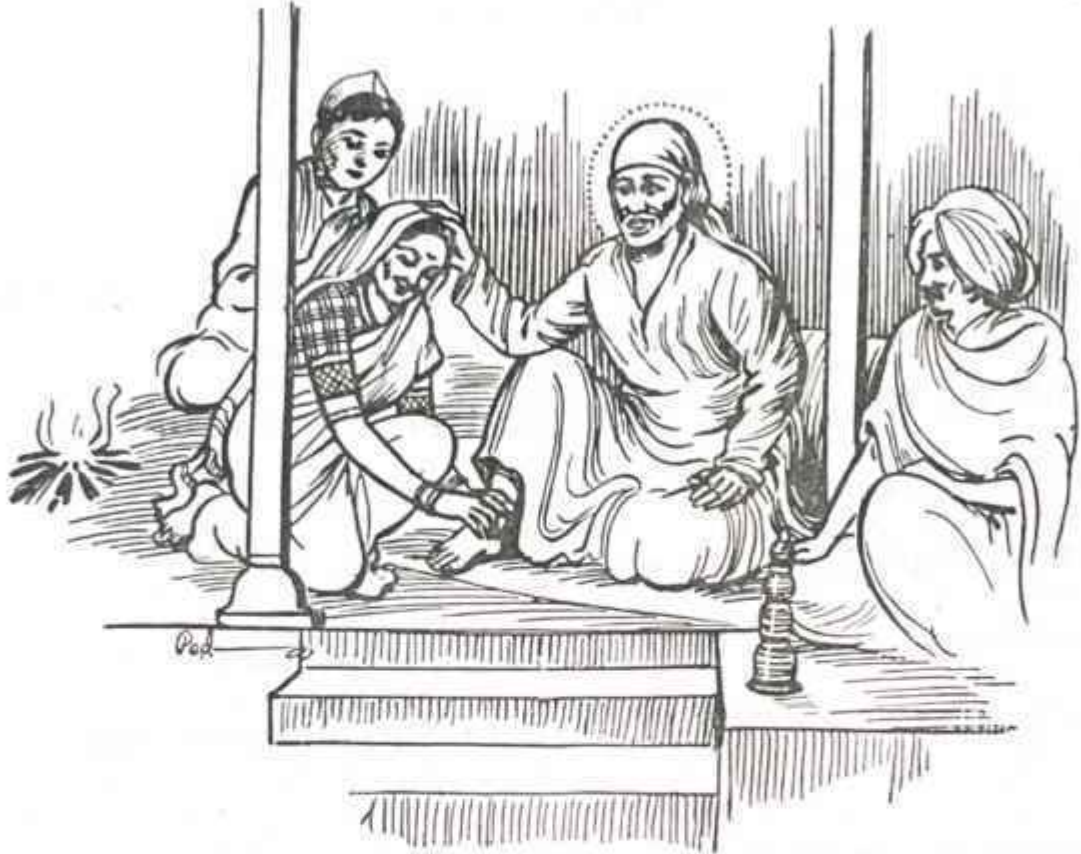


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SHRI BABA CURES THE HEADACHE BY MERE TOUCH

Once a lady, who was a devotee of Shri Sai Baba, came to Shirdi for Baba's darshan. When the lady bowed down to Baba and sat before Him, He just touched her head and said, "Oh mother, you are having a very severe head ache. Is it not?" The lady replied, "Baba it was aching so far ; but it has stopped aching now" Hearing these words Shri Baba said, "Oh mother, do not worry. It will not ache any more". The lady in question was having a head ache for over six years and she had never come to Shirdi for requesting Baba to relieve her. However Shri Sai Baba knew about the malady and He cured it of His own accord.

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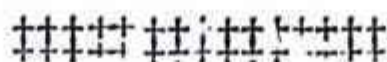
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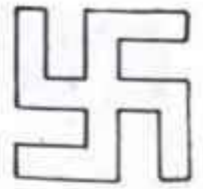
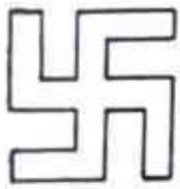


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Nectarlike Words Of Shri Sai Baba III

In the editorial for the month of January 1983, some nectarlike words of Shri Sai Baba were quoted from Sai Satcharita. Many times we hear people quoting some words as the authentic speech of Shri Sai Baba; but they often times do not quote the authority or the source from which they are quoting. Therefore the devotees are misled and they take everything that is told in the name of Shri Sai Baba as true; but the faith of the devotees should not be betrayed in this manner. If therefore when any person quotes some words as the speech of Shri Sai Baba, we should always ask for the authority from which the quotation is being given. In this connection we have to point out that the Sai Satcharit was written by Late Shri Annasaheb Dabholkar after having close contact with Shri Sai Baba for over ten years and it was written with the blessings of Shri Sai Baba after maintaining diary. It is also stated that a few chapters of this Pothi were already written during the life-time of Shri Baba and that they were even approved by Him. It therefore appears that the Sai Satcharit may be taken as the only authentic book for quoting incidents from the biography of Shri Baba and also for quoting His words. Some nectarlike words of Shri Sai Baba from Chapter III of Sai Satcharit were therefore quoted in the editorial referred to above (January 1983) and it is proposed to continue giving such quotations from time to time from the same book in order that there should not remain any sort of doubt in the minds of the devotees in this behalf.

After describing how Shri Sai Baba told about the fruit of

listening to His stories in particular and the fruit of listening to the stories of the saints in general in Chapter III, Shri Dabholkar narrates further in the same chapter the story of how Shri Annasaheb Chinchnikar requested Shri Baba to find out some suitable job for Shri Dabholkar as he had retired and as he would not be able to make both ends meet in the paltry pension that he would be drawing after his retirement. To this request of Shri Annasaheb Chinchnikar, Shri Baba responded as follows :-

बाबा तंव वदती प्रत्युत्तरीं । “मिळेल मेली तयासी नोकरी । करावी आतां माझी चाकरी । सुख संसारी लावेल ॥ ७६ ॥ ताटें याचीं भरली सदा ! यावज्जीव न रितीं कदा ! भावें मत्पर होतां सर्वदा । हरतील आपदा तयाच्या ॥ ७७ ॥ कांहीं केलें काय झालें । म्हणती जन ते समजा चळले । धर्माचरण जयांनीं वर्जिले । तयांस पहिलें वर्जावें ॥ ७८ ॥ समोर येतां बाजूस जावें । महा भयंकर ते समजावे । त्यांच्या छायेसही न रहावें । पडल्या सहावे कष्टही ॥ ७९ ॥ आचारहीन शीलभ्रष्ट ! विचारहीन कर्मनष्ट । देखेना जो इष्टानिष्ट ! केवीं तो अभीष्ट पावेल ॥ ८० ॥ लाग्याबांध्यावीण विशेषीं । कोणी न येई आपुलेपाशीं । श्वान सूकर कां माशी । हडहड कुणासी करूं नये ॥ ८१ ॥ येथूनि पुढें भक्तिभावा । करावी यानें माझी सेवा । करुणा येईल देवाधिदेवा । अक्षय ठेवा लावेल ॥ ८२ ॥ मग ही पूजा करावी कैसी । मी कोण कैसा जाणावा भरंवसीं । साईचा तो देह विनाशी । ब्रह्म अविनाशी सुपूज्य ॥ ८३ ॥ मी तों अष्टधा-प्रकृतिरूपानें । भरलों आहें चौं बाजूनें । हेंचि अर्जुनासी भगवंतानें । गीता व्याख्यानें निवेदिलें ॥ ८४ ॥ यावनामरूपाकृति । स्थावर जंगमात्मकही जगती । मीचि नटलों अष्टधा प्रकृति । ही एक चमत्कृति माझीच ॥ ८५ ॥ ॐप्रणव हा माझा वाचक । वाच्य तयाचा मीचि एक । विश्वाकार वस्तु अनेक । त्यातही मी एक भरलेला ॥ ८६ ॥ आत्मभिन्न वस्तु नाहीं । तेथें कामना कशाची पाहीं । मीचि अवघा ठायीं ठायीं । भरलों दाही दिशांतीं ॥ ८७ ॥ परिपूर्ण सर्वत्र एणें भावें । मी माझें हें जेथ विरावें । तया कामनीय काय असावें । सर्वां वसावें सर्वस्वीं ॥ ८८ ॥ कामना या बुद्धींत उगवती । आत्मयासीं संबंध न धरिती । साईमहाराज निजात्ममूर्ति । कामनास्फूर्ति तेथें कैची ॥ ८९ ॥ कामनांचे नाना प्रकार । मी कोण हें कळतांचि सार । विरोनि जाती जैसी गार ।

रविकरनिकरसतप्त ॥ ९० ॥ मनबुद्धयादि इंद्रियांसकट । नव्हे मी स्थूल नव्हे विराट ।
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 अभिन्न गुरुपण ॥ १०७ ॥

(He will get a job very easily; but he should now serve me. That will make him happy. His dishes will always remain full. They will never become empty during his lifetime. If he concentrates on me with devotion, then all his worries will get over. Such people who say, "What does it matter if anything is

done ?" should be considered as those who have lost their balance of mind. Those, who have given up behaving according to religion, should be avoided. They should be considered as extremely dangerous. If they approach from the opposite side, we should get aside. We should never remain under their shadow and we should bear whatever troubles befall us. How will he prosper, who is not observing religious practices, who has no moral, who does not look at proper and improper things ? Nobody comes to us without any previous relation. Even if it may be a dog's a pig or a fly, we should never drive away anyone. He should hereafter serve me with full devotion by which the greatest God will have pity on him and he will get a treasure which will never get empty. Then how should he worship ? How should he know who I am ? The body of Shri Sai is perishable. Only Brahma is not perishable and it is worth worshipping. In the Geeta, Bhagawant (Lord Krishna) has told Arjuna, " I have occupied all the four quarters in eight different ways in the form of Prakriti. All the movable and immovable things that exist in name and form are my own incarnations in eight forms. It is my own sport. Om indicates me. I am the only one, who is understood by that word. I am pervading all the different objects in this universe. There is no object which is different from me. There is no expectation of any sort in this case. I have pervaded everywhere in all the ten quarters of the world. Because all things are full in this way, the feeling of "myself" and "mine does not exist" What should he expect ? The expectations take birth in intellect. They have no connection with the Atma (soul). Sai Maharaj is God incarnate. How can there be any expectation in Him ? There are several kinds of expectations; but when anyone comes to know who I am, all his expectations melt away like ice which melts away when heated a little by the rays of the sun. I am having the mind, intellect and organs. I am not large nor extensive. I am not the invisible Hiranyagarbha; but I am old and without any beginning. However I am beyond the influence of the senses, I have no expectations. Nothing is vacant or without my presence. I

myself am not the doer nor the person getting things done by others. Whoever recognises that the senses like mind, intellect etc., are inert, in him non-addiction will become manifest and it will remove the cover of ignorance on wisdom. Forgetting the outer form is in itself the removal of Maya. Pure and complete joy is my visible form filled with Chaitanya. To turn your thought towards me is itself my service and devotion to me. When you realise that I am active joy, that purity of mind is 'knowledge', that Atman is Brahma, knowledge and joy is Brahma, the world is an illusion as it is false and I am the real Brahma, I am always pure, enlightened and free from the influence of the worldly fetters, I am Wasudeo Himself, If I am worshipped with real faith and devotion, then it will be beneficial to all. Knowing me in this fashion, I should be worshipped with devotion and you should surrender yourself completely and become one with me. When the river merges into the sea then can it return back? After embracing the sea would it be possible for the river to have separate existence? When the wick, which is soaked in oil, goes to meet the flame of the lamp, it itself burns bright. Similar is the condition of a devotee at the feet of a saint. Whoever thinks in his mind of nothing except Allah Malik, who is filled with Chaitanya and who looks upon me in silence without any expectation how can there be any ego in such a person? How can there exist any ego in a person who has no addiction, who has no pride, who does not have duality and who has no expectations and addiction? Where all these qualities exist, there will be no ego and how anyone will be possessed of ego? The whole universe is pervaded by Brahma and I am also a part of it. Hence I (Shri Dabholkar) should surrender everything at the feet of Shri Sai Baba and that will be my (Shri Dabholkar's) complete service. In the Bhagwat, Bhagawant has said that whoever serves Him, whoever sings about Him, whoever surrenders to Him completely, he becomes one with Him. The insect, when it constantly thinks about the bee, it also becomes the bee itself. Similarly when a disciple sings about the glory of his Guru he

also becomes one with the Guru. The difference that is there due to different words, is not tolerated by the Guru even for a moment. The existence of Guru without a disciple cannot be imagined. The Guru and the disciple are identical. They do not exist separately⁹.)

