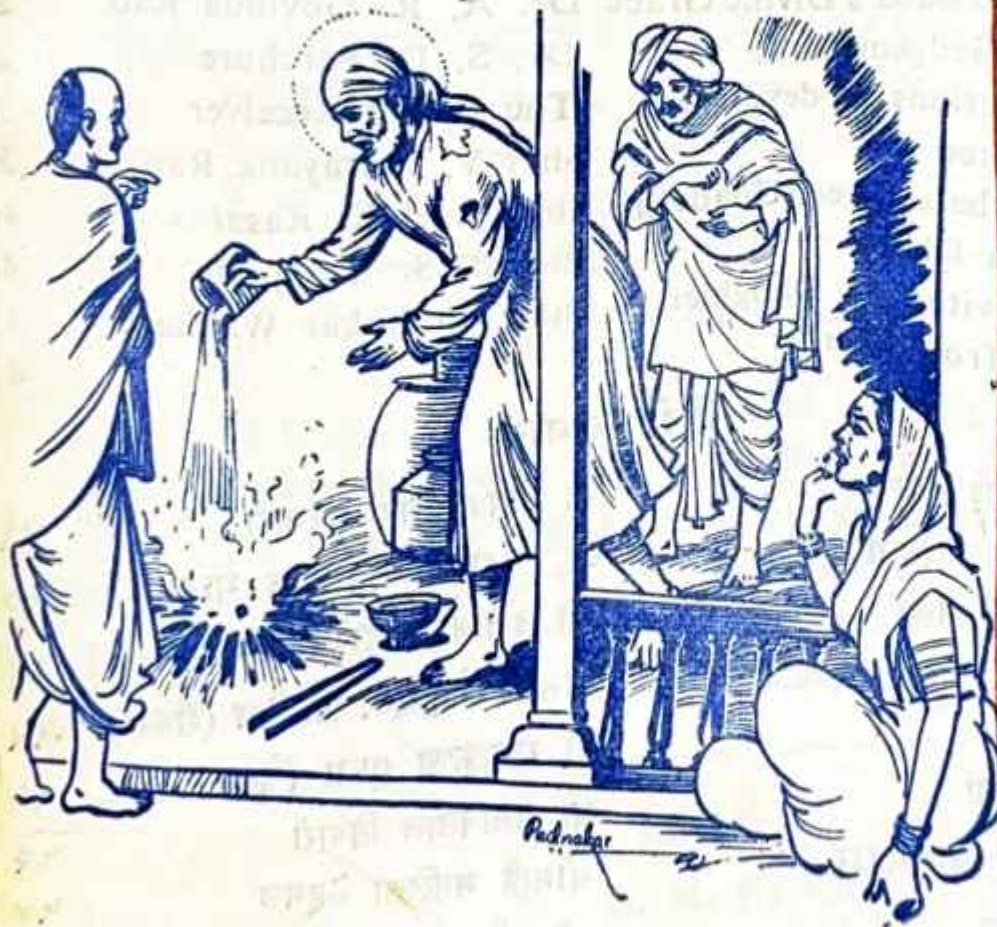


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EDITORIAL

A Devotee and God

A devotee meditates on God. He prays to God, he praises God, he worships God, he requests God to come to his help in the nick of the time and God in His turn responds to this call of His devotee and runs to his help. In this connection the story of the elephant, Gajendra, whose one leg was caught by the crocodile, is worth remembering. The elephant, who was a devotee of God, prayed to God when he was in dire distress and the God, who has pledged himself to run to the help of the devotee on getting a call from him, ran to his help and saved the elephant from the clutches of the crocodile. This is the love of God for a real devotee.

