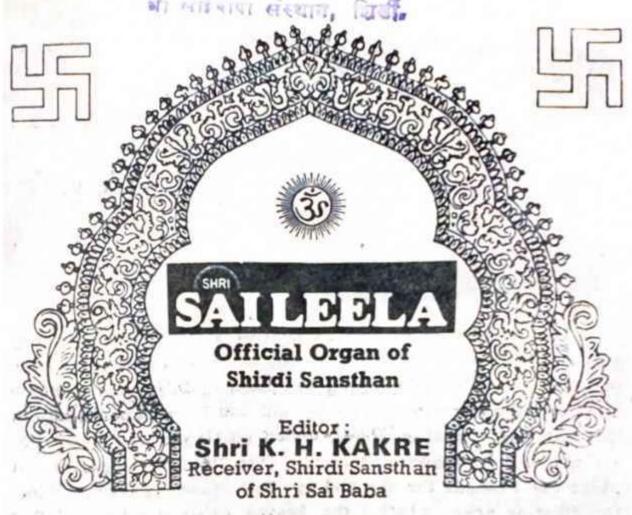
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Where is Heaven?

It is a common practice to say that Shri..... left his mortal coil and went to his heavenly abode, when we know that some one died. It is alright to say so, because this is the common reaction of all grownup people; but when the children hear it, they ask you several questions, which puzzle you and which you are not able to answer properly. Then the elderly people just point out towards the sky and say that heaven is there. Hence the question arises whether the heaven exists at all and if it is there, where is it?

As per common belief the heaven is to be acquired after death if we have done good deeds in this life. This conception of the heaven takes it for granted that there is life after death and also rebirth. Now it has not so far been possible for any body to prove, to the satisfaction of the common man, the existence of heaven and the existence of rebirth; but this conception strangely enough exists even in Christianity, which does not believe in rebirth.

Let us therefore take it for granted that there may exist such a place like heaven as so many people have often times spoken about it. As it is a question of belief, do we not believe in God because we have been told about Him from our childhood? As we say about heaven that nobody has come from it and given us a complete report about its, whereabouts, similarly there has not been a single soul, who has been able to give us a clear proof of the existence of God. Even the saints, who are supposed

to be very near God, have not been able to show God physically to other people. They have often times said that it is a personal experience and that everyone will get it only when he attains a particularly high spiritual level.

We have to consider next how is heaven. The picture of heaven painted everywhere is very gratifying. There is nothing but pleasure in the heaven. There is plently of food of various type to eat. There is the nectar to drink in as much quantity as you want. There are damsels, who attend on you and give dancing programmes. There is no sorrow or pain of any sort. There is plenty of everything and no shortage of anything. Thus the people, addicted to mundance pleasures, feel that all pleasures that they were expecting to have in this world, would be secured by them in heaven; but there is other side to this question also. One poet said,

यदि रामा यदि च रमा । यदि तनयो विनयधियोपेत:॥ तनये तनयोत्पत्ति:। सुखरनगरे किमाधिक्यम्॥

The meaning of this verse is, "If you have a beautiful wife, if you have a son, who is humble and learned, if the son is also having a child, then what more will there be in the heaven?" So this poet was not prepared to wait for getting a place in heaven, about which no definite information was available. Of course, the idea of everyone about heaven may be different. The Mogal emperor, Jahangir, who was fond of roses, had planted several rose-gardens in Kashmir and he used to say that, "If there is heaven anywhere in the world, then it is here. (i. e. in Kashmir)". Thus a place, with all the pleasures, is supposed to be heaven. In Bombay and other cities in India, there are many sky-scrapers and people in those buildings are staying in air-conditioned flats with so many artificial appliances, adding to their pleasures; but just by the side of such lofty buildings, we often see hutments, where the conditions are horrible. There are no roads, no adequate water, no ventilation, no drains and

hence the flies and the mosquitos are living with the human beings in those hutments. The people living in such slums often envy the lot of the people, staying in the lofty buildings by their side and say that they are living in hail while the people in those lofty buildings are living in heaven.

The concept of heaven must have first been invented to show some bait to the mankind in order to prompt them to lead a chaste life and do good deeds in this life; but this has become so common among the Hindu philosophy that the mention of heaven and hail will invariably be found in most religious books of the Hindus. The Puranas are full of stories of devotees of different Gods going to heaven after leading a meritorious life. The Bhagawadgeeta, which is a part of the Mahabharat, has also not been an exception to the mention of (स्वर्ग) heaven at several places. The Lord tells his disciple, Arjuna, in clear terms "इतो वा प्राप्याप्त स्वर्ग जित्वा वा भोश्यमें महीम् ॥ भ. मी. २ | ३ ० ॥ '' 'If you are killed in this war you will go to heaven. On the other hand if you win, you will be ruler of the whole world.'' We find a reference to heven again in the nineth canto as follows:—

त्रैविद्या मां सोमपा: पुतपापा यशैरिष्ट्रवा स्वर्गैतिं प्रार्थयन्ते । ते पुष्यमासाद्य सुरेन्द्रलोकप्रश्नन्ति दिव्यान्दिवि देवभोगान् ॥ भ. गी. ९। २०॥

In the above shloka the Lord says, "Those, who observe all the religious functions laid down in the three Vedas and perform sacrifices, acquire merit (goq) and after reaching the domain of God Indra, enjoy various types of pleasures" Thus the concept of heaven is clearly linked up here with the merit acquired by the people in the life on this earth.

After mentioning thus in the above shloka how people acquire the heaven, the Lord mentions in the very next shloka that this abode in heaven is not of a permanent nature as follows:-

ते तं मुक्त्वा स्वर्गलोकं विशालं श्रीणे पुण्ये मत्येलोकं विशन्ति एवं त्रयीधर्ममनुप्रसन्ना गतागतं कामकामा लभन्ते ॥ भ. गी. ९। २१॥

"After enjoying the pleasures of heaven in this manner, they are born in the world when the stock of their merit gets exhausted. Thus the people, who perform sacrifices and other rituals laid down in the three Vedas, with the expectation of pleasures are moving from heaven to earth and from earth to heaven."

The people in the spiritual world are always advising their devotees in various ways. Some are advising people to lead a pious life and do good deeds in this life in order to get a place in the heaven and enjoy the pleasures there, but as mentioned above by the Lord himself, the heaven might be attractive and full of pleasures; but it still does not relieve you from the cycle of birth and death. After acquiring merit with the idea of going to heaven, you really get the fruit of your merit and you go to heaven; but for how long do your remain in heaven? Not permanently. There is a limit for your stay in the heaven. It is like a ticket for a cinema show or for travel from one place to another. No sooner the show is over, you have to vacate your place in the cinema theatre or no sooner you reach your destination, you have to vacate your seat in the train or bus. Therefore in fitness of things, heaven should not normally be the aim of a devotee or a 'sadhak'. What should then be the real aim of a devotee. His aim should be to break the cycle of birth and death and be out of this cycle. Where do we achieve that? Moksha is the key to break this eternal cycle of birth and death and every devotee should therefore aim at attaining moksha.

We the devotees of Shri Sai Baba are singulary lucky, because Shri Sai Baba no doubt wants us to lead a very happy life in this world, but He wants us to ultimately obtain moksha and not the heaven from which you have to return to this mundane world. In Sai Satcharit we will find a mention about this at several places. The advice of Shri Sai Baba to various devotees as recorded by Shri Annasaheb Dabholkar in Sai Satcharita is only this that Shri Sai Baba will lead you to moksha. In consideration of what has been said so far about heaven, let the heaven exist or not, let there be unbounded pleasures in heaven or not, still we Sai devotees should never think about it, because it is not an end in itself. Shri Sai Baba wants his devotees to obtain moksha at the end of their life and He is prepared to lead them there. Then let us all Sai devotees follow Shri Sai Baba and choose moksha between heaven and moksha and get out of this cycle of birth and death with the blessings of Shri Sai Baba, who is always looking at us, with His hand raised, to give us Ashirwad.

## The Governor Visits Shirdi

In recent years, Shirdi is becoming a more and more popular place of pilgrimage. Devotees from the nook and corner of this country pay a visit to this temple and people from abroad also make it a point to come here for darshan as frequently as possible. The income of the Sansthan is increasing by leaps and bounds and only in the month of January 1981, it amounted to Rs. 2, 87, 631. This figure of the income gives us a rough idea of the popularity of this shrine among the masses. The doors of this temple are open to people of all castes and creeds. Hence the poor and the rich come over here with equal devotion and pray to Shri Sai Baba simultaneously. Some pay a visit only for taking darshan. Some others stay here and go through other rituals. Thus this is a place of mental solace to thousands of devotees.

Shri O. P. Mehra, the Governor of Maharashtra, who is a devotee of Shri Sai Baba, visited Shirdi Sansthan on 31-1-81, for the first time after his appointment as the Governor of the

Maharashtra State, In spite of his tight schedule of appointment s in the Ahmednagar District, Shri Mehra came to Shirdi on that day at about 11-20 a. m. He and his family members did the Abhishek on the Samadhi with full faith, after going through the routine rituals. Mrs. Satya Mehra, the wife of the Governor, and his two sons, Rahul and Avinash, accompained the Governor. They all were pleased with the arrangements made for the Abhishek and gave complements to the Court Receiver, Shri Kakresaheb for managing the affairs of the Sansthan ably.

As it was the time for the noon-arti, the Governor and his family members sung the noon-arti alongwith all the other devotees, who were present for the arti. After the arti was over, usual prasad was distributed to the devotees, who attended the arti. The Governor was then felicitated by the Shirdi Sansthan by offering him a coconut and a shawl as the Prasad of Shri Sai Baba. Prasad was also offered to both his sons, Rahul and Avinash by the Court Receiver Shri Kakresaheb. Mrs. Satya was also suitably felicitated by the Shirdi Sansthan. Thus after offering pooja and abhishek and attending the arti, the Governor left Shirdi at about one o'clock.

Alongwith the Governor the following leaders and officials also visited Shird; on 31-1-81.

- 1. Shri Balasaheb Vikhepatil, M. P.
- 2. Shri Shankarrao Kolhe, M. L. A.
- 3. Shri Annasaheb Mhaske M. L. A.
- 4. Shri Rajadhyaksha, I. A. S., Commissioner, Nasik Division.
- 5. Shri S. V. Gupte, I. A. S. Commissioner, Pune Dn.,
- 6. Shri Anilkumar Lakheena, Collector, Nagar Distrit.
- Shri Bhanage, Dy. Divisional Officer, Sangamner and Shri Dharane, Tahsildar, Kopargaon.

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— Editor]

### My Wonderful Experience

A miracle happend to me, which I would like to narrate. It was nothing but the Leela of Sadguru Sainath. This has increased my faith in Him and I wish to share it with other readers of Shri Sai Leela.