The above extract from Sai Satcharit is rather long; but it contains Sai's philosophy which is worth ruminating and therefore we could not help quoting it in full. Shri Sai Baba has referred to therein to Shreemadbhagawadgeeta and Bhagawat. We know from Chapter fifty of the Sai Satcharit how Shri Sai Baba had a very intelligent discussion with Shri Nanasaheb Chandarkar on one verse from Geeta and therefore Shri Baba's study of the Geeta and knowledge of Sanskrit is evident from that Chapter of the Sai Satcharit, but here we find that Shri Baba is also quoting from Bhagawat, His knowledge about various religious books including koran can be seen from the stories narrated in the different chapters of Shri Sai Satcharit. Here Shri Sai Baba tells that like Lord Krishna, He also is pervading all the universe and therefore His presence can be felt everywhere by the devotees. At the end of the extract we find that the unity of the disciple and the Guru has also been stressed by Shri Baba quite forcefully. It will therefore be seen from this extract that in short Shri Baba wanted that His devotees should surrender to Him heart and soul completely in order to be one with Him. That is to say that in order to achieve Moksha. Let us all Sai devotees, therefore, think over and over again about the aforesaid nectarlike words of Shri Sai Baba and surrender ourselves at His feet unconditionally with faith and devotion in order to get relieved from the cycle of birth and death. ★



Shirdi Sai, An Avatar With a Distinct Difference

"May the Divine burn up our sins,
May He protect our welfare
May He convey us safe like a boat
Across the ocean of life"

Rg. Veda 1-97-8

The nativity of Shri Shirdi Sai is shrouded in a supernatural mystery, for no authentic particulars are available to throw light on Sai's place of birth, nor his parentage, nor his childhood. Possibly, Shri Sai is an "Ayonija Sambhav" and "Vishnureva swayambhutva". May be that is the case with the birth of Shri Sai Nath. However, a recent revelation in one of the mystic trances of poojya prasanna Lakshmi Matajee, is of immense interest and importance. The revelation relates to the genealogical genesis of Shri Shirdi Sai. The revelation starts with a succinct, vivid narration with rare cogency. By no means the revelation could be deemed to be a fanciful phantasy or an oracular speculation. It was a spontaneous "Eureka" of a highly evolved spiritual entity in a condition of supreme trance. The revealing narration starts with Lord Brahma of the Trinity "Brahma, Vishnu, Maheswar", who has no temples, nor is worshipped in our country, a conspicuous reality. Further the narration pointedly describes the various manifestations of Brahma in the various yugas. According to it, the first manifestation or Avatar of Brahma was Vasishtha in Tretayug and the second manifestation of Brahma in Dwaparyuga was Lord Dattatreya. Lo! in Kaliyug the third manifestation of Brahma and the second Sampurna Avatar of Dattatreya is Shirdi Sai. Without any ambiguity or hesitancy Matajee emphasised the distinguished avataric nature of Shirdi Sai in contrast to the other saintly, manifestations of Dattatreya known to us over the last six or seven centuries. The

significant nature of Shirdi Sai's manifestation, at once, draws our attention to the distinctive feature of the emergence of numerous temples with Vighraha of Sai installed and worshipped with usual Agamaic rites and rituals prevailing in the temples of our Hindu, Pantheon, Vishnu, Siva, Rama, Krishna etc. In the case of all the others, mostly their Samadhis exist as the sanctums of worship.

Though in our country there are no temples nor worship for Brahma, strangely, Lord Brahma, occupies a very important place in the far eastern cultures and is held in utmost reverence. A magnificent edifice renowned as Brahma Shrine adorns Bangkok the capital of Thailand. Therein is enshrined the fourfaced God (Chatur Mukh) and the shrine is very famous as a place of worship and prayers. Brahma Shrine is reputed to bestow good luck, prosperity and long healthy life to those, who visit and offer prayers. The four faces of Lord Brahma are considered to be symbolic of the four divine virtues namely compassion, love, equanimity and mercy to the desolate, the destitute and the downcast. Strikingly, the very same traits are found in abundance in Shri Sai. The rich and the poor, the scholar and the unlettered, the socially high and the low, the righteous and the sinner were all dear to Shri Sai without any discrimination. In Sai's view "Nobody is hopeless, nor doomed nor condemned to eternal hell". Even the refuse and the reprobates looked down by the society readily derived succour and solace by a visit to Sai or even by a mental solicitation for His help. There was no exclusiveness, in His benign concern for the suffering. His mercy was magnanimously pervasive and captivatingly persuasive. "If any child gets covered with mud and dust, is it not my duty to cleanse him and take him on my lap" is typical illustrative trait of Shri Sai's mercy and concern for the penitent. The Dharmaic law "Sishtha Rakshna and Dushtha Sikshana" is found universally prevailing in all the dispensations of all the known Avatars of the yore. But singularly,

Shri Sai, a unique Avatar of redemption of Kaliyug, redeemed in his own inimitable way, the faulty, the perfidy and even the felon by curbing their innate tendencies and propensities and effecting a complete transformation in the very course of their lives. Sai never prescribed a particular mode or method of worship nor initiated with any mantra, nor asked to perform any creedal religious rituals. Sai's life-teachings and conversations are the guidelines for the sadhaks and they form the quintessence of his message to humanity for all times. His cryptic remarks during his conversations are replete with spiritual truths and divine wisdom and they were the resplendent refuge of hope and inspiration.

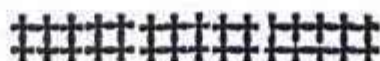
Oh! Sai give us fortitude, equanimity and peace. May our trust in Sai ever remain unshaken. May our whole life be sanctified by devotion to Sai Nath. May the wayward men wake up and seize the ever stretched Abhaya Hasta of this great Avatar of redomption and create for themselves a world of harmony and bliss, "The Heaven on the Earth" here and here itself, ★

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Leela of God

God is one and His leela is one and continuous, The chief manifestation of leela is in one great succession of great men and religious teachers, the apostolic succession of one world-religion.



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Professor D.D. Parchure, who was the Executive Editor of this magazine, succumbed to a heart attack on the first of June 1973. When he took over the charge of the editorship, he noticed that articles in three different languages viz. Marathi, English and Hindi were being published in one issue. He therefore forwarded his proposal to separate the issues languagewise to the then Court Receiver Shri K. S. Pathak, who accepted it and it was decided to have one separate issue, containing only articles written in Marathi and to have the other issue for English and Hindi articles. This proposal was brought into effect from April 1973 and subscribers who did not know Marathi as well as

the subscribers who did not know English were both satisfied as they felt that some pages were being thrust upon them unnecessarily. Unfortunately Professor Parchure could only see three issues thus published separately.

Though Prof. D. D. Parchure was teaching mathematics in the college, he had good command over the English and Marathi languages. He was also well conversant with philosophical and religious literature. His editorials showed his study of the Indian philosophy and his devotion to Shri Sai Baba. He was performing keertans and delivering Pravachans wherein he used to preach devotion to Shri Sai Baba.

On his 11th death anniversary, which comes on 1st June 1984, we pay our homage to this great Sai devotee for having worked ceaselessly for the spread of Sai cult and Sai Devotion.

Editor

Sai Arranges Things

At the outset, I would like to state that I was not at all aware as to who is Sai Baba upto the age of 45 years. It is only my friend Shri R. K. Bhatnagar, Ex. Stenographer, Govt of India Press, Aligarh, my colleague, who had been generally talking about Sai Baba in the way from office to canteen, where we used to go to take tea together. I usually listened to him quite unmindfully. He once pressed me to go to Shirdi but due to my ill-health I refused to go there. My friend Shri Bhatnagar went to Shirdi with his family members and he apprised me with his feelings. Second time in or about September or October, 1983, I proposed to him to go to Shirdi with the condition that he would have to accompany me on the dates as fixed by me and he very kindly agreed to my proposal. I fixed 12th November, 83 for obtaining reservation and we both went to Agra Cantt. for reservation. But Sai knew that on that date there was no vacancy and we got reservation for one day earlier i.e on 11th November, 1983. In my entire life of 45 years, I never undertook such a long journey due my ill-health and as such I was very much worried as to how I would reach Shirdi and come back after attending the marriage of my niece at Indore. Anyway, my friend Shri R. K. Bhatnagar always said, "Sai will look to all these troubles". On his all these sayings I believed and decided to see practically what happens with a firm determination in my mind.

we all started from Aligarh on 11th November, 1983 in the morning to board Punjab Mail, from Agra at 11 A.M. I was very much perturbed for nature's call after every half-an-hour and with higher rate of palpitation, I boarded the bus. I found that the conductor of the bus was equally a patient of repeated nature's calls. At one point I was feeling to stop the bus for going to nature's call and at the very instant, the conductor

himself asked the driver to stop the bus and ran out of the bus I found this opportunity for myself and I also got down. On my enquiry, the conductor of the bus told me about the same disease which I was having and was worried about the journey.

The second miracle which I experienced is that from Shirdi I had to proceed to Indore and as I was new to that place I was not fully convinced by anybody about the rail link from Shirdi to Indore and a direct route was stated to be not available. As the journey was very much strenuous, being for about 12 hours, my worries were at peak. Seeing myself worried, my wife was praying Sai in the room at Shirdi for sending us a man to accompany us from Shirdi to Indore. I, myself and my friend were taking quilt by making queue. My friend all of a sudden enquired with the person, who was just ahead of me in the line, as to which city he belonged. To my great surprise he told, "I have come from Indore and I will be returning back next morning." As he was well acquainted with the routes I also requested him to take us also in the morning. It is surprising that in the room at Shirdi my wife was praying to Sai to send a resident of Indore and at the very moment in the Hall we find a family from Indore.

The third miracle started when I boarded the bus from Shirdi to Indore. In that bus we had to travel for 12 hours, the maximum longest journey in my life. In that bus also Sai so arranged that the conductor of the bus always ran earlier than me on many stoppages, which also provided me repeated opportunities for nature's calls. After about 5 to 7 hours journey, I enquired with the conductor, "what is the trouble with you?". He told me that he was a patient of chronic dysentary. Here Sai also helped me, otherwise I had to ask the driver for stopping the bus repeatedly. My all worries were eliminated by Sai like anything. There was no headache during the entire journey of 12 hours in the bus and I and my wife were feeling as if we are young boys of about 15 years.

The fourth miracle was that my wife was worried that in 1st Class Railway bogi, looting generally took place and she was afraid of our partners in the coupe of the Railway Compartment. To our great surprise, on enquiry from them, they told us to be Sai devotees and they were also very much surprised to see myself and my wife. They also told about their worries of partner before they boarded the train. Thus Sai arranged our journey with His devotees in one compartment.

The fifth miracle was of the cooking gas consumption. I had left behind at my house my daughter and two sons. On return I enquired from my daughter about any inconvenience she might have felt in our absence. She told me that she was still thinking as to when we left Aligarh and when we came back. The worth mentioning instance she herself told me was that the gas was consumed and there was no arrangement for getting it. My daughter opened the gas knob, put the match stick on the burner but there was no gas. My daughter, as told to me by her, prayed to Sai to provide the gas and continue it till her father and mother came back. It so happened that gas got consumed on the day when I actually came in the house. She was very much surprised as to from where the gas came for the help of the children beyond the period of more than one month while it is, according to our consumption, generally consumed within 28 days.

The sixth miracle we experienced was that on my coming back from the office I was told by my wife that our cow had not returned back in the evening after grazing and due to abnormal passing of time, it was taken to be lost. I also felt worried. But worries are no solution. I immediately thought, "today is Thursday and in case it is lost it is for our good and if it comes back then also it is for our good. Because Thursday is Sai's day, I had no worry. To our great surprise, the cow without any search or aid, came back to our house the next day.

There are many other miracles and in case I write them it will become very lengthy and the readers may lose their interest. Conclusively, according to my experience, I can safely say that it is Sai who arranges things in such a way that His devotee will not feel any problem. ★

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Youth is for learning

Vasu was a boy of 10. He wasted his time and avoided school. Every day he went to a reading room. There he heard one man telling another from a newspaper report that the Prime Minister of a certain country had not studied beyond V standard and what a wonderful thing it was. Vasu soon felt that he could rise like that. He gave up the desire to go to school completely. He sweetly imagined that he would become a big shot soon. Days, months and years passed. He advanced in age and fell in age and fell in a bad company. He worked under a smuggler and became a smuggler in a few years. His wealth increased to the height of the Himalayas. One early morning, in his dream he said to himself. "See, without any education or position, I am richer than all the Prime Ministers of the world. What do I care for anyone? I have money power now". Just as he woke up from his dream, the police knocked at his door, arrested him and confiscated all his wealth. In the jail, he reflected. "Had I not wasted my youth and had I acquired some education, I would at least have become a jailor who is guarding me and is earning his livelihood by honest means". ★

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Doctrine of Divine Love

Why do we approach Sai Baba or pray for His help? Some situations in our life are the chief causes of our approach to God. In our case, it is Lord Sainath, who is a manifestation of God Himself. Those situations that drive or draw us to Lord Sainath may be of various sorts, varying with each one of us depending on the nature, circumstances and ideologies.