How does a person become a devotee? A person has to behave in certain manner with his favourite deity and then he is known to be a devotee of a particular God. In general, we feel that when a person visits the temple of God or when he chants the name of God, then he is a devotee; but these are not the only traits of a devotee. Devotion is ninefold. In the Bhagwat nine ways of devotion have been described as follows:- श्रवण (listening), कीर्तन (singing), स्मरण (recapitulating), चरणसंवन (taking recourse to the feet), अर्चन (worshipping), बंदन (bowing), दास्य (slavery), सख्य (friendship) and आत्मानिबेदन (telling to oneself).

It will be seen from the above nine ways of devotion that it has got a very wide range from listening to telling to oneself. We have therefore to be careful when we deny a person the title of a devotee; because apart from the external ways of showing devotion, which are known to us, a person may be having a very close relation with God in one of the aforesaid nine ways and he might thus be a devotee in the opinion of the pundits and the saints.

Devotion may thus be ninefold; but why is a person prompted to become a devotee? Has devotion any object behind it? Should devotion have any object in view? This point has been considered and dealt with at length by saints and philosophers. Their opinion is that a devotee should not normally expect to have anything in return for his devotion. Some have modified this statement a little and they have said that if devotion has any aim at all, it should be Moksha (liberation from the cycle of birth and death). However the saints are unanimous on this point that the aim of devotion should not be the pleasures of this mundane world. If we look at the biographies of most saints, we will see that their devotion to God was not for acquiring any worldly pleasures, nor for acquiring wealth or property. The saints have not only preached this principle, but they have proved it by their own behaviour. The examples of Eknath, Ramdas, Tukaram, Kabir, Tulsidas, Narsi Mehta, etc. show it very clearly that devotion to God is not for worldly prosperity, but it is for spiritual uplift. Those, who are conversant with the life of saint Tukaram, might remember his constant tussle with his wife, who wanted that saint Tukaram should take keen interest in the family life and earn something by running the shop; but Saint Tukaram never paid any attention to it and continued his deep devotion towards God Pandurang with full faith in him.

Though the teaching of the saints is so clear about devotion, still the normal man is unmindful about it. His devotion towards God is usually in the first instance for achieving pleasures. Shri Sai Baba knew this very well and he therefore assured all his devotees, in very clear terms, as follows:-

There will never be any dearth or scarcity regarding food and clothes in my devotee's home. It is my special characteristic that I look always to and provide for the welfare of those devotees who worship me whole-heartedly with their minds ever fixed on me. Lord Krishna has also said the same in the Gita.

Therefore, strive not much for food and clothes. If you want anything beg of the Lord, leave worldly honour, try to get the Lord's grace and blessings and be honoured in His Court. Do not be deluded by worldly honour. The form of the deity should be firmly fixed in the mind. Let all the senses and mind be ever devoted to the worship of the Lord, let there be no attraction for any other thing; fix the mind in remembering Me always, so that it will not wander elsewhere, towards body, wealth and home. Then it will be calm, peaceful and care-free. This is the sign of the mind being well engaged in good company. If the mind be vagrant, it cannot be called well-merged (Page 31, chapter VI, Sai Satcharita, Ninth Edition, 1980).

It will be seen from the above extract/from the Sai Satcharita that Shri Sai Baba first assured the devotees about their daily necessities like food and clothes; but He later on advises the devotees "Not to be deluded by worldly honour and to fix their mind in always remembering Him, so that it will not wander elsewhere, towards body, wealth and home."

If the devotees in their turn thus fix their mind on God or any other deity so whole-heartedly then God cannot turn away from those devotees. Lord Vishnu once told Narada about his relation with his devotees as follows :- मन्द्क्त यत्र गांति तत्र तिष्ठामि नारद । (Oh Narada, I am always present at that place where my devotees are singing songs in my praise). The God has a very soft corner for his devotees. Who does not like praise? All the bosses in the world expect their subordinates to praise them and speak well about them in and out of season. They always show extra favour to him, who praises them most. Seeing this distinction shown by the heads, the subordinates always try to please them by praising them in and out of season. It is therefore said that if human beings are carried away so much by praise, then what about God? Even He must be being deluded by praise. The devotees therefore pray to God for their prosperity in this world and achieve it from God. All our mythological books and

puranas are full of stories where the God has run to the help of the devotee and has relieved him from his distress. The story of Pralhad can very well be quoted in this context. Hiranyakashyapu, the father of Pra'had, was a non-believer in God while Pralhad had full faith in God. He saw God everywhere and went on worshipping God and singing His praise in spite of the opposition of his father. In the end the torture of Pralhad by his father reached the climax and the God had to appear on the scene to save his devotee.