Sainath's Mahasamadhi day in October is the time, when I make my annual pilgrimage to Shirdi. I look forward to this day eagerly, and make all arrangements even one month earlier. Usually my mother and a close friend accompany me. This was our fifth pilgrimage.

One of the items I take for offering at His feet is eleven laddus. This year I had booked for 15th October. I told a brahmin customer of mine, who makes sweets, to give some laddus for me to take to Shirdi. But he expressed his inability due to the scarcity of sugar. He said he had stopped making sweets and was not able to supply the laddus. Then my elder brother agreed to procure the laddus from some good sweet-meat shop at Ernakulam.

Three days before starting, another brahmin customer of mine, quite unexpectedly, volunteered to make the laddus if he was given all the ingredients. But the minimum that he could make was fifty. As desired by him, I gave ½ Kg. of Bengal gram powder, 1½ Kg. sugar, 1 Kg. Dalda, 250 gms. pure ghee 100 gms. sugar candy, 50 gms. cashew nut, 50 gms. dry grapes and 5 gms. cardamom.

With the above quantity of materials he normally makes about 54 medium-size laddus; but this time he could not believe his own eyes. There were 75 medium-sized laddus! If powder or any other item was more, the proportion would not have been right. If every time he could make this much, he would be making a large profit! He gave me 70 laddus to take to Shirdi, leaving the rest for his children. So this time I took 70 laddus and not 11 to offer at the feet of my God!

I offered part of the laddus on the Mahasamadhi day and the rest on the following two days.

I am writing this on His Orders. This was a manifestation of His Leela. We are unable to explain such a phenomenon in ordinary materialistic terms. Sainath's divine intervention was there in this humble offering of mine.

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## Sai Baba, the Saint of Shirdi By's Shri M. M. Amingad

(Continued from February 1981 issue)

#### CHAPTER IV

## BABA'S DIVINE POWER OR BABA'S CONTROL OVER ELEMENTS

Part - I.

While Baba once sitting in his seat

At Dwarkamai His abode favourite

Foresaw Mari Mai wroughting something unfavourite,

And suddenly got up and began to grind corn wheat.

Devotees present dared not to ask,

The sudden change wrought in Baba's task,

They simply were dumb-founded,

To see Baba's power unbounded.

The news spread like a wild fire,
And the whole hamlet rushed to see the Sire,
The populace there was looking aghast,
Eagerly waiting to see what is coming fast.

From among the crowd gathering,

Four women folk proud came running,

And took the stake in hand smiling,

To relieve Baba of His task grinding.

While grinding the corn wheat,
They were singing in praise of Baba's treat
And were musing in their minds in silence
To carry the wheat flour in variance.

Baba the seer homeless
Baba the fakir issueless
So thought the women careless
And mused to share the flour needless.

The women their task finishing
Were making parts four therein
And were about to carry home their share
But Baba snubbed them then and there.

When on his frown cooled

Baba asked the women then pooled

To fill the scuttle basket cull

And to throw the flour on the outskirts dull.

The women suddenly left the mosque And emptied the full scuttle basket On the outskirts of Shirdi where Baba had asked them to sprinkle there.

The women returned in dispair

Baba sitting there yet to declare

The mystery behind the grinding,

And the flour on the outskirts sprinkling.

On a question by the devotees, Baba gave out the locality The spreading of disease by Mari Mai In the vicinity of Dwarakamai.

The sprinkling of flour on the outskirts where Mari Mai had rooted her tent there Was a remedy to root out her evil spirit To save the souls of hamlet's simple spirits.

Thus He saved the souls so worried

And saved them from the clutches of sta to

And made them live happy and contented Till the last hour of life is intended.

O! Baba thus Thou by Thy grinding
Taught the philosophy smiling
To those simple souls unminding
The meaning of Thy ever grinding.

The wheat connoted the sins of devotees Committed unknowingly in their mind's cavities And the two stones of the hand-mill meant The cult of one's Karma and Bhakti Kent.

The handle of the stone-mill with which Thou worked spoke of the Jnana in rich That helps to know the self realisation By grinding all our sins penalisation.

The self realisation is only possible
When the impulses, desires and sins insoluble,
Are ground between the two hand-mill stones,
And lead all the souls to their eternal domes.

Thus Thou taught Thy devotees,
To get rid of the three qualities
Satwa, Raja and Tama and the egoism
To earn a permanent place in the prism.

#### PART II

When once the hamlet with Baba chatting
The dhuni took a fancy in chasing
And went up and up the terrace
To burn down the earthly palace.

But still Baba made no active move

And sat calm and quiet in meditative mood

So people present shouted in awful fear

And begged Baba to make the fire clear.

The innocent appeal of the gathering
Moved Him to wind off His thoughtful bothering
So He stood up with the satka in hand
To bring the blazing fire to the land.

He ordered the rising fire wild

To come down and become mild

Thus the fire brought down by His wordy

Brought peace and happiness to all the hoary.

#### PART III

O! Baba it was Thy daily practice
To get the sweet oil at gratis
From the greedy merchants all
To burn the oil lamps by nightfall.

Once the Shirdi merchants nigardly
Communed to refuse sweet oil plainly
And when Thou wert on Thy errand one evening
They reluctantly denied the oil giving.

Still Thou not minding their nay
Returned to the Masjid gay
And peeped into the tumbler bare
To find a few oil drops there.

Then Thou poured water in the tumbler bare
And drank it to empty the tumbler fair
To make sure there was no oil there
And with water pure filled it again with care.

Then Thou poured the water pure
To fill the earthen receptacles sure
And wetting the wicks with water clear Thou
Lit the wicks to burn the whole night and glow.

Out of sheer ignorance and superstition The merchants in their own inhibition Wounded Thee Thy feelings of the so-called fakir The saint in whom were absent the worldly vanities.

Perplexed, discomfited and subdued
They crawled at Thy feet in an humble mood
Then Thou spoke to them, now you are crest fallen but feared
So, I now bless you all to get yourselves cheered.

O! Baba I hou knew everything and by
Thy Universal light Thou could shed and bring
The prestine beauty and delight of lighting
By Thy divine power ever enchanting.

Their lapses, faults and imperfections
In their prolific and reckless acts and actions
Thou removed them by Thy power divine and sacred
Which made them feel in Thee a seer ancient and old.

O! Sai the ocean of compassion

Gave the nectar to those drowned in passion

Who lied Thee in their natural folly,

And cheered them to live gaily.

#### PART IV

One day at the evening tide

There was a terrible storm at Shirdi side

The sky was full with thick black clouds

With an intent to fall in torrent over the crowds.

The wind began to blow forcibly And made the clouds roar grossly And the clouds dashing in clash Made the bright lightening flash.

Then the rain began to pour violently
And made the hamlet flooded with water shortly
Frightening the bird's, beast's, and creature's safety
And forced all to rush to Thee for shelter and gaiety.

The people prayed to all the deities at Shirdi
But all of them proved futile to the needy
Then the whole crowd with full faith in Thee
Turned to Thee with a hope to find shelter in Thee.

Thou being very fond of their devotion

Wert moved to relieve them of their commotion

And interceded to calm and quell the storm

Thus helped Thy devotees to bring them to their norm.

Thou came out and stood at the Masjid's end And ordered the storm in thunderous voice end To stop its violent fury and cool down Then all the elements acceeded and bowed down.

In a moment the rain stopped to fall
The furious storm ceased to ball
The moon became visible in the azure blue
And all went home being relieved of their clue.

Thus Thou blessed the simple souls
Of Shirdi the holy land of Thy goal
Of spreading the universal love and peace
Throughout the length and breadth of this piece.

(To be continued)

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## RAMAVALLABHADAS

(Continued from February 1981 issue)

When nothing succeeds we find ourselves utterly helpless and we pray to the Guru as in the following bhajan

## राग-झिझोटी, ताल-धुमाळी

प्र॰ ॥ १२१ ॥ कांहिं केछी नाहिं सेवा । मज तारि छद्गुरुदेवा ॥ धृ० ॥ आम्हि अन्यायी अपराधी । आम्हां नाहिं हृद्खुद्धी ॥ १ ॥ ऐसी पड़ो कीर्तिने काया । ऐसें किर गा पंदरिराया ॥ २ ॥ समाबल्लभदास बळी । जीव दिधला पायांत्रळि ॥ ३ ॥ भी ॥

It is written in the Upanishads that anyone desiring Self Knowledge should seek a Guru who not only abides in Brahman but also has the knowledge of scriptures and is adept in the methodology of teaching. If we are sincere in our quest, we do meet such a Guru and Ramavallabhadas met his Guru as described in the following bhajan.

## गग-भैरव, ताल-दीपचंदी

प्र० ।। ११९ ॥ गुरूँच भजन, इंचि माझे घ्यान । तेंचि पूर्ण ज्ञान, जाण माझें ॥ धू ॥ माझा माय बाप, सद्गुरु सावळा । बहुत कोवळा मजलागीं ॥ १ ॥ सद्गुरूचे पाय, हेचि माझी यात्रा । तयावीण क्षेत्रा नेणे मी हो ॥ २ ॥ तोचि माझा देवो, सर्वांचा गोंमायी । रमावस्लभपायी, दास पूर्ण ॥ ३ ॥ श्री ॥

The Guru then starts teaching, which consists of logical arguments based upon the authority of the scriptures, anecdotes and stories, lot of humour and innocent laughter. Moreover, every statement of the Guru is consistent with our experience and we observe that the Guru actually lives what he teaches. This gives an authenticity to his teaching.

The teaching begins with the explanation of the fundamental problem Everyone wants to be happy and does not like sorrow In order to be happy, one goes on acquiring material goods for physical satisfaction, getting emotionally involved in people, animals, birds, plants etc. for mental satisfaction or to get University degrees or work for the society etc. for intellectual satisfaction. Now, any action produces a limited result which does satisfy one for a little while. It does not bring about complete happiness and the feeling of inadequacy expressed by "I want....." continues like the fundamental notes of a Tanpura in Indian music.

Since acquiring does not make one adequate, some renounce everything and rush to Rishikesh! But just as acquiring will not bring about fullness, renunciation too does not make one full. The latent tendencies (Vasanas) will haunt the fellow even in Rishikesh and he will lament about the things he left behind! So the Guru makes it clear that no action can bring about what I am seeking. But I cannot stop this seeking which is as natural as hunger, thirst and biological urges. All natural urges have their fulfilment in this world and therefore, this natural urge to be full, complete must also have a solution. What then can this solution be?