In conformity with this, I believe in Tennyson, when he says :-

"One God, one Law, one Element,
One far off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves."

Sai Baba has shown us that when we approach Him wholeheartedly - i.e. with heart, mind and soul, we will be blessed by Him and obtain His grace. With Nishtha and Saburi, Lord Sainath will make us achieve anything in this world.

The Bible says :- "Seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you" rightly Sai Baba too states :- "Look to me, I will look to you." He belongs to entire humanity nay, He is an ornament of it and not a mere instrument, but a highly useful force permeating, transforming and developing everything touched. His doctrine of divine love was experienced by my father, which has inspired me to pen these lines.

My father, Shri D. P. Hiremath, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bijapur, Karnataka took all of us to Hyderabad in the month of January 1983 and in course of our visit, we went to the Industrial Exhibition, which was being held there at that time.

In the exhibition, there was a stall depicting the life of Sai Baba and His books, photographs, rings, lockets etc. We were

attracted by the divine personality of Shri E. Hanumantha Rao, who was in charge of the stall. As a Sai-magnet, Shri Rao was instrumental in making the visitors to the exhibition aware of the sai-philosophy.

A particular ring made of ordinary material but with a splendid depiction of Sainath on it attracted my father's attention. Its cost was negligible and my father, casually asked Shri Hanumantha Rao, "How long do you think it would last?"

Since the ring was of ordinary metal, Shri Rao felt that it may not last long and its colour and splendour would fade in a matter of two or three months.

Knowing fully well that everything in this world is of transient nature, my father paid the amount and purchased the ring. He had a feeling that Lord Sainath Himself has made him buy it and He would take care of it. Obviously at that time, he only mused the statement in Koran, the book of Alla's revelations to Prophet Mohamed :-

"All that dwells upon the earth is perishing,
Yet still abides the face of thy Lord, Majestic, Splendid"
(Sura 55 : 26)

My father felt that his constant wearing of the ring would make him have a personal contact with Lord Sainath throughout.

My father is a great devotee of Lord Sainath. His intense concentration on Him paid dividends. As days went on the ring did not fade, but its colour became brighter. Now anyone can easily mistake it for a golden ring. The glow of Sainath's depiction on the ring too has increased in course of time.

Now it is nearly one year three months that my father purchased that ordinary ring from Shri E. Hanumantha Rao in Jan'83 at Hyderabad. My father proudly displays the ring to everyone and says that the divine love of Sainath can turn an

ordinary metallic ring into a golden ring and he is quite confident that the pure energy of Sai is flowing through him every moment of his life, which is perfect and unlimited. He feels that Sainath is as close to him as his 'miracle' ring.

Dear devotees, please remember that utmost devotion to Sadguru Sainath Maharaj counts much in the success of one's efforts to reach Him. Sainath does not manifest Himself to the physical eyes in this materialistic age; but He easily manifests Himself whenever a devotee tunes to Him. Baba has said, "If anyone casts his burden on me and thinks of me, I look after all his concerns. My tomb shall bless and speak to the needs of my devotees."

Prostration again and again to you, Sainath, who is the supreme soul, who removes the distress of the devotees.

On Sainath, May Your name, which confers salvation, be dancing with joy on the tips of our tongue! Oh Sai Ram, May your glance mercifully and freely play on our body. May your supreme and auspicious form be ever dwelling in our heart. We bow to you. Shower your choicest blessings on us. ★

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How Our Baba Helps

I am ashamed to own that till recently I was a heavy smoker. My family, particularly my better-half, felt very much concerned. I too was not happy about it and experienced all the ill-effects of smoking but at the same time felt helpless in quitting it. As the saying goes, the cigarette had made a hole in my pocket through which money used to drain out non-stop.

Everybody in our family is a Sai-devotee. We (myself, wife, son, and three children of my younger brother) reached Shirdi on 12th November, 1983. We were also accompanied by a family friend, Shri Shyam Singh, and his wife, who stayed at Shirdi for a day and then left for Indore. We remained at our Lord's feet till 19th November and enjoyed every minute of our stay. All of us actually felt Sai-vibrations in Samadhi Mandir, Dwarkamai and at other places in the Sansthan. During my prayers at the Samadhi Mandir and Dwarkamai I simply talked to Baba in the following terms -

"Baba you know me in and out. I am a weak-kneed man and inspite of my being fully conscious that cigarette is a traitorous companion and doing me immense injury, I am fully in its cruel grip. Additionally, a large slice of my hard-earned money that goes in smoke can gainfully be utilised for some noble cause. Baba, I find myself entirely helpless but Baba, I don't ask you to help me in quitting it. I simply pray that Yours, not mine, be done. I entirely leave everything at Your Lotus feet. If you want that I must quit smoking, make things happen that way."

Now mark my obstinacy and stubbornness. When I used to start for Samadhi Mandir and Dwarkamai each morning and evening, I lit a cigarette and threw it half consumed near the steps. Coming out after prayer, I again lit a cigarette and the incessant smoking continued as usual till the waking hours. Now,

had I been even a little sensible man or with a little sincerity of purpose, I would have first of all took the pack out of my pocket and thrown it in the nearby dustbin before entering the temple and only then would I have prayed for Baba's mercy and help. But as I have already stated, I was a compulsive smoker and wanted Baba to find out His own way to see that I quit smoking. On my part I had no inclination to cooperate with Baba to cure me of the malady. It was like the case of a man trapped in a house that is all in flames but who declines to hold the merciful hand extended to him by the fire-fighter and leaves it to the fire-fighter to come, lift and rescue him from virtual death. And now I narrate what Baba did for an obstinate man like me. •

We left Baba's feet on 19th evening and reached Aligarh next night. My smoking was uninterrupted - rather increased due to strain in journey, tiredness and sleepless night. Next day I went to office to get my pension papers prepared. My chain-smoking was unchanged. At about 2 p.m. I felt feverish and I left for home. My temperature was 102 then. I took to bed. My good wife felt concerned. I was smoking even then. In the evening she brought medicine from the family doctor. During night I checked and found four cigarettes in the pack. When alone in our bed-room, a distinct voice came from within - "Fool, what are you doing? Cigarette is killing you bit by bit. At times you don't have money even for necessities and you burn it like husk. Your good wife feels so concerned about your follies but she doesn't dare to open her mouth so that your feelings may not be injured. Is it the respect you have for her, for your family and for your own life? Is it the way to worship Baba? Will He accept you at His Lotus Feet? Quit smoking but before doing so, taste the smoke finally of the remaining cigarettes." In obedience to my inner dictates I lit a cigarette and found its taste repulsive and highly offensive. After some time I reluctantly lit another and hated its smoke all the more. Then I lit the third and fourth cigarette and each tasted like hell. Desire for

smoking turned into repugnance and total aversion. Next morning there was no craving. The fever persisted and I remained under treatment. My wife was marking that I was not smoking for quite some time and so she could not resist asking me about it and when I told her the whole thing, she prostrated before Baba and shed tears of gratitude. After all she silently prayed to Baba at Shirdi for a wretch like me. Are not Indian wives 'Devi's' in the true sense of the word? Baba has drawn a 'Laxman-Rekha' between me and the cigarette, neither I would dare to touch it, nor it would dare to reach me anymore. But the fact remains that had I helped Baba in helping me, I would not have suffered for so many days. My adamancy necessitated the inflicting of pain. On 27th Nov. The fever was no more.

People say old habits (particularly evils like smoking, drinking etc) die hard but our Omnipotent Baba has His own unscrutable ways. He made a confirmed and hard smoker, like me, who refused to cooperate with Baba, quit smoking by just raising His eyebrows.

In my humble opinion one of the ways to pray to Baba is that we should not ask Baba for one boon or the other, we should rather tell Baba what we nurse in our hearts and then should pray to Omniscient Baba that His, not ours, be done. What He desires should manifest.

Before closing I want to repeat what Mr. Churchill, a heavy cigar smoker, said about it, which equally applies to cigarette smoking and might well aid Sai-devotees who still smoke, "A cigar is a thing with fire at one end and a fool at the other." ★

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Shri Sai Baba - The Light of India

Great is the Allah, who created the Universe and great is the Saint Shri Sai Baba, who is guiding the humanity to the right path. He is the spiritual light of India.

Today, all eyes are turned towards India to see the happy peace loving Indians. All ears are keenly put in alert to catch and listen to the whispers of the fragrant air that passes out of India. All people on this sacred soil live a simple, pious and a very virtuous life and spread the message of love and happiness to all corners of the world. How this has been possible for our people and why we do not succumb to temptations and abstain from the luxurious living? The answer is very simple, plain and direct. It is because the soil of our country is sacred, the rivers of our country flow and bring us sweet and life-nourishing water, the trees of our great country give sweet juicy-fruits, the plants blossom with fragrant flowers and they all chant the sweet name of Shri Sai Baba.

The sweet smell from these flowers carries with it a sweet message of all pervading nobility. The grass of this sacred soil spreads the message of a humble and submissive living. The gigantic mountains convey the message of a dignified and un-conquerable height of our spiritual progress.

Gold is already a costly metal. When it is made into an ornament its value is enhanced. Such is the case of our country-men. They are by nature good and the saints have taken them to great heights. Upto 15th October, 1918 there was in Shirdi a great saint, who was called with the lovely name of 'Shri Sai Baba.' So noble, so kind, so loving, so affectionate was the saint that no words will be sufficient to praise His worthiness. In the morning and evening the birds sang His glory. The dumb, speechless animals flocked to His feet and bowed in great respect.

From his feet flowed the Ganga and the Cauvery (waters). From His hand came out the sacred Ash. At the stroke of His Satka came out fire from the ground. His command silenced the thundering elements, the dead opened their eyes and began to speak. Like an image of a mirror the past, present and future were visible to Him. When He blessed, barren wombs bore children. After His separation from the physical, visible form His tomb began to speak. His bones began to discuss the welfare of His beloved children. He promised to look unto all those, who looked at Him. In pursuance of the above promise of Shri Sai Baba people from diverse walks of life from all corners of the world come to Shirdi and return with their hearts overflowing with great joy, happiness and an undiscrivable bliss.

By His noble ways He said. "There is only one God, there is only one religion – the religion based on love and affection. There is only one language – the language of silent communication with the heart. There is only one cause of action – that we all have come out of a common cause of God's love and we all have one faith, that is our faith in the supremacy of the one and the only one the Lord of the Creation. All are equal before the Lord and therefore all have equal opportunities, rights and privileges. All men and women are also equal; but they only differ in their structure to play the game of destiny. We all have to start the day with love, to fill the day with love. All have to realise that the ultimate goal is the same for all – that is facing the impending death with a smile and not fearing death".

From the beginning there is only God and then, there was a sound (command) and from that sound came the light and from that light came the creation, the Human race from the original Adam and Eve. Having come out from the one great reality, we now become small by restricting our identity with separate religions, castes, creeds, countries. We must overcome our ignorance with right knowledge, our hatred with love, our weakness with strength. Man's real identity is the atman or the

immortal spirit and when once man realises this fact, he will be on the high path to liberation. Enveloped in the bodily cages, we remain tied to the desires and comforts. When once we receive the blessings of the great saints like Shri Sai Baba, the power of our soul regains its strength and our ties will get loosened and our hearts will begin to sing the glory of the Lord. Then comes out of the cage the real man/woman and wisdom also dawns upon us. We begin our pursuits to understand the mysteries of nature. Then nature itself, overwhelmed by our sincere efforts to seek divinity, reveals her secrets bit by bit as the beautiful moon comes out of the cloud slowly but surely to give us the cool moonlight. The closer we cling to the nature, the more we become one with her coming close in contact with the divine personalities - more clearly finding Shri Sai Baba's presence before us and every one around us. We begin to realise that each one of us is a part of the universal nature of divinity, upon which the wise from the ages past, have meditated and found her at last seated in the thousand petalled rose within their own self - which is the greatest mystery of life. Searching, for a long time at last one finds in himself the one, whom he was desperately searching throughout his life. Then he craves for the boon of attaining the presence of the Lord from where there is no return.