Another example in Mahabharata, which illustrates the close relation between the God and the devotee, is that of Lord Krishna and Draupadi, who looked upon him as her brother. She no doubt was his devotee; but her love for him was of such high degree that she did not spare anything to serve him. Once it is said that Lord Krishna cut his finger. All his wives were there in his vicinity; but they were all dressed in costly clothes. So everyone started bustling about in search of a piece of cloth to dress his finger; but Draupadi was the only lady who immediately, rushed to him and tore out a piece from the costly 'Saree' that she was wearing and dressed the finger of Lord Krishna with it. Such is the devotion that a devotee should have for the God. In his turn the God too has to run to the devotee when he calls Him in his dire distress. Two such occasions can be quoted here. Once when the Pandawas were living in the forest, the Rishies came to them in thousands and asked to serve food to them. In such nick of time Draupadi naturally remembered only Lord Krishna and he arranged to save Draupadi from the calamity. The other occasion was when in the Darbar of the Kauravas, Dushasan tried to strip Draupadi by pulling at her saree. It was on this occasion that Lord Krishna showed a miracle by supplying unlimited dresses to his dear devotee, Draupadi.

Leaving aside these mythological stories, if we come to the modern age we come across the story of saint Eknath. He had

in his house a servant, named Shrikhandya and in one poem his story is thus told in short :-

भी एकनाथसदनी माधवजी सर्व काम हे करितो ।
स्वकरे चंदन घाशी गंगेचे पाणी कावडी भरितो ॥

In the house of saint Eknath, Lord himself stayed in form of a servant and did all the work like preparing sandle-wood paste and bringing water from the river. This shows the deep devotion of Shri Eknath towards God due to which the God could not help coming to him in human form and serving him.

We find similar example in Sai Satcharita when Shri Sai Baba took on himself the trouble of his devotee. In Chapter VII of the Sai Satcharita, the case of the son of Shri Dadasaheb Khaparde has been described in detail. When master Khaparde got an attack of plague, Shri Sai Baba took the disease from him and lifting His Kafani up to the waist, showed to all present four fully developed bubos, as big as eggs and said, "See how have I to suffer for my devotees; their difficulties are mine". God has to pay such heavy dividend for devotion. All our readers, who are Sai devotees, are well conversant with Sai Satcharita and hence they will also be able to quote many other similar instances from that book.

Such is the relation of the devotee and God. A devotee has to give everything to God without any reservation and God takes care of the devotee in all respects. We, who are all Sai devotees, have to keep full faith in Him and then as per His assurances there will be nothing short in our houses. Because of our devotion our minds too will become calm, peaceful and carefree. Let us therefore pray to Lord Sai Baba sincerely and obtain the prosperity in this world and the next.



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Let us now proceed towards the Samadhi Mandir. The path between Dwarkamai and Samadhi Mandir is flanked by the stalls on both sides. During the happy days of Saibaba there were plants of jai jui, chamelli growing here shedding fragrance and coolness to the devotees on this pathway. When we proceed to the right, we come to the entrance of the Samadhi Mandir.

Once you step into the Samadhi Mandir, you are relieved of all your worldly anxieties and you are filled with eternal bliss. You instantly exclaim, "Baba I am grateful to you for relieving me of my worldly anxieties" and you prostrate before Him.