Since no action can produce fullness, the only possibility is that I am already full; but somehow I miss it - just as I might have forgotten that my keys are in my pocket and I search for them everywhere. At this point the disciple's attention is totally directed to what the teacher has to say, because from his own experience he knows that nothing that he tried succeeded. The Guru then gives the Mahavakya Upadesha तत्वम्नि "That Thou art" or "All that you are seeking is yourself"

The following owees describe in what way, we have to concentrate on the Lord and also what happens after we come to recognise the Lord.

प्र० ॥ ५२ ॥ नित्यानित्यविवेक । ज्याचेनि भासं । सारासार
निवाड । होउनि वसे । भेदाभेद विरला असे । तो कृष्ण मनांत चिंतियला
। १ ॥ मतें नान ऐक्या आली ज्यांत । दर्शन तटस्थ होत । प्रकृति
पुरुष नुरे हेहि मात । तो कृष्ण मनात चिंतियला ॥ २ ॥ क्षराक्षर जयांत
लोपे । वेदांतसिद्धात हारपे सापे । तत्वमसि वाक्य खुटलें त्या पे । तो
कृष्ण मनांत चिंतियला ॥ ३ । ज्याच्या कांतेंनें कीर्ति कीर्तिसी । ज्याच्या
विचारें वोष बोधासी । ज्याचा अनुभव मुक्तिमुक्तिसी । तो कृष्ण मनांत
चिंतियला ॥ ४ ॥ कल्पांबु डोळां देखिले जेही । भूमिजल तया विस्मयो
नाहिं । तैसा पूर्ण कृष्ण ओळखावा पाहिं । मग उरि काय नसे मना ।
॥ ५ ॥ ऐसें मन ज्याचे कृष्णीं जडलें ! कृष्णें आपण त्यास समतेशीं
केलें । रमावळभदास बोले । कोण उरलें कृष्णाविण ॥ ६ ॥ औ ॥

This bewilders the disciple because all along the 'I' that he knows has been inadequate. Moreover, he believes that he is separate from the world around in which he finds himself helpless. He has also been seeking the Lord and he finds it hard to accept that he is the Lord.

The Guru, of course, is the embodiment of patience and compassion. Slowly he removes the layers of ignorance of the disciple with the explanation of the described in the following owees.

प्रविधा स्था । तमा अकार गणेश । वहूँ वाचे शारदेश ।
कुळदेवी सावळेस । संतचरण नमन । संतचरण नमन ॥ १ ॥ गुरु सकळां
चरणा । काय वानु त्या सुजाणा । केलें उच्छिष्टसेवना । ठाव मुक्तीचा
गायीन ॥ १ ॥ दह पंचकोश काशी । नाम घेता पाप नाशी । पहा
तारक जगासी । महाविवेकचतुर । पंचकोशा माजी ॥ ३ ॥ पहिला
काश हा अलाचा । दुसरा कोश हा प्राणाचा । तिसरा कोश हा मनाचा ।
चवथा अनुभवाचा । होय बुद्धीचा निश्चर्ये ॥ ४ ॥ पांचवा आनंदाचा
अस । आपण विश्वनाथ वसे । शांति पर्वती येतिसी । विवेक जागतां
जग जोगी । भैरव क्षेत्रपाळ ॥ ५ ॥ अनुहाताचा डमर । बोध त्रिशुल
घेतो थोर । प्रेम नांचतो जाचर । विवेक जागता जग जगी । भैरव

तिहीं लोकी ॥ ६ ॥ बरवा रमावळभदास । करवा काशीमार्जि वास । धरवा भक्तांचा विश्वास । गुरुचरणीचें तीथे । साच भागीरथी । गुरू चरणींचें तीथे ॥ ७ ॥ श्री ॥

The first mistake that I make is to identify myself with my body. The Guru explains that since 'I' knows the body, 'I' cannot be the body. (Cf. Chapter XIII Geeta Kshetra-Kshetratjna) Using similar arguments he discusses the sense organs, prana, the mind, the intellect and dismisses them. Finally the void or nothing experienced in deep sleep cannot be 'I' because on waking, there is a definite memory of that experience.

प्र० ॥ १०२ ॥ इरि हा एक । हरि हा एक । एकपणाविण संचला सकळ होऊनि सकळ राहुनि । दिसत भास वेचला ॥ घृ० ॥ पतितपावन । अतीतभावन । नेणें तुं कोणाशीं । निजरक्षण । स्वधमरक्षण ; जाणावे तो भक्तां ऐसिं ॥ १ ॥ सागसार अतिविचार । नेणे निर्धार निजाचा । संतसंग पापभंग मिंन रंग हरिचा ॥ २ ॥ जीवशिव बद्धाभाव । न कळे नवल तयाचें । साधनाचे बोलों भी वाचें । नंष्ट्रें मार्ग मुक्तीचे ॥ ३ ॥ भिक्त मूळ ज्ञान फळ । वैराग्य फूळ तयाचें । सद्गुरूचरिंण सर्वस्वशरण मन उन्मन तयांचें ॥ ४ ॥ जागृति स्वप्न मुखुप्ति पाहिं । अवस्था कांहिं नसति । तुर्या उन्मनी । गेलि बुडोनि । कोण तया पुसति ॥ ५ ॥ पिंडब्रह्मांड माया रांड । नाहिं खांडचि तो । ठाण साण केंचे जाणे । नुरेचि आपण अभेद तो ॥ ६ ॥ काय भी पाहूं कोठें मी राहूं । ठावु नाहिंच उरला । रमावछभदास स्वयं । भरोनि सर्वस्व उरला ॥ ७ ॥ श्री

The Guru then takes up the three states of experiences that we undergo everyday, namely, waking, dream and deep sleep not only do 'I' experience these three states, but also every experience of mine must fall in one and only one of these three states. I tend to think that waking alone is 'real' and dream is unreal and never consider sleep. What is common to all experiences is 'I', unaffected by these experiences. 'I' is like a cinema screen on which pictures appear to move. Thus 'I' is

the basis of everything and nothing exists apart from 'l'. The following song of Ramavallabhadas reminds us of the bhajan 'मीचि देवो' of Eknath.

## राग-बिहाग, ताल त्रिवट

प्रभावछभ देवोदेवी । सर्वं गोसावी रमावल्लभ ॥ १ ॥ रमावल्लभ मतीचि मती । रमावल्लभ धृतीची धृती । रमावल्लभ शांतिचि शांती । दांतीचि दांती रमावल्लभ ॥ २ ॥ रमावल्लभ सांविच शोता । रमावल्लभ बोलका वक्ता । रमावल्लभ रहस्यकथा । मतें शोधिता रमावल्लभ ॥ ३ ॥ रमावल्लभ ज्ञानासि ज्ञान । रमावल्लभ ध्यानासी ध्यान । रमावल्लभ मौनासी मौन । असाध्यसाधन रमावल्लभ ॥ ४ ॥ रमावल्लभ तपासी तप । रमावल्लभ सुलस्वरूप । स्पावल्लभ जपासी जप । रमावल्लभ तपासी तप । रमावल्लभ सुलस्वरूप । स्प अरूप रमावल्लभ ॥ ५ ॥ रमावल्लभ स्वयंप्रकाश रमावल्लभ जगदाभास। रमावल्लभ संदेहनाश । रमावल्लभदास श्रीरमावल्लभ ॥ ६ श्री ॥

The Guru then shows how the world seen is but an apparent manifestation of 'I' and so the only thing that exists is 'I' (सत्) Time is merely a concept in the mind of the observer (as is now recognized in Modern Physics after Einstein's discovery of Relativity) and 'I' is independent of past, present and future. Similarly space itself is in 'I' and so 'I' has no limitation of time and space; its very nature is fullness, bliss (आनंद). 'I' is also consciousness (चित्र) because of which I am conscious of my body, my mind, this world etc. The disciple at this point clearly sees that 'I' is (सचिदानंद).

(to be continued)

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## The Beacon Light

[Saipadanand Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji entered into mahasamadhi on the 14th of January 1980. In the following article, Shri Ramakrishnan, Swamiji's devotee from Madras, has paid a very glowing and emotional tribute to Swamiji on the occasion of the first anniversary of his mahasamadhi – Editor.]

A year has rolled by. 14th January is a memorable day for the Sai devotees of Madras and Bangalore in particular and others all over the land.

The calm and smiling face, the penetrating gleaming eyes ever ready to shower love and affection, the flowing white beard and the frail frame dressed in milky white dhothie and upper cloth-that is our revered and respected Saipadananda Radhakrishna Swamiji. You have orphaned us a year ago dear Swamiji but, how could we erase from our memory the indelible marks you have imprinted therein by your loving, sweet and crisp words giving us solace and comfort whenever we came to you with our problems?

How could we fail to visualise the 'Abhaya Hasta' you always presented without any ado, saying, "Baba will make everything alright. Do not worry. Leave it to Him. He will take care. I will pray for you';

And your hand will immediately take from the pouch the udhi and some sweets and give them to us, which will give the desired soothing effect to our disturbed mind. How could we orget the detailed and meticulous enquiry about the health and welfare of each and every member of the family, by name? We used to wonder how Swamiji could remember so many names, considering the hundreds of thousands of devotees in Madras, Bangalore and all over India.

How could we forget the unostentatious and unassuming manner in which you Swamiji, fulfilled the desires of the devotees? Be it a visit to their house to comfort a sick soul and bless him or preside over a function or partake in any other event, your Swamiji did it very willingly.

How could we forget the special care you took to enquire about the comfort and welare of us whenver we came to outstations to attend the All India Sai devotees' conventions? How could we forget the pleasant memories of the evenings spent at Thy Holy feet, reciting the Vishnu Sahasranam?

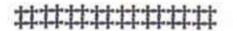
Our mind refuses to believe that you Swamiji, are no longer with us in your physical frame. Yourself sitting in the cane chair in the Hall of our Samajam, surrounded by devotees all round pouring forth their heart to you, or reclining in the easy chair in your room reciting Vishnu Sahasranam consoling the depressed devotees, sitting in front of you, these unforgetable vivid scenes of joy always present themselves to our eyes and refuse to fade out.

How could we survive without you Swamiji, who has been the ambolical chord feeding us with the nectar of Sainam?

We firmly believe that you are always with us, day in and day out, watching us whether we are treading on the right path, chalked out by you for us to follow, and bless us to attain the eternal bliss. Be our beacon light Swamiji, and guide us. Pranams at Thy Holy feet.

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## My Devotional Path

Many years ago, I came across with many people, who spoke very much about Sai Baba and Shirdi Sansthan; but at that time, for me it was just like some stories just hear and forget them.

But it is quite natural that as long as a person does not experience anything in his life, it will be only a saying for him. That was the case with me.

Thereafter, in my life an unforgettable incident happened. I was married in the year 1952. At the same time I lost my job. I hough I was well qualified, with very good experience in my field, I was hunting for a job. I could not succeed.