Shri Sai Baba was/is such a great saint that He was full of love, divinity, truth, beauty, goodness, power, authority, glory and in addition to all these qualities He had miracles at his command. He heals the wounds of the hearts, drives away the distress, confusion and worries. He has come to rescue the humanity from the temptation of evil, and to save our souls from destruction.

Like Shri Sai Baba was the love incarnate, Saint Shri Mehar Baba, who remained silent and taught us a great lesson of control over our tongue. Of all the senses that make a man their slave, the tongue is the most powerful and sweet enemy. It is most

deadly and also our great friend if kept under control. It serves two purposes. It is useful in talking and in tasting. It is an instrument which should be controlled and used very carefully, for its good use establishes friendship and its abuse brings calamities. A good sweet word brings a good return to one and everyone around and a bad word brings danger not only to the person who uttered the wrong word but also to every one around him. Therefore, we must utilise it to serve the limited purpose of discharging the worldly, business and mostly use it in tasting the nectar of the name of the Lord as often as possible by allowing it to repeat the name of the Lord. The tongue teaches a number of good lessons in life, all that is good and tasteful it allows us to swallow and all that is bitter it allows us to spit out. It teaches us how to live safe in the present confusing world, and how to escape death/injury. There are as many as 32 sharp teeth in the mouth to cut the tongue to pieces; but it moves very carefully and very friendly with all of them and avoids their wrath every moment. So also every one of us must be in this world and complete our worldly business very carefully, always keeping the mind and intellect in perfect balance and escape from the worthless sensory and worldly pleasures and march on the road to final salvation. Shri Sai Baba has promised us the final fruit by saying that He will even cross the seven seas to save his devotees.

Shri Sai Baba is the spiritual light of India. May His light guide one and all to the glorious path of Allah.

Merciful Allah ! increase us in your knowledge and keep us in peace and friendship and in constant reverence to Shri Sai Baba, the light of India. ★

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How I became a Sai devotee

I am a devotee of Lord Shri Sai Baba for more than 9 years. During the 9 years that I have been worshipping my great Lord I feel He has drawn me slowly but steadily at His Lotus Feet which for me are my permanent abode. I am like the millions of other devotees who took refuge at His feet from the turbulent times of the world today.

I first heard of Shri Baba in 1968 through one of our close family friends. At that time I had received from him two pictures of Sai Baba but since I was very young then and did not take much interest in saints, I ignored these pictures.

A few years after that in 1974 while I was walking towards the Kalighat temple at Calcutta, I passed two picture and photo frame shops that sell pictures of Rama, Maruti, Krishna, Kali, Shiva, etc. In one of those shops I noticed a framed picture of Shri Shirdi Baba. Somehow, I developed a sudden fascination for that saint then, and being very much keen to have Him at my house, I purchased two of His pictures.

During the early years of my worship and devotion to Shri Sai Baba I obtained sufficient information about Shri Baba through two or three of His intimate devotees. I was given the address of The All India Sai Samaj (Madras) and the Sai Baba Sansthan, Shirdi from where I could get, if I so require, more literature on Baba. I have maintained frequent contacts with both these organisations since then and have received various literature, books and photos of Sai Baba from them,

By the grace of Lord Sai, I visited Shirdi for the first time in October 1975. I must admit that though I had the fortune of touching the soil of Shirdi and also doing most comfortably the abhishekam and pooja at His Samadhi, my age and inadequate

devotion then prevented me from having the full bliss of His Holy and invisible presence. However, despite this, the pilgrimage on the whole was a success.

In December 1976, I visited Shirdi again for the second time but on the second occasion I could not perform the Abhishek and Pooja at His Samadhi because of overcrowding I had to remain content with simply His darshan.

My devotion to Shri Baba increased after the first ever Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir was set up in 1977 at 39, Jatin Das Road, Calcutta-29 by Smt. S Devarajulu an ardent devotee of Baba and disciple of H. H. Narasimhaswamiji (Founder of the All India Sai Samaj, Madras). I am a frequent visitor to the above temple since then and by the grace of Baba a marble statue would be installed there in March '84 which would I am confident, attract more and more devotees from far and near.

During the nine years of my devotion to Lord Sai, there have been several moments and instances when His grace and support was of the utmost necessity. On every occasion His unfailing grace and support saved me from numerous calamities which I had been subjected to. Today, I feel that had it not been for Baba, who has helped me and my family for several years, my very existence would have been made impossible. The Great Master's invisible presence is continually felt by me. With hands folded and a humble prostration to the Lord, I only pray that He may look after the welfare of all His devotees who seek refuge in Him.

In a concluding paragraph let me point out that nobody as such introduced me to Baba and it was nothing but Baba who Himself inspired me to believe Him and worship Him for solace and refuge. Today, Baba through me has made many of His devotees; but in my particular case, I was prompted by Him through my inner conscience.

I would also like to suggest the Shirdi Sansthan, Shirdi Sai Mission and the All India Sai Samaj, Madras to instruct all Sai temple managements over the country to discontinue entertaining bhajans, discourses and even discussions on certain persons who claim to be Avathars of Shri Sai Baba. This confusion which has been created by these vested interests has puzzled many a new devotee who still seem confused between Our Sai and the other miscellaneous Sais. Let me point out that Baba has left no heir or disciple and hence new and ignorant devotees be clearly told that about the true and ever living eternal spirit Sai. To this effect, it is recommended that publication of Sai literature be more widespread and along with it, there should be articles by different Sai devotees stressing on the original Sai Baba and finally the last but the most important is that all Sai temples in India must put up notices regarding this point. ★

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Invitation To The Divine Glory

It looked as though it was the will of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, that, I found myself on 19th January, 1984 (Thursday) in the midst of about thousand Sai devotees in Shri Sai Baba Mandir at the palanquin (i.e. Pallaki Seva in Telugu language) Seva between 8 P.M. to 9 P.M. being performed regularly on Thursdays in Shri Sai Baba mandir at Nellore. I heard Sai devotees calling it "Dakshina Shirdi". This Sai Baba Mandir at Nellore came up to this greatest prominence due to the initial sincere efforts of Late Dr. Raja Gopalachari (a popular doctor and ankita bhakta of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi). The foundation

stone of this temple at Nellore was laid by Shri G. Viswanatham Chetty on 14th October, 1956. The Mandir building was donated by Late Shri Rebala Lakshmi Narsa Reddy, former M.P., Nellore. Shri Sai Temple with the idol of Shri Sai Baba installed therein was inaugurated on Vijaya Dashami day on 22nd October, 1958. Two All India Shirdi Sai Devotees' conventions (Annual) were hosted by the Shri Sai Baba Bhakta Mandali, Nellore at this Temple.

I have been under the divine fold of our incredible Shri Sainath from my age of eleven (I am now 56 in age) and associated with Shri Sai Mandir at Nellore since its inauguration, I happened to work as District Agricultural Officer, at Nellore for Nellore District (my native town and district) from 1966 to 1972 with His divine grace and happened to participate as delegate in both the All India Annual conventions of Sai devotees at Nellore.

What I felt surprising and inexplicable was, on getting two telegrams from my brother that my beloved father aged 82, (Shri M. Rama Krishnaiah, Retired Treasury Officer) an ardent Sai devotee, has fallen seriously sick, I had to rush up to Nellore on 14th January, 1984 night by a private travel agency bus (since the public road transport employees had been on strike and since I could not get railway reservation). The only thing I could do was my sincere prayer to Shri Baba of Shirdi to kindly bless my aged father for his speedy recovery. I have been programming to visit Shirdi on 29th & 30th January, 1984 for the annual gathering of writers of Shri Sai Leela magazine, at the official invitation of Shri Shirdi Sansthan which I have received. But Baba directed me to do my duty first to my beloved father (His Devotee). I was rather ordered by Him to cancel my reservation of Train Travel for my journey to Shirdi on 28th and to be back by here by 31st January '84 and rushed to Nellore on 14th.

While informing my co-Sai Brother Shri M. Hanumantha Rao, of Hyderabad, who recently visited Shirdi on foot from Hyderabad, I carried "Shri Sai Satcharita" an English Edition from the "Exhibition stall at Hyderabad on 12th on Sai Baba of Shirdi" given to my father by Shri M. Hanumantha Rao and placed it at the Lotus feet of Shri Sai Baba in the Shri Sai Baba Mandir at Nellore on 15th at 9 A.M, and presented it to my ailing aged father with sacred ash 'udhi' of Shri, Sainath who felt wonderful relief! My father is now progressing well in a private nursing home at Nellore. I could happily return to Hyderabad by 21st morning after worshipping Shri Sai Baba at Nellore in His Mandir from 14th to 20th January 1984.

I felt, as though I have been invited by Shri Sai Baba to Nellore to enjoy "Sai bliss" in our Sai Mandir at Nellore and to see His divine glory and manifestation.

The Sai Bhakta Mandali, Nellore have huge plans for service activities i. e. dispensary, library, a huge kalyana Mandap (marriage Hall) etc. at the earliest.

May we all pray that similar "Sai-Mandirs" come up like "Ram-Mandirs" all over our country and abroad to serve the ailing humanity. ★

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Sai Baba - The Kalpavrikhsha

I have never been a religious man, and I have been pulled by Shri Sai Baba in his fold quite recently. In fact, a man with a Marxian background, I could never imagine the experiences that have come my way after His grace on me. Being driven from Delhi in a political change, I took refuge in Bombay and came to know of Sainath Mahraj there for the first time and while I was working there for a fairly long period, I had no occasion to have a trek to Shirdi, with the result that I suffered on account of my own fault. Back at Delhi, there was the problem of marriage of my son which confronted me soon after I started relying exclusively on my Lord. A gentleman knocked our door and offered his well-read daughter and we started making preparations for the betrothal, for which a date was fixed. On that day, when we had invited most of our relations and friends, the man ran away quietly after only sending a word to us that someone of his had died and so the betrothal could not take place. In fact what had happened was, as we gathered later, that someone had played some foul game by telling some bad things about us and so he ran away or hid himself on the betrothal day. This was the saddest event of my life and I begged Sainath daily to save me from this disgrace, which had come to me on 24-10-1982. On 4-1-1983, I saw Baba in a dream, informing me that I should bear with Him, His exact words were, "MERE SAAT SABAR KAROO". In the morning, I recorded these words in my diary and waited. I have preserved that diary and it can be seen by anyone. On 10-4-83, an old pair came to our house and offered the daughter of their nearest relation, talking to my wife and sister. On 14-1-84, the father of the daughter and his son came to my place and again made the offer, which I agreed to consider. The matter was ultimately settled and the actual betrothal took place on 17-4-83, followed by the marriage on 12-10-1983. Before that I made a pilgrimage to Shirdi on 2-9.83,

which was my first occasion to have darshan of my Lord at the Samadhi Mandir. Much earlier, I had received a written assurance from Baba that I would emerge victorious in my most serious reverses. In fact before the deceit that I suffered from the earlier person, a similar warning had been sent to me in writing by Baba indicating that there was a drama in the offing and that all would be eventually well.

As an extreme rationalist, I had no idea about the Leelas of Baba that I am meeting now day in and day out, so much so that I myself feel sometimes puzzled, when somebody in a bus stands up and offers his seat to me, only because there is Baba's name on my lips all the time and there is hardly a moment when I do not fall at his feet. The Leelas are so numerous that one does not feel like recording even small incidents in the fear that the people in general may not believe or may take these as petty. But it is all the while a fact that sometimes even small incidents create tension when these confront as a problem and when no solution appears from any quarter. It is on such occasions that Lord Sai Ram comes to rescue, without asking. I had deposited my transistor with the manufacturing company for repairs recently, and one of their conditions was that at the time of taking back the transistor, one must get his license alongwith it. I had no license for I took the condition lightly; but when I went to collect it from the office, I was refused as I could not produce the license. I was getting late to office, but the girl at the counter said that I was wasting my time and in no case could get the delivery, as Post Office people are regularly after them and they check the deliveries in each case. While I was standing before the counter helplessly, a gentleman came before me and asked me what the matter was and why I was standing there. When I related to him my woe he at once told the girl to hand over the transistor to me and when she said that she would be answerable for it, he ordered her to do it and that he would himself sort the matter out. Obviously he was some senior officer of the company. I had never seen him, nor have I any idea of acquaintance with

him. Again some days back, I got a torn currency note from some bus conductor, and when nobody agreed to take it, I felt frustrated, not so much on account of the loss of the money, but the fact that if people call me an active person, how is it that I failed to see the torn note. At Post office, while I was getting some stamps, I again tried to pass on the note to the postal official but he refused and I started arguing with him. Instantly a Sardarji came forth and told the clerk to give the note to him for which he offered him fresh currency. Who the Sardarji was and why he took the valueless note, I have no idea but the tension came down from my brain and Baba had to intervene in this petty matter also. A few days back, I had to return to a distant place from Chandni Chowk in Delhi from where no bus goes to that place and I was wondering what to do, as it was getting late and I had to reach home. I had not perhaps much money to go by taxi, and while I was standing on the road thinking about changing two or three buses, suddenly a Matador halted before me and asked me if I was going to that very particular place. It was so unusual to get a cheap vehicle which left me at my place.