Look at the Nandee, who has divided the big hall into two parts. The open space behind it is kept reserved for arranging programmes. A stage is erected in the centre and some chawls are built around the open space. In the space between the Nandee and the Samadhi a hall has been constructed to accommodate about 500 persons. Portraits of devoted disciples are hanging on the three sides of the wall and Zumber are suspended from the roof and on one side some articles, used by Shree Baba, are exhibited to add to the sanctity of His memories.

One, who wishes to seek perfect happiness should go to Shirdi and have a darshan of the Samadhi, which is built of white marble. The padukas of Shree Baba are kept here for Darshan. Near the padukas, a Nanda-deep is kept burning. The railings round the Samadhi have delicate carvings.

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When we look up, we get a view of the life size marble statue of Shree Saibaba in sitting posture. This posture is such as if he is sitting on the throne with his right foot resting on the left. A decorated prabhaval, with the beautiful carvings, is seen behind Baba with a chatri (umbrella) on the top.

How fortunate we are! We are entering the Samadhi mandir when the Idol is being offered panchamrit bath. Huge crowd has assembled in the mandir to witness the bathing ceremony (holy bath).

As soon as the bath is over, Shree Baba is dressed in a Velvet angarkha and is adorned with a Shirpech i. e. a headgear on his head. Similarly large number of garlands are offered and the Samadhi is decorated with flowers. To-day is Thursday. Many people are waiting in 'Q' to offer "Abhishek" on the Samadhi. Since so many people gather to offer 'Abhishek' it is offered collectively on certain days. Afterwards 'Naiwedya' is offered, followed by 'Vida' and drinking water. Now afternoon Arti will commence.

Strict discipline is observed in the Mandir even though people attend in large numbers. Ladies and gents take position in the respective wings reserved for them. Two attendants with chawaries stand by the side of Baba. Since He is profusely garlanded, it appears as if He is taking afternoon siesta. His forehead is marked with Keshari Tilak with Abir and Kumkum. It does add to His beauty. Look at his smiling face. It appears as if he accepting the "Arti" in person. Devotees forget themselves in such heavenly atmosphere, filled with fragrance of flowers, agarbatties and dhup, chanting of music in melodious voices and chiming of bells. At the end of the Arti, the attendants proclaim at the top of their voice "Om Rajadhiraj, Yogiraj, Parabramha, Shree Satchidanand Sadguru Sainath Maharaj ki jay". Tirtha and prasad are distributed. Hasten up, we have now to go to the mess for Maha-prasad.

In the Samadhi Mandir, after 4 o' clock we attend religious discourses, Pravachan etc. They are followed by "Dhup Arti" in the evening at 7 O' clock. Today being Thursday Palakhi i. e. Palanquin procession will follow. It is beyond my ability to describe such procession when beloved Baba was living. There was definitely more glory and pleasure then. At the outset, you could hear, shehnai and drum beating followed by Bhajani Mandals, Chhadidar, Chopdar, Garudtakka, Torch bearers, Morchel then Shamsunder (a fully decorated horse) and at end palanquin with Padukas of Shree Baba escorted by attendants with Chavari s. Shri Baba himself followed, holding his Kafani up in his left hand. An umbrella used to be held over the Palanquin, which moved slowly, followed by large gathering of ladies, children and gents

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Immediately all devotees sing "Pasayadan" from Saint Tukaram's Gatha and pray Shree Baba to go to bed. Mosquito Curtain are tied, drinking water is provided at Shri Baba's bedside. Since it is the time to close the doors of the mandir, let us all go out of the door. The mandir will again be opened early in the morning next day at 5 a. m.

Friends get up, don't you hear the melodious tunes of Shahanai and Naubat (Drum)? Let us attend "Kakad Arti". While attending the arti one forgets the world. He feels that the Lord is omnipotent and omnipresent. Let us have prasad of the torch i. e. Kakada which is butter and return to S. T. Stand.

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Even after prostrating thousand times before our beloved Baba, we are not satisfied to our hearts content. When a daughter leaves her parents' house for her husband's place, in Barat procession, she often glances at her parents' house. Similarly while completing my article, I behold the Mandir Dome and offer pranams. Raise your voice and say, "Shree Satchidanand Sadguru Sai Maharaj Ki Jai".