Meantime my wife was attacked by fever and she was hospitalized. There was good lot of money required for expenses. That was managed by my friends and relatives. Still I could not succeed in getting a job. All this happened in Pune.

Finally, I decided to shift from Pune to Bombay on 15th January 1953. I came to Bombay and stayed with my elder brother at Andheri and started moving in search of a job. Here came the ever remembering day. It remained in my mind as fresh as if happened today only. So as usual, I started my job-searching work and it was the 7th of February, 1953. I was standing on a bus stop to proceed towards Bombay. I was first in the queue and there were very few people after me.

I was deeply thinking of the circumstances. Suddenly, I saw that one fakeer was coming straight towards me and stood in front of me. He laughed and said, "you are fully distressed and you are badly in need of a job".

Just then I looked at the face of the fakeer. He asked me, "do you know Sai Baba?" I said, "I do not know; but I have

heard about him." He then said, "If somebody insists you to believe in him, can you believe him?" I replied, "Why not? Definitely." The fakeer said, "So, I insist on you. You do not waste your time. You go home. Take a piece of paper and write in red ink whatever you want and tie it in a black thread and hang it at the back of the Sai Baba photo and see his kamal." Then he started walking without demanding anything.

There and then I left the bus stop and came home to search, whether my brother has any Sai Baba photo and found that there was one. So next day it was 4th February 1953. After taking bath I wrote on a paper, "Baba I need only my daily bread. Please help me."

To my surprise, on 11th February 1953 my brother gave me one address, which was given to him by his boss, saying, "You send your brother to this address as this person is urgently in need of one Engineer for his factory."

So, on 12th February, 1953 I attended the factory and met the proprietor, who looked at me and laughed and said, "You just now go to the factory, have a round and come and see me." I did the same. I was quite happy and the same time I said in my mind, "I will work very hard and do all my best to develop this company."

Thereafter, I had full faith, confidence and devotion in Sai Baba and started regularly attending Shirdi. Now almost 27 years have passed. Within this period I have come across many wonders showing how Sai Baba helps his beloved devotees.

One day I and my family members and some of our relatives decided to attend Shirdi for the darshan of Sai Baba. So, we booked our seats and made all arrangements and kept everything packed. We were supposed to go by the Kashi Express which leaves V. T. at 6-00 A.M. We went to sleep after setting the alarm to 4 A.M.

What a wonder! We were all in a deep sleep. No one knows when the alarm was sounded. I got up from my sleep only when I heard, that someone was knocking the door. When I opened the door, I found that my brother-in-law was standing with a sorry face. He said that my wife's sister expired. You just imagine, if we all would have left for Shirdi before he came, we all would have missed the funeral. so Baba stopped us by putting us all in deep sleep.

Once we were constructing one cold-storage and insulation work was going on. About 15 to 20 people were doing the work. When all the side-wall work was over we started the work of the ceiling and it was about 28 feet in height. A wooden platform was made for standing and working. So, on the second day, about ten workers started working on the temperory platform. At about 10 A.M. I went for inspection and I was standing just below the platform. All of a sudden the platform was broken, making a big noise. The bamboos started falling and all the workers came down as if they were landing by parachute. All this happened in a fraction of a second. The total factory workers rushed to the spot to see what had happened and when they saw the situation they were quite surprised. They found everyone standing unhurt and they wondered how it became possible? Definitely it is possible, only when someone is always with us to take care of us, guide us and save us from all difficulties. That is our Sainath

In 1970, in the month of June, I was staying at Nehru Nagar Kurla. My elder son aged 16 years came to me and informed that he was going to Ghatkopar along with his friends and that he would be back within an hour's time. It was about 6 P.M. So I and my wife who were standing in our balcony instructed him to take care and come soon.

I was standing in the balcony. About an hour might have passed. I saw that a taxi came and stood in front of our

entrance and one of the friends of my son just alighted from the taxi and started running upto our floor. I myself opened the door. The boy was sweating and breathing fast. He slowly told me, "Uncle, please come alongwith me and do not ask me anything. I will explain to you everything afterwards. Please hurry up."

Meantime, I thought that something untoward has happened and I made my heart stronger and insisted on him to say what has happened. Then he said, "Your son fell down from the local fast train between Vidyavihar and Ghatkopar. We have managed to take him to Sion Hospital and admitted him. He is unconcious. After hearing this news, I felt a little shaky, but I left everything to our Sainath. So I told my wife, "As long as we have not done any evil to anyone, how we will get punishment from our Sainath? So you be sure that everything will be smooth and safe. Let us proceed to the hospital and see everything ourself.

We attended the Sion Hospital and found that my son was kept on a bed for taking him to the opertaion theatre. He was unconcious, but to my surprise, when I looked at him from his head to every part of his body and when I ended my look at his feet, I cried with joy in the name of Sai Baba, "Oh, Sainath, how great you are; how mighty is your power and how kind you are to your devotees?"

Later my son was taken to the operation theatre and some miner stiches were put to his head. He was treated in the hospital for seven days and was discharged saying, "he is quite O.K. but he requires good rest." We kept him at home for 30 days and when he was completely cured we took him to our Shirdi Sainath and performed puja by his own hand. Further, he found no problem in any respect and now he is a brilliant Mechenical Engineer.

Now let me express some of my personal clarifications about the experiences which I have come across. My first thing is to say, it does not mean that if devotees get experience, then only they have faith or they must have faith in our Sainath. How is it that someone only experiences the miracles and others do not? It is not at all like that. Any person, whoever he may be, if he prays Him with his whole heart, having full faith in Him, then Sainath never forgets to help him. His helping hand is just like a dream. For example, mostly all human beings get dreams, bad or good, but all of them do not remember what dream they had. Shri Baba helps everyone. Those who recollect and remember, say to others that we should have deep devotion, kind heart and helping hand to others. They can also then get the chance of seeing the miracle of our Sainath

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## The Help That Shri Sai Leela Gave You

With the publication of this issue, Shri Sai Leela is completing 59 years of its publication. A magazine of this type is expected to guide the devotees on the spiritual path. Our thousands of readers might have derived some help from this magazine in confirming their faith in Shri Sai Baba or in enhancing their faith or in some other way to achieve progress on the religious path. We therefore request our readers to send us articles stating "How Shri Sai Leela helped them to proceed on religious path and to achieve spiritual uplift", which we propose to publish throughout the next year (60th year) as that will help us to assess the utility of this magazine from the point of view of a devotee

## How Shri Sai Came to The Rescue of My Husband Repeatedly

That Shri Sainath of Shirdi comes to the succour of his devotees in times of their utmost sufferings and cures even incurable diseases is illustrated in the following two incidents in in our family.

My husband, an officer in the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, was afflicted with a serious type of cancerous tumour in the bone in his left shoulder joint (Oesteo Clastoma) in the year 1956. He was admitted to the Stanley Hospital, Madras and a biopsy (a preliminary operation for taking out a small part from the affected bone for pathological tests to diagnose the disease) was performed on him in February 1956 and the pathologist determined the disease as Oesteo-Clastoma, as already stated.

Our doctor, a noted Orthopaedic Surgeon in Madras, had his hopes of treating my husband radiologically and so he sent him on to the Barnard Institute of Radiology, attached to the General Hospital, Madras for Radiological treatment. The Director of the Institute, on seeing the X-ray pictures of my husband's shoulder, opined that the tumour was in an advanced stage and that Radiological Therapy will have no effect on it.

On my husband's return to the Orthopaedic Surgeon and telling him what the Director of the Barnard Intitute had stated, our Doctor (the Orthopaedic Surgeon) was very disappointed and told my husband reluctantly that in the circumstances, the only remedy available was amputation of the left arm well above the sholder joint, which in the medical terminology is called "Four-quarter Amputation". Our doctor added that we need not get terrified over this, since saving the life of my

husband only is more important and that he could somehow manage with prosthesis (false limbs) after the amputation. Finding no other way out, my huspand gave his consent for the amputation, which was fixed for the next Tuesday, being the Orthopaedic Surgeon's operation day.

On Monday, the day previous to the operation, the Hospital staff prepared my husband for the operation by shaving and spirit-washing the area where the Surgeon's saw was to work. After this, my husband felt gloomy and a struggle started in his mind whether to subject himself to the amputation the next morning or not. This went on for two hours and ultimately at 5-00 P.M. he picked up some courage and felt determined not to have the amputation, but to face death with his arm intact. Accordingly, he asked my parents-in-law and me, who were standing before him grief-stricken, to bring a vehicle and take him home at once, since he had decided not to undergo the amputation fixed for the next morning. Bewildered, we gazed at him to know what has suddenly happened to him; but we could not insist on his staying in the hospital and subjecting to the gruesome treatment, for obvious reasons. We could only pray Lord Sainath and put our entire hope on Him and bring my husband home against medical advice.

Days passed without any event and my husband used to go to the Sai Mandir at Mylapore, Madras, every morning in the early hours and pray to Him and cry before Him. H. H. Narasimha Swamiji, who was then living, greatly sympathised with his plight and advised him to put his entire faith in Shri Sai. Day-by-day his pain in the shoulder was diminishing and he got more and more relief. His brother-in-law, a Doctor, coming to know of the favourable condition, wanted to fiind out the condition of the tumour after about a fortnight and took my husband to an X-Ray Clinic. Lo, he jumped with joy on seeing the wet X-Ray picture of my husband's left shoulder.

re was no abnormality at all in it! The joy of my people knew no bounds. All of us prayed to Shri Sainath and praised His Leela. After about a fortnight my husband resumed his duty as if nothing had happened.

A year after this incident, i. e., in February 1957 my husband was supervising some shipping operations in the West Quay of the Madras Harbour one morning, when suddenly a crane load of cargo (Burma rice bags) being unloaded from a vessel came swinging over him and landed on him, due to the defective operation of the crane. My husband fell unconscious and was removed to the General Hospital in an ambulance. In the hospital, before anyone came to attend on him, he gained consciousness and insisted on his friends, who had accompanied him to the hospital, to take him home, since he did not intend to have any treatment in the hospital. Accordingly, he was brought home and within a couple of days he was quite normal and fit to resume his avocations.

My husband had a number of other experiences also of Sai Grace in his daily life and the two incidents I have narrated above are the most important of them.

Shri Sai is the Kaliyuga Devatha for our family.

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## Myself And Shri Rege Maharaj

I am writing this article with an intention to benefit the Sai devotees, who want to increase their faith and devotion. There will not be any Sai devotee, who does not know the late Justice Shri M. B. Rege, Retired High Court Judge of Indore. In the devotees' experiences of Baba compiled by His Holiness Narasimha Swamiji, Rege Maharaj had stated the following.