My feeling is that the heading of this small article is not also too correct, as the Kalpavriksha is the heavenly tree which gives you whatever you ask of it, but in the case of Sai Baba, one does not need asking for anything, as He does everything Himself and does not trouble us even for asking. Actually he does not wait for our asking and does whatever we need, Himself. It is marvellous to see Him coming to our aid even in the smallest matter and my honest feeling is that in the Kaliyuga, He is the one Hope for our salvation, for has He not said, 'You stay with Me, and I will do every thing Myself'. I have now started recording His Leelas occurring off and on with me and I shall share these with my Sai brothers now and then May He Bless all.



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Shri Baba's Grace

I retired from Government service as Co-operative Senior Inspector on 31-3-'83. My pension papers were subsequently prepared and sent to the higher authorities along with papers connected with the family benefit fund and General provident Fund etc., Later, after some months, Government orders were issued wherein it was indicated that seniors, who were drawing lesser pay in one and the same cadre than that of their juniors, have to be reconsidered raising their pay on par with juniors. Accordingly my pay had to be raised by over Rs. 100/- and thus my pension is also raised by over Rs. 50/-. Two years prior to the date of my retirement when I took advice of Baba in the Sai Satcharita, in Baba's voice came to a devotee for whom Rs. 50/- more pension was graced by Baba. Then applying this leela to myself, I humbly appealed to Baba praying that I must also get the same grace of Baba at the time of my retirement. However, with a lesser hope of getting the same because if my pension has to be raised by Rs. 50/- as a coincidence of Baba's above leela, my pay also has to be raised by at least Rs.100/- than that of my future pay that would be drawn by me as on the date of retirement. So, I thought it might be my foolishness to expect the same grace of Baba to shower in my case also. But according to Baba's promise and His grace, which were experienced by those devotees, when Baba was existing in flesh and blood, can also be enjoyed by any devotee, whoever concerned, if one has full faith and patience, even after Baba's Maha Samadhi till date. In this connection, I felt much happy to hear about the Government orders received after my retirement to effect my pay to be raised to such an extent that I got an increase of my pay to the tune of above Rs.100/- and thus my pension also was raised by Rs.50/- and above as a coincidence of Baba's leela.

Secondly I was informed by our office people that my family benefit fund was sanctioned in the District Office, Eluru and

presented at the District Treasury, Eluru for payment by way of cheque through our Divisional Office, Kovvur for an amount of Rs.1,151/-. In this connection our Divisional Office people sent a word to me that I must shell down at least Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- at the District Treasury level to get the cheque. The Head Clerk of our office instructed the attendant to see that the cheque is delivered as early as possible from the District level by contacting all the concerned, since the party will suffer financially. After returning to my home on 10-1-84 the same night I prayed to Baba to tell me the amount that was actually paid by our office Attendent Mr. Yohan at the District Treasury to satisfy myself with the hope that this is also being a demand in the form of Dakshina by Baba. Then in Dhyana Baba showed in an incident at page 227 of Shri Sai Satcharita (8th Edition) of B.V. Deo's (Devotee's) experience wherein Baba asked a third time Rs.25/- as Dakshina from B.V. Dev which Dev gladly gave, Then I confirmed myself that our office attendant has paid only Rs.25/- to the concerned clerk at the District Treasury and took the family benefit fund relating to me. After return of the Attendent from Eluru, he told me that he paid only Rs.25/- as according to Baba's Dakshina incident which leela proved ipso-facto. Baba also directed me to take delivery of the said cheque on 12-1-84 though it was received in the office on 10-1-84 Shri Sai Baba, while showing me the above devotee's leela in collecting Rs.25/- as Dakshina, Baba responded to me in dream on 12-1-84 that my birth day fell within two months from that day i.e., on 12-3-84 and as such, He arranged for the early payment of the family benefit fund amount. He also directed me in the same dream that I have to utilise the above amount of Rs.1151/- solely for the benefit of the family members indicating thereby the six members of my family (i.e., wife, two daughters, two sons and one daughter-in-law) with equal amounts in connection with my birth day as a present to them and that I should not utilise any amount out of it. While saying this, Baba further suggested to me that according to the devotee's experience of Shri B.V. Dev,

I have to send Rs.53/- to Shri Sai Baba as against the total sum of Rs. 78/- which was collected by Baba from Dev, since Rs.25/- were already received by Him at the District Treasury Level. Subsequently on 12-2-84, Baba appeared to me in dream at night and asked me to distribute family benefit fund amount on 27-2-84 at the rate of Rs.178/- to each family member adding Rs.2/- as Nishta and Saburi (Totaling to Rs.180/-). According to Baba's direction on 12-2-84 in dream I arranged to assemble all my family members at my residence "Shri Sai Sannidhi" for the distribution of the above amounts.

On 17-2-84 morning at 10-00 A.M., my grand-son, 2 years old, who is named after "Sai" innocently pulled out my eldest daughter's baby, two months old, from the bed (cot). Since there were no elderly people present, the baby became senseless. When my daughter (mother of baby) saw the baby crying loudly she uttered with emotional voice that "Sai caused her baby to death" and crying likewise she immediately took the baby in her hands to Dwarakamai posture portrait (Sai Baba) holy feet and prayed for rescue. Afterwards with a trembling heart she could not resist herself to any extent except crying, since the baby was senseless for the moment. Then I immediately took the baby from her mother's hands and placed the baby at the holy feet of Baba, who is the only solace to me and prayed to grant immediate relief to the baby by restoring life to her senseless body and wipe off her mother's grief. While praying like this, I took Sai Baba's Udhi into my hands and applied it on the fore-head of the senseless baby and a pinch of it into her month. Then seeing the pitiable condition of the baby and the kind and merciful face of Sai Baba at the big size photo (wall Poster Photo), I asked Baba "why He selected this day i.e., 17-2-84 as an auspicious day for the distribution of the fund and caused such a sorrowful condition like this at my home and as Baba Himself should not allow such a sorrowful state of affairs to take place at His Sai Sannidhi and as such He must grace the baby with loving looks immediately. Soon after my praying like

this, shedding tears, Baba immediately responded to me by granting life to the senseless baby's body. Immediately the baby opened her eyes and saw the face of the Lord "Sai Baba". This was the miracle which happened on 17-2-84. Shri Ramalinga swamy, the resident of Shirdi, (at Munja Baba Sthan, Shirdi) also happened to be at our home when the accident took place and he also saw Baba's miracle at our Sai Sannidhi.

Coming to previous paras of this article, wherein Baba directed me and called for dakshina from me, Rs.53/- being balance out of Rs.78/- relating to a devotee's case (Mr. Dev) Baba asked me not to send the amount by M.O., and that I should give the cash to Him through a messenger (His Devotee). He wanted to present me with a "Golden Shella" as was done in the case of Mr. B.V. Deo. Hence I sent this amount of Rs. 53/- to the Court Receiver through a friend of mine Shri Y. Satyanarayana (Sai Devotee) as per Baba's direction as Dakshina which was called for by Baba, who was proceeding to Shirdi on 5th March, 1984 for Baba's darshan. He proposes to stay there at Shirdi probably for 3 or 4 days. Today morning at 5-00 A.M., i.e., on 4-3-84 while in regular meditation, I prayed for Baba's grace to clarify and confirm the fact to me for gracing with a Golden Shella and if so, what would be that Golden Shella in terms of Baba. Then Baba blessed me with His blissful hand (Abhaya Hastham) saying the words "Ayushyabhivridhyardham" and stopped His Voice. Again I prayed to Him that He has not yet clarified about the aspect of Golden Shella that is going to be presented to me by Him on my birthday which falls on 12-3-84. Then in my same meditation, Sai Baba showed His "Kufni" and asked me to write to the Receiver, Shirdi Samsthan, to send me one of the "Kufnis" that were used by Him while Baba was in flesh and blood. So I am writing this lengthy article with my belief, knowledge and experience of Baba's leelas. ★

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Report Of the Tenth Annual Gathering at Shirdi

(Continued from May 1984 issue)

Sunday (29-1-84) Second Session (Delegates' speeches)

Shri Vijay Hajare, "Shri Sai Leela magazine has shaped us and has given us the present shape. We owe much to this magazine which is the unbrakeable tie between the Sai devotees. A suggestion was made here that new and young writers should be encouraged. This suggestion has been accepted and new writers are coming up because of this magazine. This helps to spread the circulation of this magazine. The pothi of Shri Sai Satcharita in Marathi may be printed in Sai Leela magazine seriatim so that its cost will be within the reach of the common devotee."

Master Rahul Khanvilkar, "I am contributing some poems occasionally to Shri-Sai-Leela magazine. However I feel that there should be some pages reserved for the articles of the children in it so that they will be encouraged to submit their articles and poems."

Shri A. B. Lutade, "The Hindi knowing people feel that the Shirdi Sansthan should publish a separate Hindi issue of Shri Sai Leela and I feel that this should be done as early as possible. I know that the authorities of the Sansthan may have some difficulties in this behalf and we should have Saburi in this respect. According to Shri Sai Baba's advice we are waiting patiently for the Hindi edition. However the Sansthan also should think seriously about this and bring out the Hindi Edition of Shri Sai Leela as early as possible."

Shri J. p. Mehta, "Shri Sai Leela magazine is spreading far and wide in our country and it is also becoming more popular in

countries outside India. However we should not remain satisfied with the present progress of our magazine. We should always examine our articles and review our progress with a view to progressing further."

Dr. Hibare," Shri Sai Leela magazine is doing justice to all languages alike. The articles in all languages are touching and they go to the heart of Sai devotees. Hence the question of language does not arise here. There should be no dispute regarding languages here. My zoli is always being filled by Shri Sai Baba. In temples like Tirupati, money is required to be paid even for darshan. It is nothing like that here. Hence this is the only temple where there is free access to every devotee without any trouble. We are lucky that we are all the devotees of such a Sadguru."

Bipin K. Swadia, "I always attend this gathering every year with all my family members and I am happy to meet all the Sai devotees, who come here from various places all over India. All Sai devotees are dearer to me than most of my close relatives. The opportunity for exchange of ideas that is afforded here is very important and for that this gathering should be continued permanently."

As it was time for the Dhuparati, the president declared this session as closed at about 6-30 p.m., after giving assurance to all the other delegates, who wanted to speak, that they will be given a chance to speak in the morning session on the next day.

From 9 P.M. to 11 P.M. some delegates gave their various programmes in the Samadhi Mandir. From 11-30 P.M, to 1 A.M. the famous singer Shri Jayawant Kulkarni gave a special programme of his songs for the delegates. Shri Kulkarni sang very sincerely on that day as it was Sai-Seva and all the audience were very much pleased with the programme.

30-1-'84 (Monday) :

At 9(A.M) sharp, in the morning, the third session of the gathering started in the hall of Shri Sai Udyan. As per decision taken on the previous day, some of the delegates, who had still to speak, were requested to address the gathering.

Shri Vishwanathan, Secretary all India Sai Samaj, Madras said, "Very valuable suggestions have been made in the editorials of Shri Sai Leela Magazine. I therefore feel that they should be compiled in a book form so that they can be passed on to the future generation. Sai Satcharita could be printed in the magazine chapter by chapter so that the devotees could compile all the volumes together and hence they need not pay separately for that book."

Shri Chandavarkar, retired I.A.S. Officer, who came from Bagalkot for the gathering said, "Shri Sai Baba came in my life and all my difficulties were over. The Court Receiver of Shirdi Sansthan, Shri Kakresaheb, is not doing the work as a mere servant, but he is doing it as a sincere devotee. The editors of Shri Sai Leela are doing good service. Therefore if we do not get the issue in time we become restless and we feel that we are missing something very important in our life. I wish that this gathering should be continued in this spirit and the contributors to this magazine should meet each other from year to year."

N. Machinder Das, "This gathering should be held not at the week end, but it should start on Thursday. The Hindi issue should be separated from the English so that we shall be able to meet the demand of the Hindi speaking devotees. The English edition is having very good editorials which should be continued in future so that the value of the magazine will enhance",

Shri Madhukar Ambade from Baroda read out the poem in connection with this gathering, which he had compiled on the previous day.

Shri Khadke said, "I have been suggesting every year that the Shirdi Sansthan should open a stall outside the Samadhi Mandir on the footpath for exhibiting and selling the publications of the Sansthan; but I do not know why it is not being done. The Court Receiver also is not telling openly what are his difficulties in this behalf. Some special articles from old issues should be reprinted in the monthly issues of Sai Leela so that the younger generation will know what took place in the past".

Shri D. S. Housaguda said, "Our magazine is doing good job in spreading Sai devotion. It is also necessary to have still wider circulation of this magazine. I therefore request that every person, who is contributing articles to Shri Sai Leela, should get at least one subscriber every year so that the circulation of our magazine will increase and the message of Shri Sai Baba will spread all over our country."

Shri T. Kesavrao, the president of the All India Sai Samaj Madras and Shri Vishwanathan, the Secretary of the Samaj, were to leave Shirdi in the afternoon. They therefore showed their inability to attend the afternoon session. They were therefore felicitated at the hands of the president by giving them garlands and Sai Baba's prasad and Udi.

The contributors to the magazines are apt to send their articles in whatever manner they like; but all of them are required to be read, corrected and scanned by the executive editors. As many articles are not sent, taking proper care to leave margin etc. it becomes difficult to read such articles and process them. Executive Editor Shri Sadanand Chendwankar therefore explained all these difficulties in great detail. He had brought with him certain samples of articles sent by some of the contributors to illustrate his statements. Some articles were written on ordinary postcards, some on Inland letters and some on both sides of the paper without leaving proper margin. He said that inspite of requests made in the past, the contributors persist in sending such

articles and it becomes difficult to process them or accept them for publication. The handwriting in some cases is so bad that it is difficult to read it. In all such cases, he added, the editors are forced to reject such articles. He also told in the end about the hurry which the contributors have. He said that they expect their article to be published in the next issue; but they do not know that there is a big back log with the editors, which cannot be cleared in about six month's time. Shri Chendwankar also explained the procedure for sending the matter to the press and for correcting the proofs. He pointed out that in this procedure the editor is required to read every article for three or four times. If therefore the articles sent are too lengthy, then it becomes difficult to publish them immediately. He therefore requested in the end that, the articles written by the contributors should be as short as possible and that they should be written avoiding the irregularities pointed out so far.

Dr. Parchure then delivered his speech in English repeating most of the points referred to by Shri Chendvankar as he also had similar experience about the articles received by him. In the English articles, he said that there are so many spelling mistakes that after reading these articles he was afraid that his own spelling would be spoilt. He said that in spite of repeated, requests made in this behalf in the past, he was still receiving articles in English written in hand. As the compositors are not able to decipher such hand writing, these articles are required to be typed and as the typists in the office of the Shirdi Sansthan are usually busy, it becomes difficult to get these articles typed and then they lie aside and are ultimately required to be rejected. He also in the end requested the contributors to send their articles typed on one side of the page after leaving sufficient margin so that they could be processed easily and sent to the press for printing. He said that he feels very sorry when he has to reject any article; but he said that some articles are not suitable for publication for various reasons and added that he could not help rejecting them.

(to be continued)

OBITUARY

We are very sorry to inform our readers that Shri Hari Bala Shimpi, retired Chopdar of the Shirdi Sansthan expired on 4-4-1984 due to old age. He was born in 1914 and he joined the service of Shirdi Sansthan on 10-10-1951. He retired from the service of the Sansthan on 31-12-1978. His age was seventy years at the time of his death. He worked as Chopdar in the Samadhi Mandir.

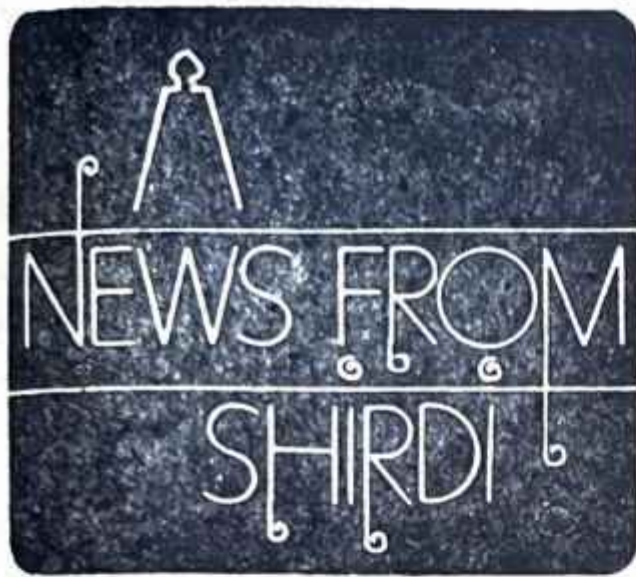
We have to give to our readers the sad news of the demise of Shri Ranganath Bala Gurav (Goraksha), who used to look after the lights in the Samadhi Mandir, on 7-4-1984 due to old age. He was born in 1909 and he joined the service of the Shirdi Sansthan in 1922 and retired on 31-12-1978. His age was seventy five, at the time of his death. He was known to be a very sincere worker. He is survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters. His son Shri Prabhakar Goraksha is working as the Chief Cashier of the Shirdi Sansthan. His another son Shri Somnath Goraksha is working as Assistant Store Keeper in the Sainath Hospital. Shri Ranganath Gurav (Goraksha) was a sincere Sai Devotee and due to his amiable nature, he was called "Dada" by all the staff of the Shirdi Sansthan.

We pray at the feet of Shri Sai Baba that both the departed souls may rest in peace.



— Editor





APRIL 1984

In this month the Ramanavami festival was celebrated at Shirdi as usual for three days from 9-4-84 to 11-4-84. As the rush of devotees, who are visiting Shirdi during the days of the festival is increasing abnormally, it becomes imperative to plan things in advance in order to avoid confusion during the festival. From the past experience, the Court Receiver, Shri Kakresaheb held a meeting of the heads of the departments in advance in March 1984 in order to assign the work to different persons. Due to this advance arrangement the work of erecting pandol, conservancy arrangements, lighting, poor feeding, security, programmes of the artists etc. went on smoothly and there was no chaos anywhere.

Detailed report of the programme for the three days of the festival is as follows :-

Monday (9-4-1984)

This was the first day of the festival. The Samadhi Mandir opened as usual and the Kakad Aarati was sung. After that the programmes of the holy bath, Abhishek and the Noon Aarati etc., continued as usual at the usual time in the Samadhi Mandir. At 6 A.M. the Pothi (Sai Satcharit in Marathi) and the photo of Shri Sai Baba were taken in procession from the Samadhi Mandir to Dwarkamai via Gurusthan. After the photo was placed there, the parayan (Continuous reading of the Sai Satcharit) was started.

In the evening from 4-30 (P.M.) to 6-30 (P.M.) Shri Chagan Maharaj from Nanded performed Keertan in the Samadhi Mandir.

From 7-30 (P.M.) to 9 (P.M.) and from 9-30 (P.M.) to 11 (P.M.) Sou Sunanda Jog, from Pune, gave a programme of vocal recital in the Samadhi Mandir. As this programme was going on in the Samadhi Mandir, the Palkhi of Shri Sai Baba was taken in procession, through the Shirdi Village from 9-15 (P.M.) to 11 (P.M.). The Palkhi was decorated very artistically and the procession was accompanied with music of various types. After the Palkhi procession came to Gurusthan the local people and Shri Raghunath Sandbhor, from Pune, gave a programme of Garuds and Bharuds. The vocal music concert of Sou. Jog and the singing of Garuds and Bharuds was appreciated much by the audience. After the Palkhi procession came to Samadhi Mandir, the Shejarati was sung and the Samadhi Mandir was closed and this ended the programme of the first day of the festival.

Tuesday (10-4-1984)

As this was the main day of the festival, there was a long queue of the devotees near Samadhi Mandir from early hours of the day. The usual Programmes of the Kakad Aarati, holy bath, Abhishek etc. took place in the Samadhi Mandir at their fixed time. After completion of the parayan for twentyfour hours in Dwarkamai the photo and Pothi of Shri Sai Baba were brought back from Dwarkamai to the Samadhi Mandir in procession via Gurusthan at 6 (A.M.).

At the time of the Ramanavami festival it is a common practice for the devotees from Shirdi to go to Kopergaon on the previous day and get the water of the Godavari river for the holy bath of Shri Sai Baba. Accordingly several devotees who had gone to Kopergaon on the previous night, walked the distance of nine miles and came to Shirdi with their pots full of the Godavari water. At 6-30 (A.M.) the Court Receiver, Shri Kakresaheb, worshipped the Kavdis and all of them (nearing a thousand in number) went through the Shirdi village in procession. On return of the Kavdi procession to the Samadhi Mandir, the

ladies welcomed them by waving a lamp. The devotees thereafter gave a bath to Shri Sai Baba by the water of the Godavari river which they had brought from Kopargaon.

From 10-30 A.M. to 12-30 P.M., Shri Manohar Wasudeo Koklegaonkar alias Manumaharaj from Nanded performed Keertan in the Samadhi Mandir on the episode of the birth of Shreeram. At 4 P.M. in the evening the procession of the flags was started and at 4-45 P.M. the Chariot of Shri Sai Baba, properly decorated and accompanied by music, band etc was taken in procession through the Shirdi village. Many devotees from the village took darshan of Shri Sai Baba in the Palkhi. From 9 P.M. to 10 P.M. Dr. M.C. Dixit from Pune gave his programme of Sai Ramayan in the Samadhi Mandir. From 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. (on 11-4-'84) all the artists, who were present, gave their various programmes in the Samadhi Mandir. The Samadhi Mandir was kept open for the whole night for darshan and devotees were constantly coming and going away after taking darshan. Thus with the programmes of the artists, the programmes for the second day of the festival concluded.

Wednesday (11-4-'84) :

This was the third and the last day of the festival. As the Samadhi Mandir was open for the whole night, there was no question of singing the Kakad Aarati. The holy bath was therefore started in the Samadhi Mandir and the other programmes in the Samadhi Mandir went on at the usual time. From 11-30 A.M. to 12-30 P.M. Shri Manu Maharaj from Nanded performed the Kala-Keertan in the Samadhi Mandir. Dahihandi programme took place thereafter. The noon-Aarati followed the Dahihandi programme and teerth and prasad were distributed to all who attended the Aarati. From 7-30 P.M. to 10 P.M. in the night Shri Anup Jalota, the famous bhajan and gazal singer gave his programme of vocal music in the Samadhi Mandir. At 10 P.M. Shejarati was sung and after the distribution of teerth and prasad

to the persons, who were present for the aarati, this festival, which lasted for three days, came to an end.

Sant Bhaumabaraj Kumbhar Punyatithi :-

The Punyatithi of Sai devotee Shri Bhaumaharj Kumbhar was celebrated as usual on the 12th day of the dark half of the month of Chaitra (27-4-'84)

OPENING CEREMONY

On the auspicious day of the Hindu new year viz. 2-4-'84 the opening ceremony of the dormitory, constructed at Shirdi, near the Mangal Karyalaya, by the Shirdi Sansthan at a cost of Rs. sixty lacs, was done at the auspicious hands of Shri S. B. Sonar, Judge of the City Civil Court Bombay.

Similarly the additional ward in the Sainath Hospital, staff quarters and the guest house attached to the hospital were declared open by Shri Sonar on the same day. Shri Anilkumar Lakhina, Collector Ahmednagar District, presided over the function. In the meeting the Court Receiver Shri Kakresaheb, the Office Superintendent Shri D. C. Pathak, Architect Shri Talegiri, Contractor Shri Devshibhai Patel, Shri D. Bagwe, Shri Shahade, Shri D. C. Patil, the Engineer of the Shirdi Sansthan, Shri Mirane and others also delivered speeches suitable to the occasion.

On the same day, the Bhumi Pujan (Worshipping of the site) ceremony of the third building of the staff quarters was also celebrated at the auspicious hands of Shri V.S. Aptesaheb, the Chief Accounts Officer of the Shirdi Sansthan. Shri D. C. Pathak the Office superintendent of the Shirdi Sansthan presided over the function. Speeches suited to the occasion were delivered in the function by various speakers.