"To me He (Shri Sai Baba) had no limitations. Of course when He was with us there was the fleshy tabernacle. That was prominently brought to our notice at times. But mostly the infinite aspect of His was what remained before me. I thought of him as a mental or spiritual image in which the finite and the infinite blended very perfectly, yet allowing the finite to appear before us at times. Now that the body has been cast off, the infinite alone remains as Sai Baba".

Look at the conception of Baba by a great devotee These statements must give devotees like us to have the impetus to develop faith and devotion. In the year 1967 I was unwell with some nervous ailment. At that time I was praying frequently to Baba to help me to get over the trouble and regain health. I felt that my prayers were not sufficient and wanted help fro a senior devotee, who was fortunate to be at the feet of Baba while He was alive. I wrote to Shri Rege Maharaj requesting him to intervene in the matter, and pray to Baba to bless me, as Madhavarao Deshpande (Shama), who intervened on behalf of the devotees during the life time of Baba and got their desires fulfilled. In reply he had written the following, which will be of great interest, awe-striking, thrilling and very valuable. I am reproducing the same for the benefit of the devotees.

"You have asked me to intervene on your behalf. You will find if you read Swamiji's life of Shri Sai Baba giving a sketch of my relations with Him, that I consider myself no more than an infant in His lap. I have taken a vow not to ask for anything and have tried to live up to the vow. In

adverse circumstances, I pray but leave it to Him to do whatever He deems fit. Our saints have said that a 'Bhakta' with love for God or Guru, should give what he has and ask for nothing. In our prayers we say तत्सद्ब्रह्मार्पणमस्तु. He knows what is best and His grace is infinite. The Sai Sudha November 1966 issue gives the text of what I said at the Sai Spiritual Centre, Bangalore, during the convention of the All India Sai Devotees there. You will find there my view on pleasure and pain and the way to overcome pain. I realise that what I have said is possible only for devotees, who, like Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, or Swamiji Rama Tirtha, can say, 'I am an ingot of gold. Do what you will. Melt the gold and make something, you will, out of it. But even for us this is all we can really ask for. Unconditional surrender to the Guru comes from a steadfast faith from the devotee. You say you are a sinner; but this need not deter you. He is (the Guru) an embodiment of love and forgiveness. Be steadily trying with faith and devotion to seek His grace and leave all else to Him. I hope and pray that you may succeed in getting relief".

Again in the year 1968, I met him personally and the first question he asked was whether I was feeling better. When I told him that I was feeling better, he remarked that it was a good sign and that Baba's grace was therefore being showered on me and that I would recover. While I was conversing with him, I mentioned that I have sacrificed myself to Baba, he immediately corrected me by saying that who can sacrifice himself to Him. It is beyond our power. I felt the great blunder that I have committed by mentioning this word casually without understanding its significance. Oh, Gurudeva, forgive us from all our prattlings, and save us from our ignominy.

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## WHY A SAINT BEGS

A saint, who came to this material world with a purpose to serve the human race will also have a reason to beg for alms. Shri Sai Baba, a well-known saint of the ages is said to have begged for alms. No doubt he moved from place to place and touched every door without discrimination whether rich or poor. He showed equality in this world by begging from all and that was based on a common principle to maintain 'SAMATA.' a key punch for 'Adarshajeevan'. In this drive he found several people in distress. The very resson for the distress was that they never thought of their neighbours. Thus they were not able to limit their wants. The rich like to grow more rich and the poor like to grow rich. Here he found a degree of difference in the nature of wants. He analised this as grievance and suffering. To fulfil the wants of His devotees, He tried always doing some good to others. While doing this He came in contact with others. There He always tried not to take benefit for himself. But helped the devotees to meet their wants

In the present society, taking alms for self will not be accepted; but helping others, and relieving them from their suffering will be appreciated and the society will naturally give aid for such a cause. Shri Sai Baba through his mission for begging alms aided the suffering humanity. Shri Baba preaches equitable outlook to attain samata "SAMATVAM YOGA UCHYATE" is the Geeta Vakyam announced by Lord Shri Krishna in Dwaparayuga and it is true even today. The present manifesto in socialistic government will also speak the same. Shri Sai Baba, in his drive of begging alms, will fill the minds of the human beings with this lofty ideal of equality, which will lead them to attain Moksha. He will be always by the side of his devotees and guide them, "When I am here why do-you fear?" is the Abhayam offered to all by Shri Shirdi Sai Baba. Our duty is to believe in Him and work for Him by serving the human race. That's all the alms He begs from us.

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## Glorious Career of Shri V. S. Apte

Shri V. S. Apte, Chief Accounts Officer of Shirdi Sansthan, completed twenty five years of his glorious career in the service of the Shirdi Sansthan on 22-2-81. He joined the Shirdi Sansthan as only an Accounts Clerk on 22-2-1956 on a meagre salary of Rs. 150/- per month. The Shirdi Sansthan was at that time in charge of the trustees. Later on in 1960, the Court Receiver was appointed to look after the affairs of the Sansthan and six Court Receivers were appointed since then by the State Government. Shri Aptesaheb had therefore to work with persons of varied temperament and it goes to his credit that he worked peacefully with all of them without allowing a single paisa of the Sansthan to be wasted.

In 1968, fifty years were completed for the Mahasamadhi of Shri Sai Baba. Hence a Punyatithi festival on a mass scale was arranged in Bombay at that time. This responsibility was really great. The Court Receiver stays mostly at Shirdi and in his absence in Bombay, several important decisions were required to be taken for successful culmination of the festival. Shri Aptesaheb boldly took all those decisions and proved the festival to be a complete success. Though Shri Aptesaheb has thus to shoulder heavy responsibilities, he never tries to come in the limelight. He is never hungry for his publicity. He always has love for work and he does it as his bounden duty without hankering in the least for publicity.

After the taking over of the Shirdi Sansthan by the Court Receiver, there were many clashes between the trustees and the Court Receiver; but during these trying days, Shri Aptesaheb took the just side and supported it resolutely without caring for anybody's disfavour. Because of his honest and sincere work, he could maintain friendly relations even with the opponents and has been able to maintain them even today. However serious a situation might be, Shri Aptesaheb is always ready to face it squarely. All the staff at Shirdi, including the fourth class

employees, look upon him as their elder brother and guardian and come to him whenever they are in difficulties. The confidence placed by all this staff in Shri Aptesaheb has never proved otherwise as he has brought all of them out of the woods in the most difficult situations. Whenever Shri Aptesaheb comes to Shirdi, all those, who want his advice flock at his room in Gurusthan. Many employees in the Shirdi Office are eagerly awaiting his arrival at Shirdi as they want to ventilate their grievances with him.

Because of all the qualities mentioned above and particularly his efficiency in his accounts work, Shri Aptesaheb, who joined the Shirdi Sansthan as a mere accounts clerk, rose to the position of the Chief Accounts Officer due to his hard and unfailing labour. Because of his close contact with the affairs of the Shirdi Sansthan, Shri Aptesaheb is the living history of the Shirdi Sansthan for the last twentyfive years. Because of his amiable nature, he is always liked and honoured by everyone who comes into contact with him.

Domestic difficulties are always required to be encountered by every family man. Shri Aptesahed has not been an exception to this rule. Some two years before, his wife got a paralytic attack and she was unconscious for many days. Many top consultants, who examined her, had left hope of her survival; but by the efforts of the doctors, the troubles taken by Shri Aptesaheb and his relatives and because of the blessings of Shri Sai Baba, she is still alive and is at home though still ailing. Because of his hard work Shri Aptesaheb progressed so much in the service of the Shirdi Sansthan. I pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that He should bless Shri Aptesaheb with a long life and good health in order that he may continue to serve Shri Sai Baba in the same manner in which he is doing at present.

[Free translation of an article, written in Marathi by Shri A. R. Shinde, Accommodation Officer, Shirdi and published in Shri Sai Leela (Marathi edition) for the month of March 1981 — Editor]

### A Wonderful Sai Leela

By the grace of Sadguru Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, I was able to narrate my experience, as to how I was drawn to Shirdi and my article entitled 'Sai Baba's Leelas' was published in Sai Leela Magazine for April 1980.

By Baba's Grace again, several devotees from other parts of the country wrote to me in appreciation of my article and requested me to write more of my experiences. These letters have opened a new world for me and created a new awareness of the existence of a Sai Sakhya among Sai Devotees.

I have been thinking of writing about my further experiences of Sai Leelas, but Baba ordained me only now, as the devotees of Sai Baba are well aware, nobody can write about Baba's leelas, unless He wills it.

I shall now say, how Sadguru Sai Baba now ordained me to write.

I have been reading the English version of Sai Satcharita of Hemadpant, translated by Gunaji everyday after my morning pooja after performing 'Aarati' before Baba's idol, about which I have mentioned in my last article. I used to read one chapter a day. A few days back, I took a decision to observe a Saptaha of Sai Satcharita, i. e. to complete the reading of the holy book in seven days. On the very day on which, started the Saptaha, a strang thinge happened. An esteemed customer of my bank (Retd. Prof. Shri Gopala Menon) came to me and without any particular enquiry from me, told to my pleasant surprise, that he had been to Shirdi. Shri Menon was not aware that I was a Sai devotee. Shri Menon then nerrated a recent experience of an ardent Sai devotee, from United States. This was conveyed

to him by his daughter. Mrs Laxmi Nair, who is also in the U. S. A., in her letter.

Prof. Menon, when he was informed about my article in Sai Leela Magazine, requested me to write about the experience of his daughter's friend, in the Sai Leela Magazine. Saying this, he gave me an extract from his daughter's letter which is reproduced hereunder:

"Mr. Menon, a friend of ours, who is employed like us in the State,s recently visited his native country, Malabar. From Bombay, he travelled with three of his companions, in a car to his native place. After a few days, stay there, they proceeded to Malampuzha, an attractive tourist centre. They were passing through the village Cherpalcherry at dusk. When it became dark, they were in an uninhabited place and the car suddenly stopped due to petrol shortage. There was no human habitation in the neighbourhood-not to mention a petrol pump. There was none to help Menon out of his predicament; but Menon was a staunch devotee of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi. Menon's friends, knowing that fact too well, themselves having no much faith in the great saint, jokingly remarked, "Well Menon, where is your Baba? Won't your Sai Baba come to your help?" "Let us see" said Shri Menon and deeply prayed to Baba. He sighted a few seconds later, a dim light at some distance. They walked in the direction of that light. They found, a small house, just under construction, an oil lamp, and a Nampoothiri, reclining in an arm-chair and a few coolies surrounding him. Seeing Menon, Nampoothiri said, "I was waiting for you." Then calling his servant he said "Rama, give these children petrol as much as they want". Having filled the car with enough petrol, Menon offered its price. The benefactor did not accept the price. Surprises, one by one, filled them with wonder. They thanked the Nampoothiri and left the place, the whole incident appearing to Menon as a mystery.