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साईनाम का पुकार

सुख, सुख, कहनेसे मानव का दुख कभी मिटता नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे मानव सुखी होता है ॥ १ ॥

शान्ती शान्ती कहनेसे शान्ती कभी मिलती नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे मनको पूरी शान्ती मिलती है ॥ २ ॥

दीप दीप कहनेसे घरमें रोषणाई कभी होती नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे जीवनमे उजाला होता है ॥ ३ ॥

पानी, पानी कहनेमे प्यास कभी बुझती नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे दिलकी प्यास बुझती है ॥ ४ ॥

साबुन, साबुन कहनेसे शरीर कभी साफ होता नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे आत्मा साफ रहता है ॥ ५ ॥

सुखके स्वप्ने देखनेसे आशा कभी पूरी होती नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेमे साईका स्वप्नोमे दर्शन होता है ॥ ६ ॥

चन्दन, चन्दन कहनेसे खुशबू कभी आती नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे भक्तिको खुशबू आती है ॥ ७ ॥

घर, घर कहनेसे घर कभी मिलता नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे साईके हृदयमे घर मिलता है ॥ ८ ॥

मोक्ष, मोक्ष कहनेसे मोक्ष कभी मिलता नहीं ।
लेकीन साई, साई कहनेसे अन्तिम मोक्ष मिलता है ॥ ९ ॥

सौ. वसुन्धरा रामराव चोरे

८०३ सी, लक्ष्मी भुवन, डॉ. आंबेडकर रोड, दादर मुं. ४०००१४



योगक्षेमं वहाम्यहम्

“अनन्याश्चिन्तयन्तो मां ये जनाः पर्युपासते ।

तेषां नित्याभियुक्तानां योगक्षेमं वहाम्यहम् ॥ ९।२२ ॥

भगवान् श्रीकृष्ण कहते हैं - जो अनन्यभाव से मेरे में स्थित हुये भक्तजन मुझ परमेश्वर को निरन्तर चिन्तन करते हुये निष्काम भाव से भजते हैं, उन नित्य एकीभाव से मेरे में स्थिति वाले पुरुषों का योगक्षेम मैं स्वयम् प्राप्त कर दंता हूँ । जो मनुष्य अपनी अन्तरात्मा से तत्परता व लगन से परमेश्वर का तेलधारा सदृश्य चिन्तन करता है, वैसे ही परमेश्वर भी उस पुरुष को सदैव स्मरण करते रहते हैं और उसके परमेश्वर प्राप्ति निमित्त साधन की रक्षा में तत्पर रहते हैं । ईश्वर का उपरोक्त वचन केवल पुस्तक की ही शोभा नहीं बढ़ाता बल्कि वह गीता गायक की वचनबद्धता भी दिखाता है । अति प्राचीनकाल से ऐसे कई भक्तों के उदाहरण हमारे सामने आते हैं जिनसे स्पष्ट होता है कि परमेश्वर ने अपना उपरोक्त वचन अवश्य निभाया है । मीराबाई, सूरदास, तुलसीदास, रामकृष्ण परमहंस, स्वामी विवेकानन्द, रामभक्त त्यागराज, सन्त एकनाथ, तुकाराम, नामदेव नरसी मेहता आदि भक्तों के जीवनचरित्र उपरोक्त श्लोक की सत्यता के ज्वलन्त उदाहरण हैं । इन्हीं भक्तों की श्रृंखला में एक आधुनिक युग के सरल भक्त के जीवन की एक घटना यहाँ प्रस्तुत की जा रही है जिससे पाठकों की श्रद्धा व विश्वास को अवश्य बल मिलेगा ।

श्री टीकमदास श्री किसनदास भगत (सन् १९२२ - १९६७) का जन्म बुरहानपुर शहर (मध्य प्रदेश) के एक भक्त गुजराती माढ वैश्य परिवार में हुआ था । परिवार के संस्कारों के फलस्वरूप बचपन से ही उनमें ईश्वरभक्ति के गुण विद्यमान थे । होश संभालने पर उन्होंने श्री स्वामीनारायण संप्रदाय में दीक्षा ली । वे नियम से प्रातःकाल ५ बजे उठ जाते थे और स्नानादि से निवृत्त हो कर श्री स्वामीनारायण के मन्दिर पहुँच जाते । मन्दिर में सेवा पूजा पूर्ण करके वे घर आकर नियमपूर्वक पूजा, पाठ, भजन आदि करते थे ।

उन्होंने सन् १९३९ में मैट्रिक की परिक्षा उत्तीर्ण की । धनोपार्जन के लिये उन्होंने बुरहानपुर की तात्पी मिल में (सूती कपडे की मल) नौकरी कर ली ।

वे घर में ज्येष्ठ पुत्र थे और उनका विवाह भी हो गया था। चूंकि मिलकी नौकरी की आय से उनकी गृहस्थी की आवश्यकतायें पूर्ण नहीं होती थी और द्वितीय महायुद्ध के कारण मँहंगाई दिन पर दिन तेजी से बढ़ रही थी, इसलिये उन्होंने धनोपानर्ज हेतु बुगहानपुर छोड़कर अन्यत्र जाने का विचार किया। कुछ दिनों बाद वे भुसावल भाये और वहाँ रेलवे के लोको शेड में कोल चेकर की नौकरी स्वीकार की। परिस्थितियों वशा उनकी बदली भुसावल से बम्बई वित्तीय सलाहकार एवं मुख्य लेखा अधिकारी (Financial Adviser and chief Accounts officer) के कार्यालय में लिपिक (clerk) के पद पर हुई।

बम्बई में वे थाना और डोंबिवली के उपनगर में रहते थे और प्रतिदिन नियमपूर्वक वे बम्बई में भुलेश्वर स्थित श्री स्वामीनारायण मन्दिर जाते थे। कार्यालय में कार्य करते हुये उन्होंने कई लेखा परीक्षायें उत्तीर्ण की और अन्त में वे स्टेशन लेखा निरीक्षक (Inspector of Station Accounts) के पद पर पहुँचे। यद्यपि बम्बई जाने पर और उन्नति करने पर उनकी आर्थिक हालत सुधर गई थी फिर भी उनको अहंकार लेशमात्र भी छू नहीं गया था। वे अब भी घोती, कुर्ता व टोपी पहनते और अपने सब कार्य तत्परता से नियमपूर्वक करते रहते। उनकी सादगी, सरलता, स्पष्टवादिता, ईश्वरभक्ति व परदुःखकातरता सभी मिलनेवालों के मन को मोह लेती।

कुछ वर्षों पश्चात् उनका स्थानान्तरण बम्बई से मथुरा को स्टेशन लेखा निरीक्षक के पद पर हुआ। जैसे वे पूजापाठ नियमपूर्वक करते थे वैसे ही वे अपनी ड्यूटी भी बड़ी निष्ठा से करते थे। वे स्टेशनों के लेखा (accounts) की जाँच एक कार्यक्रम बनाकर करते थे। एक दिन उनको पूर्वनिश्चित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार प्रातःकाल की गाडी से एक स्टेशन (नाभ स्मरण नहीं) पर जाना था। उस दिन प्रातःकाल वे नियमपूर्वक पूजाकरने बैठे। पूजा करते करते उनका ध्यान लग गया और वे काफी समय तक वैसे ही स्थिर बैठे रहे। गाडी निर्धारित समय पर आकर चली गई। बहुत समय बीत जाने पर जब उनका ध्यान टूटा और उनको अपने कार्यक्रम का स्मरण हुआ तब उनको कार्यक्रम के अनुसार ड्यूटी पर न जाने के कारण आश्चर्यचकित हुए। तत्काल वे दूसरी गाडी से उस स्टेशन के लिये रवाना हो गये। वहाँ पहुँचकर उन्होंने स्टेशनमास्टर को लेखा रजिस्टर आदि जाँच के लिये प्रस्तुत करने के लिये कहा। स्टेशनमास्टर ने उत्तर दिया

कि वे आज ही प्रातःकाल यह कार्य पूर्ण करके यहाँ से चले गये थे । उनका दोबारा आना वे समझ नहीं सके । स्टेशनमास्टर की बात सुनकर भगतजी को बड़ा आश्चर्य हुआ । उन्होंने सब कागजात बुलवाकर देखे और उसमें जाँच करने के बाद उनके हस्ताक्षर के साथ साथ उस दिन की तारीख भी दृष्टिगोचर हुई । भगतजी सोच में पड़ गये कि वे तो अभी अभी आये हैं और उनके आने के पहले किसने यह कार्य किया ? शीघ्र ही यह घटना स्टेशन कर्मचारियों के बीच चर्चा का विषय बन गई । जब भगतजी ने विस्तार से स्टेशनमास्टर और अन्य कर्मचारियों के समक्ष उनके ध्यान लगने और उसके फलस्वरूप देरी से आने की बात कही तब उनमें से एक भाग्यवान कर्मचारी ने आगे आकर बताया कि जब पहली बार भगतजी आये थे तब उनकी टोपी पर मुकुट जैसा लगा था परन्तु दूसरीबार आये भगतजी की टोपी पर मुकुट जैसा कुछ नहीं था । तत्काल ही भगतजी समझ गये कि यह कार्य उनके आराध्य देव स्वयं आकर सम्पन्न कर गये । सब बातें जानकर व समझकर स्टेशन के सभी कर्मचारी भगवान श्रीकृष्ण और उनके भक्त टीकमदास भगत की जयजयकार करने लगे ।

दीनानाथ गुप्ता

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रामराज तो चला गया

आया है रावण का राज ।

माता कौसल्या अब कहाँ ?

हुआ मन्थरा रानी आज ॥ १ ॥

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कष्ट उठाती पतिव्रता
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 पेढा खाय दुराचारी ॥ ५ ॥

हरीभाऊ बोबडे

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श्री साई कृपा की वर्षा

मैं मध्य प्रदेश राज्य परिवहन निगम का एक कर्मचारी था व सन १९८३ में अपनी पत्नी के साथ अहमदाबाद, बड़ोदा व बम्बई यात्रा पर निकला था। हम बम्बई से नासिक गए तो वहाँ पर श्री साई बाबा ने मुझे शिरडी आने की प्रेरणा दी व हम बाबा के दरबार शिरडी पहुँचे। वहाँ तीन दिन सेवाधाम (धर्मशाला) में ठहरे और सद्गुरु के दर्शन करके बहुत सी याचनाएँ की व वापिस प्रसन्नचित्त घर लौटे।

मैं उस समय भोपाल में आडिटर के पद पर था। मैं इन्दौर का निवासी हूँ व मैंने इन्दौर सन १९४६ में छोड़ा था। मेरी इन्दौर आने की तीव्र इच्छा थी।

हमने बाबा के दरबार में जो प्रार्थनाएँ की थी वे सब श्री साई ने निष्ठ के अनुसार पूर्ण की।

अप्रैल १९६४ में मेरा तबादला इन्दौर हुआ मुझे सीनीयर अकाउन्टेंट व अकाउन्टेंट के पद पर वही उन्नती हुई।

सन १९६५ में मुझे तृतीय श्रेणी से द्वितीय श्रेणी चीफ अकाउन्टेंट के पद पर आसीन किया।

सन १९६६ में मुझे मकान बनवा के दिया। मुझे कोई सन्तान नहीं थी। सो मुझे इसी वर्ष पुत्र प्राप्य करवाया।

मेरा तबादला जून १९६६ में भोपाल हुआ व वहासे सन १९६९ में जबलपुर हुआ। बाबा ने जो मकान 'श्री साई कृपा' इन्दौर में दिया था वहाँ हम नहीं रह सके। सो श्री साई ने मई १९७२ में हमें वापिस इन्दौर भेज दिया।

हमने इन्दौर में एक कमरा रख कर बाकी मकान किराए पर दे दिया था व इन्दौर आकर एक ही कमरे में रहे। किरायेदार ने बहुत ही कष्ट दिए व कोर्ट में दावा लगाकर दो कोर्ट से हमारे पक्ष में फैसला हुआ व पूरा मकान हमें रहने को मिल गया।

मार्च १९७९ मे मै रिटायर हो गया व तीर्थयात्रा की । श्री बावाने मुझे जुलाई १९७९ मे फिर नोकरी दिलादी व मै अभी तक नोकरी कर रहा हूँ ।

मुझे ६५ वा वर्ष चल रहा है, । मै १०-१५ किलो मिटर सायकल चलाता हूँ व ८ घण्टे नोकरी करता हूँ व श्री बाबा की दया से पूर्ण स्वस्थ हूँ ।

मैं अपने उपर किए हुए श्री बाबा के अगिनित उपकार लिख कर सब श्री साई भक्तों से प्रार्थना करना चाहता हूँ कि श्री साई बाबा की दो बातें श्रद्धा व धैर्य (सबूरी) का पूर्ण रूप से पालन करते रहे व श्री बाबाजी को पूर्ण समर्पण करने पर सब प्रकार के कष्टों से छुटकारा मिलता है व जीवन सदैव सुख व शान्ति मयव्यतात होता है ।