On the way back from Malampuzha, they halted at the place where they refilled the car with petrol, to see the Nampoothiri once again and thank him. They could not see any house under construction. On enquiry, they were told that there is no Nampoothiri's house for miles around, no building under construction and no Nampoothiri residing within that locality. No wonder Menon felt, convinced that, Nampoothiri was none other than his Sai Baba, who could light lamps pouring water, instead of oil. If Shri Guruvayurappan can take the form and figure of Mangat Achan and save Poonthaman, from the cluches of robbers, why not Shri Sai Baba appear as a Nampoothiri before his devotee Shri Menon and give him what he wanted, "Petrol"?

My recent experiences of Sai Baba's Leelas were about the miraculous curing effect of Baba's Udi, which I will be narrating in another article entitled 'Greatness Of Udi'.

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### Directory of Sai Temples in India and Abroad

It is proposed to prepare a Directory of Sai Temples in India and abroad. The managers, trustees, etc. of Sai Temples are therefore requested to furnish the following information as learly as possible:

- 1. LOCATION (complete postal address)
- 2. Date of foundation
- 3. Brief description of the Temple
- 4. Management of the Temple (i. e. person or body in charge of the Temple.)

### Report of the Seventh Annual Gathering At Shirdi

Like other social, political or literary annual gatherings. that are held all over our country and abroad, the annual gathering of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela magazine is not a mere annual ritual. The poets and writers, who contribute their articles to this magazine, come to Shirdi every year with a sincere desire to understand the view points of others and to exchange their thoughts with other cantributors and devotees. They are therefore longing to attend the annual gathering from the time they return home from Shirdi after the gathering gets over. Shirdi is to them, as one contributor Dr. Mrs. Sumati Khanvilkar always says, "The house of their beloved father." The longing to go to such a place, where you are carassed and fondled is therefore, quite natural. Hence from the month of November every year, the contributors start thinking seriously about the gathering and go on enquiring with the executive editors, when they meet them, about the dates of the next gathering. Of course, this is always the subject matter of discussion when any two contributors meet each other. Hence this year when the announcement of the gathering was published in the issue of Shri Sai Leela for the month of January 1981, all the contributors felt happy and immediately on receipt of their issue they filled in the form and returned it to the Court Receiver. The Office at Shirdi scrutinized the forms and despatched the invitations to the contributors, who were eligible to attend the gathering. This year the postal staff at Bombay was working to rule and hence the issues were being received late by the contributors. Hence though the last date of receipt of the forms from the contributors was declared as 17-1-81, it was not adhered to and forms received thereafter also were entertained and invitations were sent to them. A list of the

contributors, who were invited, was prepared by the Office of the Shirdi Sansthan at Shirdi together with the total number of persons expected to attend the gathering.

The contributors were requested to come to Shirdi by 2-2-81; but for making the preliminary arrangements, the executive editors came to Shirdi on 1-2-81 and on 2-2-81 they sat in conference with Shri D. C. Pathak, the Office Superintendent of Shirdi Office and Shri A. R. Shinde the Accommodation Officer and finalised the allotment of accommodation to the expected delegates. As this was done well in advance, there was no chaos and the delegates got their accommodation immediately on reporting to the Accommodation Office. The delegates started coming by 2-2-81 and at about 8 p.m. the President, Mrs. Sarojini Muley, also came alongwith Shri Bapusaheb Nirkhe and others from Indore. Most of the delegates arrived at Shirdi by the midnight of 2-2-81 and a few came even on the morning of 3-2-81. The streamer of the gathering was hung at the entrance of Lendi bag and a special pendal was put up in Lendibag for holding the sessions of the gathering. Thus all the preliminary arrangements of the gathering were ready by the evening of 2-2-81.

#### THE FIRST SESSION

At 9 a.m. the President Mrs. Sarogini Muley lighted the oil lamp before the photo of Shri Sai Baba and the first session of the gathering was inaugurated by the Court Receiver, Shri K. H. Kakresaheb. In his speech he welcomed all the delegates for the gathering and said, "With the cooperation of all the staff of the Shirdi Sansthan all arrangements for your comfortable stay, at Shirdi have been made. However there might be some shortcomings. I would request you to put up with them without murmuring. This is not a conference that is being held by political parties or a convention that is being held under the auspices of certain literary societies. This gathering has got the atmosphere of the social gatherings that are being held in colleges and some other social institutions.

Hence I hope that the atmosphere of mutual understanding an friendship will be maintained here upto the last and we will part from here with due regards for each other."

The welcome song was sung thereafter. Every year condolence resolution is being passed in the gathering expressing sorrow for all the Sai devotees, who have passed away since the the last gathering. This resolution was then moved by the Chair and it was passed by all by standing in silence for two minutes. Shri Sadanand Chendanvankar, executive editor of Shri Sai Leela (Marathi edition) thereafter read out the detailed programme of the four sessions of the gathering. Shri Nirkhe, from Indore, then stood up for acquainting the president to the delegates. As he gave, more or less, the same information, which is published in the article about Mr. Sarojinibai Mulye on page 36 of the February 1981 issue, Shri Nirkhe's speech is not reported here.

After Shri Nirkhe introduced the president, she formally took the chair and started conducting the deliberations. The Marathi issue if of Shri Sai Leela for February is usually dedicated to poems and is known as काव्यवहार विशेषांक (special issue of poems). This issue for February 1981 was therefore published by the President. A number of poets, whose poems were published in that issue, were present for the gathering. The prasad, alongwith an issue of Shri Sai Leela for February 1981, was therefore given to all the poets at the auspicious hands of the President. After this, two other books were published by the President. One was a collection of poems on the glory of Shri Sai Baba, composed by Shri D. R. Dalvi and the other was a book captioned Sai Geet Darbar. Shri D. R. Dalvi spoke about his book and told how Shri Sai Baba gave him inspiration from time to time to compose the poems. During the last so many years, a number poets have been submitting their poems for publication in Shri Sai Leela and they have been published in the monthly issues of this magazine. However it was thought necessary to select a few

out of them and publish them in a book. Ultimately with the co-operation of Dr. Indu Naik and Dr. Mrs. Sumati Khanvilkar, Shri Vijay Hajare took the lead and he managed to publish the cherished book and it was published here at the hands of the President. Shri Hajare narrated the difficulties that he had to overcome in publication of the book and requested the President to publish it. Shri R. S Junnarkar had written a novel in Marathi under the title "मशिदीत प्रगटला प्रमेश्वर" He later on translated it in English and it was published at Sai Niketan. Dadar, on Dasara day at the auspicious hands of executive editor of Shri Sai Leela, Dr. Parchure Shri Junnarkar, however, spoke about his book and acquainted the delegates with it. Then all the delegates introduced themselves one by one in short and the first session of the gathering concluded. The delegates attended the noon arati had their lunch and retired for rest.





The following delegates were present at the gathering:

1. Dr. K. B. Gavankar, Kurla 2. Dr. Gajanan Dabholkar, Bandra
3. Shri A. J. Chitambar, Ahmednagar 4. Shri Radhakrishna
Gupta "Chetan' Dombivli 5. Shri Vijay D. Hajare, Borivli
6. Shri D. R. Dalvi, Wadala 7. Shri Anil Rasal, Wadala 8 Shri
Madhav Gajanan Gore, Kurla 9. Prof. Gunderao Patwari, Bidar
10. Shri Jugal Kishor Puri, Chandigarh 11. Shri J. R. Laroiya.
Indore 12. Shri Mahadeo Dattatraya Bhide, Pune 13 Shri
Suryakant R. Dalvi, Bombay 14. Shri Ramakant Pandit, Bombay
15. Shri Gajanan K. Nirkhe, Indore 16. Shri Nagesh Moglaikar,
Dhule 17. Shri Prakash Karpe, Indore 18. Shri Vilas T. Padwal,
Bombay 19. Shri R. S. Ramakrishnan, Madras 20. Shri Sitaram
N. Chande, Bombay 21. Shri L. B. Balani, Bombay 22. J. D.
Dalvi, Bombay 23. Shri S. V. Kulkarni, Kolhapur 24. Shri D. R.
Khadke, Chembur 25. Shri D. B. Potnis, Pimpri 26. Shri R. S.

Pujari, Pune 27. Shri M. M. Amingad, Gulunche 28. Shri J. N. Kulkarni, Pune. 29. Shri P. J. Teckchandani Baroda 30. Shri B. K. Swadia, Malad 31. Sou. Kalavati Chavan, Bombay 32. Sou. Shashikala Revankar, Ambarnath 33. Dr. Sou. Sumati Khanvilkar Lonavala 34. Dr. Miss Indu Naik, Lonavala 35. Sou Tarabai Chendvankar 36. Smt. Lilavati Gujarati, Shirdi 37. Sou. Pramodini D. Potnis, Pimpri 38. Sou. Leela D. Marathe, Dhule 39. Sou. Shanta A. Sarode, Bombay 40. Shri Ramesh D. Chaven, Navapur 41. Shri Jagdeesh Deopurkar, Dhule 42. Shri Nagesh Moglaikar, Dhule 43. Shri Hasmukh Onkar Patil 44. Shri Anilkumar Lutade 45. Shri J. D. Dalivi, Bombay 46. Shri P. G. Kolamkar Borivli 47. Lt. Col (Retd) M. B. Nimbalkar 48. Nivrutti Hanmantrao, Shirdi 49. Shri Ganpatrao Samant, Bombay 50. Shri Dattatraya Mahadeo More, Pune.

(to be continued)



### OBITUARY

Shri Trimbak Damodar alias Appasaheb Rasne, brother of sincere Sai devotee Shri Nanasaheb Rasne, from Pune, expired at Ahmednagar on Saturday, the 14th February 1981 at 9.15 p. m. after a brief illness. We extend our heart-felt condolence to the family members of Shri Appasaheb Rasne in their sad bereavement and pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that the departed soul may rest in peace. —Editor





The rush of devotees, visiting Shirdi, was more or less normal in this month and hence there was no extra strain on the staff of the Sansthan for making arrangements of the devotees. The following programmes took place in the Samadhi mandir during the month:-

Keertan: Sansthan singer, Shri G. V. Joshishastri, performed keertans as usual on Ekadashi days and other important religious days of the month.

Pravachan: - Shri Laxmanbuwa Wakchoure, Shirdi and Shri Narayan K Kulkarni, from Pandharpur, delivered Pravachans on religious topics.

#### Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, bhajan etc :-

The following artists gave their various programmes during

1. Shri Aisheeram M. Manuja, Bombay 2. Mrs. Jyoti A. Manuja, Bombay. 3. Shri Maheshkumar A. Manuja, Bombay. 4. Miss Chand A. Manuja, Bombay. 5. Mrs. Arati A. Jadhav, Vasai 6. Miss Vibhawari Antarkar, Vasai, 7. Shri Divyambarnathan, Bhopal 8. Shri Narayananathan, Bhopal 9. Shri Vitthalrao Shinde, Bombay. 10. Shri Ratanlal Tikku, Bombay. 11. Shri Anilkumar Pagare, Bombay. 12. Shri Anurag Shrivastav, Bombay. 13. Mrs. Titeeksha Balsari, Bombay. 14. Miss Wandana Shirodkar, Bombay. 15. Miss Mandar V. Joshi, Bombay. 16. Shri Vishwanath Shirodkar, Bombay. 17. Shri Milind Joshi, Bombay. 18. Shri

Gopinath Walke, Bombay. 19. Shri Vasantrao Chodankar, Bombay. 20. Shri Mohan Shirodkar, Bombay. 21. Shri Vasantrao D. Pawar, Satara. 22. Dr. V. K. Bhate, Bombay. 23. Sou. Chandraben V. Bhate, Bombay. 24. Miss Krishna V. Bhate, Bombay. 25. Sahyadri Brass Band, Chembur, Bombay. 26. Shri Tryambak R. Kanhere, Satara. 27. Shri Sadguru Swami Prasadik Balmitra Bhajani Mandal, Dadar, Bombay. 28. Shri Om Jay Jay Ramkrishna Hari Bhajan Mandal, Kurla, Bombay. 29. Shri Dattatraya T. Dayal, Satara. 30. Shri Bhagwati Sai Sansthan, Railway Colony, Kurla, Bombay. 31. Shri Chandrashekhar Karnik, Pune, 32. Mrs. Shalan C. Karnik, Pune,

#### Kartiki Mahaekadashi:-

A keertan programme was arranged in the Samadhi Mandir on the day of the Kartiki Mahaekadashi. The Palkhi of Shri Sai Baba was taken in procession through the Shirdi village at night, accompained by music, bhajan etc. Garud and bharud programmes also took place on the day. The shejarati was sung on that day at 11-15 p.m. after the Palkhi returned from the village.

Tulsi Viwaha :- This programme was celebrated in Dwarkamai as usual with pomp and show. Sai devotees were present on the occasion in large numbers. Prasad was distributed to all devotees, who attended the Viwaha ceremony.

Weather: The weather at Shirdi was quite cool and healthy. No epidemic or any other disease manifested itself.

#### DECEMBER 1980

Because of the X'Mas holidays the schools and colleges were closed at the end of this month. Hence many devotees visited Shirdi in this month along with their wards. Excursions also came to Shirdi in large numbers. Hence there was constant rush of devotees, coming to Shirdi and during the whole month,

the staff of the Shirdi Sansthan had a very busy time. There was a record crowd on 25-12-80: The following programmes took place in the Samadhi Mandir during this month.

Keertan! - 1. Sansthan Singer, Kavyateerth, Shri G. V. Joshishastri performed keertans on Ekadashi days and other important religious days. 2. Shri Shreeram S. Deo, from Thane, also performed keertan in the Samadhi Mandir.

Pravachan :- Shri Nivrittirao Patil delivered a Pravachan on a religious topic.

#### Vocal music, Instrumental music, Bhajan etc :-

The following artists gave their various programmes during the month:-

1. Shri Maruti H. Patil, Bombay 2. Sou. Malan S. Kolhapurkar, Kolhapur. 3, Smt. Aban B. Mistry, Bombay 4. Miss K. K. Jijeena, Bombay 5. Shri Mukund S. Deo, Thane 6. Sou. Manjiri S. Deo, Thane 7. Shri V. R. Gode, Bombay 8. Sou. Usha V. Gode, Bombay 9. Shri Chandrakant V. Gode, Bombay 10. Shri Vitthal D. Patki, Bombay 11. Shri Shaikhbaba, Kopargaon 12. Shri Rameshkumar A. Chavre, Shirdi 13. Shri Tukaram A. Mirghe, Ganagapur 14. Sou. Sumati Dharmadhikari, Bombay 15. Shri Kumarsen Gupte, Bombay 16. Shri Maheshkumar Nargisrao. 17. Sou. Madhuvanti M. Mirashi, Bombay 18, Shri Mukund S. Mirashi, Bombay 19. Shri Sadashiv K. Barve, Bombay 20. Shri Vijay P. Thombre, Vasai 21. Shri Saibaba Society Bhajan Mandal, Hyderabad 22. Shri Indraprakash Metha, Chandigad 23. Shri Pandurang P. Joshi, Gwalior 24. Miss Vasantsena 25. Miss Maithili 26. Shri S. Balchandran 27. Smt. V. Mahalakshmi 28. Smt V. Saraswati 29. Shri R. Gopalkrishna 30. Shri Maruti 31. Shri Sawant 32. Shri P. N. Pai 33. Sou, Mukta Pai, Chembur, Bombay.

Dattajayanti t- On Sunday 21-12-80, Dattajayanti festival was held at Shirdi. Many Sai devotees were present on the

occasion. Sansthan Singer, Shri G. V. Joshishastri, performed keertan from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. in the Samadhi Mandir. After the birth of Datta, Dhuparati was sung. After the programme in the Samadhi Mandir was over, all the devotees gathered at the Datta Mandir in Lendibag and Aarti was sung there. Prasad was then distributed to all the devotees, who were present for the aarti.

The chariot of Shri Sai Baba was taken in procession through the Shirdi village from 9.15 p. m. to 11.15 p. m. The chariot was accompanied by music, band and bhajan parties. After the procession of the chariot returned, shejarati was sung in the Samadhi Mandir.

Weather: The nights were very cool during the month.

The weather was very healthy. No disease or epidemic was noticed at Shirdi.



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- (4) Please note that articles sent to the Editor, disregarding the above instructions are likely to be rejected.

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शेगांव के ईशान्य में अकोट गांव १८ कोस पर है। अकोट के पास, धने जंगल में नरिसंग स्वामी एकांतवास में रहते थे। भिक्त के बल से वे विक्रल के प्रिय भक्त बने। श्री गजानन महाराज अकस्मात उनके पास जा पहुँचे। दोनों को मिलने से बहुत खुशी हुई। दोनों ही साक्षात्कारी संतों की जोडी थी। दोनों में पूरी रात संवाद चलता रहा। सच्चे संतों की भेट होने से ऐसा ही हुआ करता है।

श्री गजानन महाराज ने नरिसंग स्वामी से कहा कि तूने संसार अपनाया और मैं, परिवार का त्यागकर, योग एवं सिन्चिदानंद की प्राप्ति की और मुडा। योग में साधारण लोगों की समझ में न आने वाली कई अघटित घटनाएं घटती है। उन्हें छिपाने के लिये में पागल जैसा रहता हूँ, तत्व जानने के लिये कमं, भिक्त व योग तीन मार्ग हैं। तीनों का फल एक ही होता हैं। फिर भी उनका बाह्म हप मिन्न मिन्न होता है। योगी यदि योग कियाओं का अमिमान करेगा तो तत्त्व का सही बोध उसे नहीं होगा। तूने सिन्चदानंद ईश्वर को मन से कभी नहीं हटाना चाहिए फिर तू, मैं एवं शेषशायी भगवान एक एक हो जायेगे।

उनके आने का समाचार मुनकर होग पुष्प मालाये छेकर दर्शन की कानन में आने हो। यहाँ पर मानों गोदावरी और भागीरथी का संगम हुआ हो। परन्तु होगों के आने के पहले ही श्री गजानन महाराज शेगांव को छैट गर्थ।

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# जो मांगा है सांई तुझसे

जो मांगा है सांई तुझसे, देना पहेंगा भक्तन के दुख: ददी को, जड से मिटाना होंगा-जो मांगा है

सभी लोग दुनिया के, कहते हैं मुझसे आता नहीं कोई, खाली हाथ शिरडी से आज मैं भी आया हूँ शिरडी, खाली न लौटाना मुझको तुझको-देना पडेंगा, जो मांगा है .... ॥ १॥

ताज नहीं मांगा मेने, राज नहीं मांगा मांगा है तो सिर्फ तेरा आशीर्वाद मांगा गिरता है चरणों में तेरे, आशिश का भिखारी

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# बाबा की कृपा - वृष्टि

'मां' शब्द के उच्चारण के साथ ही हमारी कल्पना में प्रेम, ममता और स्थाग की एक मृति साकार हो उठती है। एक मां ही संसार में ऐसी होती है, जो अपनी सन्तान की छोटी से छोटी मुख-मुविधा या आवश्यकता के लिखे अपने प्राण तक खुशी खुशी दे देती है। यह तो हुई मानव-माता की बात : जब हमारी मां हमें इतना प्यार करती है, तो परब्रह्म परमेश्वर 'बाबा' हमें कितना प्यार करते होंगे जो कि सारे संसार की मां हैं। बाबा के अतुलित, अवणंनीय प्रेम को प्रदर्शित करने वाली हाल में घटी कुछ घटनायें नीचे दी जारही है। यहां में यह स्पष्ट कर देना चाहुँगी कि में शिरही साई बाबा और सन्य साई बाबा को अभिन्न ईश्वरावतार मानती ह

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सन १९७३ के अगस्त में बाबा के पदयात्री भक्त (स्वामी पद्मनाभन्जी) रीवा आये। उन्होंने इम लोगों को साई बाबा के विषय में बताया और तमी से हम लोग उनके भक्त बन गये। उन्होंने हमें साई बाबा की बहुत सी चमत्कारिक व अद्भुत् लीलाओं के विषय में बताया। इससे इम लोग बहुत ही प्रभावित हुए और साई बाबा के शाहित्य का और अध्ययन करने के लिये लालायित हो उठे। मेरे पिताजी ने साई के साहित्य का काफी गइन अध्ययन किया है। वे इम छोगों को अक्सर बाबा की लीलाओं के विषय में बताया करते थे । ऐसे ही उन्होंने बाबा का एक ऐसा चमत्कार बताया था कि एक व्यक्ति "क श्री साई राम" मंत्र के एक लाख बार जाप करने से फांसी तक से बच गया । यह बात मेरे मन में घर कर गयी थी। बात सन १९७५ की गर्मियों की है। मैंने उस साल ८वी कक्षा की परीक्षा दी थी ! यह मेरी पहली बोर्ड की परीक्षा थी । अच्छे नम्बरों से पास होने की किसकी इच्छा नहीं होती है। मेरी भी यही इच्छा थी कि मैं इस वर्ष प्रावीण्य-सूची में स्थान प्राप्त करूँ । इसके पीछे एक तीत्र लालमा थी छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्त करने की । यदि इस साल भुझे प्रावीण्य-सूची में स्थान प्राप्त होता, तो तीन वर्ष तक लगातार छात्रवृत्ति मिलती रहती । अतः मैं रोज रात को 'ॐ श्री साई राम' मंत्र का जाप करने लगी, साथ ही बाबा से यह भी कहा करती थी कि बाबा "मुझको मेरिट मे ला दो" रिजल्ट निकलने से कुछ दिन पहले की बात हैं, मुझे