नन्दकिशोर तिवारी

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भजन

साईनाथ कहो, साईबाबा कहो, राम कहो, चाहे रहीम कहो
हिन्दू, मुस्लीम, सीख, इसाई, सब आपस मे भाई भाई ॥ ३ ॥

साई का कोई मजहब नहीं है, जाती पाती का भेद नहीं है
चान्द, सूरज का मजहब क्या है, रोशनी फैलाना काम एक है
ऊसी तरह अवतार साई का, जग का एक है पालन कर्ता
अल्ला ईश्वर सब ही एक है, यही सिखाया साईश्वर ने ॥ १ ॥

झूटे झगडे है यह सारे, जात, पात, के बात बात के,
रन्ग, रुप, के पहरावे के, खान पान के रीत रसम के,
सारे धरती का मालीक एक है, जिसने सब को पैदा किया है
फिर क्युं फैले झगडे जग मे, भाई भाई के खून के प्यासे ॥ २ ॥

शयतानीयत फैली सारे जग मे, इन्सानियत को सारे भूल गये
फिर एकबार अवतार ले लो साई, वरना जलेगी दुनिया सारी
साईदास लक्ष्मण पडा फिकर मे, क्या अनर्थ होगा इस दुनिया मे
पर उसको है साई पे भरोसा, मालीक सब ही ठीक करेगा ॥ ३ ॥

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क़िछा वाटर वर्स, नांदेड

श्याम सुन्दर साईनाथ

श्याम सुन्दर साईनाथ
हे मनोहर तू साईनाथ

करुणा कर फिर एक बार
रूप बदला आई बनकर
खुद ही तू आया है जब से
शिरडी बन गया द्वारका

श्याम सुन्दर साईनाथ
हे मनोहर तू साईनाथ

द्वापरी में भगवान कृष्णा
उपदेश गीता तू ने किया था
कर दिखाए आचरण अपना
गीता-ज्ञान कली में साई

श्याम सुन्दर साईनाथ
हे मनोहर तू साईनाथ !!

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मेरा अनुभव

मैं साईबाबा का एक भक्त हूँ ! और साईबाबा कि भक्ती से मुझे एक प्रकार का आनन्द प्राप्त होता है । साई कि भक्ती कि प्रेरणा मुझे मेरे पिताजी द्वारा प्राप्त हुई । आज मैं पांच साल से साईबाबा का भक्त हूँ ! और दो बार शिरडी कि यात्रा कर चुका हूँ । मेरा मन कहता है, कि मैं हमेशा बाबा के चरणों में सेवा करता हुआ शिरडी में रहूँ । शिरडी एक ऐसा स्थान है जंहा मनुष्य को एक प्रकार कि शान्ती प्राप्त होती है । मेरे जीवन में जब कभी कठीनाई आती है तो मैं बाबा को याद कर लेता हूँ । और बाबा मेरी कठीनाई को आसान बना देने हैं । मैं आज जो भी हूँ बाबा कि कृपासे हूँ । और अब मैं अपना एक अनुभव लिख रहा हूँ ।

सात जनवरी का दिन था । मैं और मेरे मित्र विदर से २० कि. मीटर दूर एक गणपती का मन्दिर को दर्शन करने के लिये साईकल पर जा रहे थे । हम सभी साथी मन्दिर के विल्कूल निकट पहुंच गये थे । अचानक मेरी साईकल के सामने पहिये मे एक पत्थर आने कि वजह से मेरी साईकल पलट गयी । और मैं साईकल पर से बहुत खतरनाक तरीके से उल्टा हो गया । अगर मैं हाथ जमीन पर नहीं टेकता तो मेरे सर को मार लगता था । लेकिन फिर भी बाबा कि कृपा से मुझे ज्यादा चोट नहीं आई । मेरा सिंघा हाथ फ्रैक्चर हो गया । मैं एक दिन बाद डॉक्टर के पास गया । मेरे हाथ का एक्सरे के बाद डॉक्टर कह रहे थे । कि मेरे हाथ का ऑपरेशन करना पड़ेगा । मेरा मन ऑपरेशन सुनकर घबरा गया और मैं बाबा की तस्वीर के सामने हाथ जोडकर प्रार्थना किया । कि मेरे हाथ का ऑपरेशन नहीं होना चाहिये । मैं दूसरे दिन डॉक्टर के पास गया । तो मेरे हाथ को दस दिन के लिये प्लास्टर डाल दिया गया । और बाबा कि कृपा से दस दिन बाद प्लास्टर निकालने पश्चात मेरा हाथ पहले के जैसा ठीक हो गया है । और यह लेख मेरे ठीक हो गये हाथ से लिख रहा हूँ । इस प्रकार बाबा कि कृपा से मेरा हाथ बगैर ऑपरेशन जल्दी से ठीक हो गया ।

इस प्रकार मेरे जीवन में जब भी कठीनाईयां आती है तो मैं बाबा कि याद कर लेता हूँ । और बाबा मेरी कठीनाई को आसान बना देते हैं । मेरे

जीवन में ऐसे कई प्रकार के कठीन अनुभव आये हैं । लेकिन बाबा कि कृपा से सारी कठीनाईयां आसान हो गयी । बाबा कि भक्ती में एक प्रकार का जादू है । जो इन्सान बाबा कि भक्ती करता है और शिरडी की यात्रा करता है उसका जीवन सार्थक होता है । उसका जीवन धन्य है जो बाबा के चरणों का दर्शन करता है । बाबा कि भक्ती में एक प्रकार कि शक्ती है जो कि मनुष्य को मुक्ती दिला देता है ।

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श्री साई दोहावली

साई या संसार में, तुम साचे जग नाहिं ।
हमसे तुमको बहुत है, तुमसे हमको नाहिं ॥ १ ॥

साई के दरबार में, कुछ भी मुश्किल नाय ।
सबकी झोली भरि रही, कोई न खाली जाय ॥ २ ॥

साई नाम अथाह है, कोई थाह न पाय ।
जे बूडे ते ऊबरे, जे ढाढे पछताय ॥ ३ ॥

साई - मोती को चुगें, हँसा परम - प्रवीन ।
बक से जग में मूर्ख है, चुगते जलचर-मीन ॥ ४ ॥

साई नाम का आसरा, कर मनुआ दिन रात ।
यह दुनिया छल फंद की, अन्त न करिहय बात ॥ ५ ॥

साई नाम सुमिरन किये, मिटै कोटिशः व्याधि ।
पाते भजु प्रभु नाम नित, श्री. गुरु-पग-युग साधि ॥ ६ ॥

भव भेषज श्री गुरुचरण, साईनाम अधार ।
सब ताजे भज दिन रात तेहि, होगा बेडा पार ॥ ७ ॥

साई प्याला प्रेम का, पीवे परम सुजान ।
बडे भाग से मिलत है, साई-पद अस्थान ॥ ८ ॥

साई-साई के रटे, जिभिया होत रसाल ।
कोटी पाप दिन में हरै, साई परम-दयाल ॥ ९ ॥

साई पा शिरडी हुई, सप्त पुरी-सी भव्य ।
मथुरा, काशी-सी, परम, शांति दायिनी नव्य ॥ १० ॥

निम्ब-वृक्ष पावन हुआ, पा साई सत्संग ।
कटुता ताजे मधुरिम हुआ, धन्य-धन्य श्रीरन्ग ॥ ११ ॥

कोई दुखिया ना रहे, साई के दरवार ।
जितना चाहे मांग ले, सुख के लगे पहार ॥ १२ ॥

दाता थके न वाँटते, अक्षय प्रभु भन्डार ।
साई नाम को लेते ही, मिटते क्लेश अपार ॥ १३ ॥

डॉ. ब्रजमोहन मौर्य

सिंगाही - खीरी (उ. प्र.) पिन - २६२८०५



मेरे साईं

मेरे विश्वास को पूरा करके
मेरी हर सांस में तू बस जा,
शिरडी में बनने वाले साईं
मेरी यह एक पुकार सुनले ॥ १ ॥

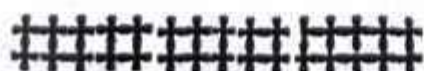
हर क्षण हर पल तुझे याद करके
ऐसी तो बावरी हो गयी हूं मैं,
कि विश्व के कोने कोने में
तेरा सिर्फ ही दीदार देखती हूं मैं ॥ २ ॥

विश्वास के दोर में बन्ध कर
सबुरी के बल पर खड़ी हूं
एक ही रटन है मेरी,
और की तरह, मेरी भी इच्छा पूरी करदे ॥ ३ ॥

इतनी तो शक्ति दे दें कि
हर मुसीबत से लड़ सकूं,
इतनी तो भक्ति दे दें कि
जन्म मरण के चक्कर से मुक्त हो जाऊं ॥ ४ ॥

हे शिरडी के स्वामी मेरे
मैं तुझे और क्या कहूं ?
अपने प्रिय भक्तों में
मुझे भी शामिल कर दे ॥ ५ ॥

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प्रति

आदरणीय तन्त्री महोदय श्री परचुरेजी,

इस वक्त लेखक कवी सम्मेलन में हम दोनो को आनेका सौभाग्य मिला । उससे हमें परम आनन्द हुआ । सम्मेलनमें दूसरें दिन हमे जानेका था । इसलिये पूरा लाभ नही मिल सका ।

खास तौर पर शामको साईबन्धु श्री विपीन स्वादीया के तीन बच्चों गौरव, विनीत, घराने 'श्री साई शरणं मम' बडी जी धून लगाई वह बहोत ढी अच्छी थी । ये धूनका पूर्वोर्ध तो बहोत अच्छा था ही क्योंकि उसमें पशु-पक्षी, वनस्पति, हरियाली आकाश-पाताल, बच्चे-बूढे, मन्दिर के पुजारी आदी सभीका एक मात्र गुन्जन था । 'श्री साई शरणं मम' । इसकी दो पंक्तिया बहोत ही सराहनीय थी । लेंडीबाग के फूल बोले 'श्री साई शरणं मम' श्रद्धा बोले सबूरी बोले "श्री साई शरणं मम" ।

ये धूनके उत्तरार्धमें सम्मेलनमें जो लोग आये थे उनके नाम का जो अनुप्रास बोले गये थे वे नाम भी अच्छी तरह जुडे गये थे । सम्मेलनमें सुनने वाले के नाम के साथ जब बच्चे लोग 'श्री साई शरणं मम' बोलते थे तो वे सबको ऐसा एहसास होता था की उनका नाता श्री साई से अतूट है । सुनने वालों की छाती गजगज फुलती थी जब उनके नामके पश्चात 'श्री साई शरणं मम' का नारा या मन्त्रोच्चार बच्चों के मुंह से निकलता था । मेरा तन्त्रीमहोदय से हार्दिक अनुरोध है कि यो कविताका पूर्वोर्ध एवम उत्तरार्ध 'श्री साई लीला' मासिक में अवश्य छपवायें ताकि जो भाई बहन परिवार के साथ सम्मेलनमें उपस्थित थे उन सबकी जानकारी प्राप्त होगी । की साथमें 'श्री साई शरणं मम' के साथ सब भाई बहनों के नामकी नामावली उत्तरार्ध में जां आयेगी वह एक प्रकारकी माला ही होगी जो हमारे लाडले श्री साईबाबा को समर्पित होगी ।

अन्तमें ये धूनको पेश करने के लिये श्री विपीन स्वादीया को मेरा धन्यवाद और अभिवादन है ।

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साईनाथ की महिमा

जो नित साई को जपै करै उन्हीं का ध्यान,
वह न फँसे भव - जाल में, पद पावे निर्वाण ।

जहाँ कहीं भी देखिये, है साई का वास,
जड-चेतन सब ठौर में, उसका विमल-प्रकाश ।

अपने भक्तों के लिये, साई करुण-धाम,
उनके हित में वह करे, लीला नित्य ललाम ।

प्रेम, भक्ति, अनुराग से, वश हैं साई नाथ,
अन्तरतम में रम रहे, वह अनाथ के नाथ ।

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तब तक जीव न कर सके, भव-सागर को पार ।

विघ्नों से भयभीत हो, मत हो मनुज ! निराश,
साई सर्व - समर्थ है, कर उस पर विश्वास ।

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जल मे दीप जला दिये, कैसा किया कमाल,
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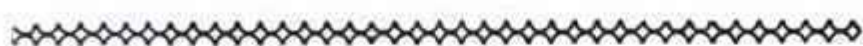
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