सपने में बाबा के पावन दर्शन हुए-ऐसा लगा कि एक बहुत बडा सा हॉल है उसमें देर सारी चारपाइयां बिछी हैं, एक पर बाबा बैठे हुए हैं। मैं बाबा के पास गयी और मैं ने बाबा से कहा कि "बाबा! क्या हम मेरिट में आ जायेंगे?" बाबा ने कहा "नहीं!" यह सुन कर मैं बहुत दु:खी हो गयी। किंतु मां से बढ़ कर बच्चे की इच्छा को कौन जानता है? बाबा न फिर मुझसे पूछा कि "अच्छा तो तुमने oral (मौखिक) परीश्वा दी है या written (लिखित)?" मैं ने जवाब दिया "written (लिखित)" तो बाबाने कहा, "अच्छा, मेरिट में आ जाओगी।" रिजल्ट निकला किंतु मुझे तो वह पहले से ही पता था, कि बाबा की वाणी कभी भी गलत नहिं हो सकती। बाबा की असीम अनुकम्पा से अपने स्कूल में मेरा प्रथम श्रेणी में प्रथम स्थान था और मुझे ३ वर्ष तक लगातार छात्रवृत्ति मिलती रही।

### २ बाबा द्वारा कोरा अन्तर्देशीय पत्र प्रदान किया जाना

सन १९७७ के नवम्बर महीने की बात है। मैं स्कूल की तरफ से मध्य प्रदेश राज्यस्तरीय विज्ञान मेला में भाग लेने के लिये स्कूल के शिक्षक-शिक्षिकाओं व छात्राओं के साथ इन्दौर गयी थी । घर से इस तरह से बाहर जाने का यह मेरे जीवन का पहला अवसर था । आनन्द तो बहुत आ रहा था पर इसके सम्बन्ध मैं बिन्कुल अनुभव-हीन थी । इन्होर में करीब ३-४ दिन रहना होगा, ऐसा मेरा विचार था और पहले यह निश्चित भी था। किन्तु वहां जाकर पता चला कि लौटने मे १०-१२ दिन लग जायेंगे । मैं अपने साथ कोई पोस्ट-कार्ड या अन्तर्देशीय वत्र भी नहीं ले गयी थी कि घर चिट्ठी भेज देती-फिर चिट्ठी पहुँचने में भी तो कुछ समय लगता है। इमारी टीचर के पास जितने पोस्ट-काईस ये, वे उन्होंने बाकी लड़कियों को दे दिये थे । केवल मेरे हा पास चिटठी भेजने का कोई साधन नही था और यह भी निश्चित था कि यदि अगले दिन सुबह तक चिट्ठी लिख कर नहीं दी तो बाकी लोगों की चिट्ठियां तो भेज दी जायेंगी-मेरे अकेले की चिट्ठी बालने कोई लैटर-बॉक्स तक जायेगा भी या नहीं, इसका भरोसा न था। मुझे वबराहट होने लगी थी। इम लोग वहां एक कन्या पाठशाला में ठहरे हुए थे। मुबह का समय था, मैं और मेरी एक सहेली ऐसे ही घूमते हुए निकले तो स्कूल के गुनलखानों के पहले एक छोटा सा वराण्डा साथा जिसमें कई छोटी अलमारियां बनी हुई थीं। उन्हीं अलमारियों में से एक के ऊपर एक कोरा इनलॅण्ड लैटर रखा

हुआ था। पहले मैं ने सोचा कि शायद ये किसी का होगा, जो उसे यहां भूल गया होगा। पर, उस समय तक मेरे स्कूल की छात्राओं के सिवा वहां बाहर की कोई लड़िकयां नहीं भायों थीं। फिर वहां पर ले जाकर कोरा इनलेंग्ड लैटर रखने से किसी का क्या प्रयोजन हो सकता है? आखिर मैं ने वह उठा लिया और अपने मां-पापा को उसमें चिट्ठी लिखाकर भेज दी। घर पर वे लोग वैसे ही परेशान ये, क्योंकि हम लोगों के क्ताये समय से अधिक समय हो गया था, पर हम लोग लौटे नहीं थे। मैं ने चिट्ठी लिखते समय उसमें यह भी लिख दिया था कि ये अन्तर्देशीय पत्र मुझको बाबा ने दिया है। अब और अधिक आश्चर्य की बात मुनिये। सभी लड़िक्यों के माता-पिता परेशान थे, क्यों कि हम लोगों को आवश्यकता से अधिक देर हो गयी थी और कारण क्या है, यह किसी को मालुम न था। उन्होंने जब आपस में पूछ-ताछ की तो विदित हुआ कि मेरे सिवा किसी अन्य लड़की की चिट्ठी समय से रीवा नहीं पहुँची थी। यह बाबा की कृपा नहीं तो और क्या है ?

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### उपालम्भ

दीनार्तशरणदायिने समाधिनिख्यवासिने,

प्रभो मैं देर-टेर कर तुम्हें पुकारता रहा ॥

मुना न आर्त नाद जागते कि सो रहे प्रमो ? कि और भी अधिक दुखी की टेर सुन रहे विभो ? नग्न पांव दौड़ने हो भक्त की पुकार पर। विलम्ब नाथ किसलिये, दया हुई न दास पर।

आपत्तियों के क्र्र ब्यूह-जाल में फंसा हुआ .

मैं वीख-वीख रुद्ध कण्ठ अश्रु दारता रहा ।

दीनार्तशरणदायिने समाधिनिलयवासिने

प्रभो मैं टेर-टेर कर दुम्हें पुकारता रहा ॥ १ ॥

लोटा हूं या खरा हूं, माईनाथ, दास हूं तेरा छोडकर सभी चरण शरण में तेरी आ गिरा ॥ लाज विरद की तभी रहेगी जान लो प्रभो । जब पुकारते ही मेरी बाहं थाम लो विभो ।

> कोटि-कोटि भक्त त्राण पा जुके समाधि से, अनाथ-नाथ, पन्थ तेरा मैं निहारता रहा ॥ दीनार्तशरणदायिने, समाधिनिलयवासिने प्रभो मैं टेर-टेर कर तुम्हें पुकारता रहा ॥ २॥

पुक्ति जगज्जाल से निवृत्ति रोग से प्रभो । शक्ति दो कि अर्चना में लीन मैं रहूं विभो । भक्ति—दो कि भाल पाद-पद्म में द्युका रहे । उक्ति दो कि कीर्तिगान में ही मन दुका रहे ॥

> साई देव, शंख-चक-गदा-पद्मधारी नाथ। सकाम-हृदय आरती तेरी उतारता रहा ॥ दीनार्तशरणदायिने, समाधिनिलयवासिने, प्रभो में टेर-टेर कर तुम्हें पुकारता रहा ॥ ३ ॥

मूक को वाचाल, मृतक को सप्राण कर रही।
यह समाधि मुक्त-हस्त शांति दान कर रही॥
सवार पन्नगारि के विपत्ति-पाश काट दो।
क्षीरसिन्धुवासिने अशांति-सिन्धु पाट दो॥

मैं एक कदम चल चुका, तुम दस कदम चलो प्रभो। दत्तावतार हे प्रभो तुम्हें निहोरता रहा॥ दीनार्तशरणदायिने समाधिनिलयबासिने। प्रभो मैं टेर-टेर कर तुम्हें पुकारता रहा॥ ४॥

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### भजन

दर पर तेरे खड़ा भिखारी, लटका के गरदन में एक झोली सलाम करके बढ़े अदब से, मांग रहा कुछ दे दे साई झोली मेरी भर दे साई, जगह रहे ना कुछ भी खाली मैं हूं नादान तेरा बच्चा, तू मेरी है सच्ची माई चुटकी चुटकी कहां मांगू में, कभी न भरेगी मेरी झोली तुम जो चाहो तो एक पल में, पूरी भर जावेगी झोली हाथ जोडकर पांच पड़े मैं, दे दो मोरे साई माई दान दो मुझको इतना भारी, तुझे पुकारू उठाने झोली

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हृदयविहारी साई मुरारी
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साई विनती मुनो अब मेरी, माला जपुं सदा मैं तेरी, लग्न 'तू' अपनी लगाई ऽऽ माई कृष्णा ॥

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### निवेदन

संत रोहिदास के उत्कट भक्ती की एक अनोखी गंध कथा, जो माहे फरवरी १९८१ के साईछीला में (पृ. ५५ से ६०) छपी हुई थी। वह संतक्त्रा नामके एक मराठी मासिक के जनवरी १९७८ के अंक में प्रसिध्द हुई थी और उसका स्वैर अनुवाद श्रीमती अरुणा नायक ने किया था। भूल से यह उस अंक में छपा नहीं गया!

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# आदरांजली

क्यों भर आतीं आंखें मेरी, होते ही पुण्य स्मरण ? अणु रेणु में व्याप्त हुआ यह कितना पावन संक्रमण किसका हुआ जनम यहाँपर, किसका हुआ मरण ? भ्रमित कल्पना के हम आदी. कैसे हो उध्दारण ? 'अहं ब्रम्हास्मि' जीवन उनका, जागी अंतःचेतना साई रूप मे पाकर सद्-भक्तों को मिले प्रेरणा उन-सी साई भिक्त बढ़े नित, होवे पवित्र जीवन आदरांजली अर्पित करता है साई भक्त 'चेतन'

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# छोडकर चरणोंको तेरे ऐ साँई!

छोडकर चरणोंको तेरे ऐ साँई जाऊँ कहाँ।
कोई नहीं दुनियामें मेरा आसरा पाऊँ जहाँ॥
मैं हूँ वो फरियाद, जिसको सुननेवाला कोई नहीं।
तुमने जो मुझको बिसारा, ठौर फिर पाऊँ कहाँ॥
भँवरमें है फँसी मेरी नैय्या, बैठे कहाँ हो साँई मेरे।
क्या खता मुझसे हुई, तुम हो गए किस बानिहाँ॥
क्या कहूँ, किससे कहूँ, श्री साँई दे इतना बता।
दूँदकर हारा हूँ, मगर मिलता नही तेरा पता॥

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## बाबा द्वारा गेंहू पीसने की कथा

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