In order to delight the cows & the cowheard of Gokul, Lord Krishna, spent his childhood in Gokul. Similarly our beloved Shree Sai Baba may dwell in my heart as well as in the hearts of those readers who have been on this Pathway to Pradakshina. ★



OBITUARY

We are very sorry to inform our readers that Shri V. B. Nandwani, who was a sincere Sai devotee, expired due to heart attack, at 4-30 p. m. on 18-6-80, at his residence at Mahim. He used to take keen interest in the deliberations of the gathering of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela, which is being held annually at Shirdi. He made every effort to get new subscribers to this magazine. He collected lot of donations, in Bombay for construction of the Sai temple at Garkhal (Kasauli) in Himachal Pradesh. He was great appreciator of Urdu 'Sher-Shayari' and he was therefore responding to all 'Shers' that Prof. Gunderao Patwari, from Bidar, used to sing during the gathering at Shirdi. Shri Nandwani used to subscribe thought-provoking articles, which our readers might be remembering well. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, one son and a vast circle of intimate friends. He was born at Dera-Ismailkhan in 1915.

We pray to Shri Sai Baba that the departed soul may rest in peace! — Editor

SAI BABA AND GURU

Selfless service of Guru is an essential gradient to attain paramartha. Sai Baba never gives upadesha as is ordinarily understood or He never utters mantra in the ear of any devotee.

Surrender and Faith – Those who surrender to Sadguru Lord are not weak characters. They are on the contrary like a lion. In order to surrender at the feet of Sadguru, one has to get rid of his own false sense of egoism. Situation of self-surrender leads to losing one's own identity with a view to merging the same with the Sadguru. Draupadi raised her hands in the sense of total surrender and sought the help of Lord Shri Krishna, who extended the same to an unlimited length. Dushhasan was tired of putting off the saree and failed to undress her ultimately and hence he gave up.

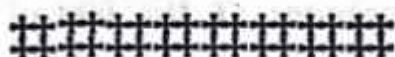
Once Sai Baba told Radhabai Deshmukh "I am a beggar. Look here my Guru (Venkusa) was a great saint. He was highly merciful and he begged from me two pice. What he wanted was not metallic coin. He did not care even for gold but he only wanted Nishtha and Saburi i. e. faith and courageous patience. I gave these to him at once and he was pleased. He never blew any mantra into my ear. Make the guru the sole object of thoughts and aims to attain paramartha, the supreme goal." The Lady (Radhabai Deshmukh) bowed and accepted the advice of Sai Baba.

Remember Him (Sai Baba) always with love, for he was engrossed in doing good to all and always abided in his self. All other Gods are illusory, Guru is the only God. If we believe in Sadguru, he can change our fortune for the better. If we serve him nicely, we can get rid of samsar. If we make him our helmsman, we can easily cross over the sea of all pains and sorrows

Sai Baba says, "I look always to and provide for the welfare of the devotees, who worship me wholeheartedly with their mind ever fixed on me". Lord Krishna has also said the same in Gita. Let us all follow the above advice of Shri Sai Baba and attain moksha. ★

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TO SAI

OH SAI, You are my heart and soul,
My talents are a gift from you.
Incoming and outgoing breaths,
These are my constant companions
Which are only echoing your name.
My body is just your abode,
Pleasant pursuits, merriment
And sportive recreation are
All as worship offered to You.
My movements hither to thither
Are so many worshipful and
Devotional rounds around You ...
Whatever I do is by way of
Worshipping in dedication to You ..

OH SAI, Lord of all beings;
Please accept my sincere prayers

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To The Editor,
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Respected Sir,

I am one of many fortunate persons, whom Baba has picked up as his devotee and is being blessed by him.

About a year passed when I first read about Baba and felt him to be my Guru, whom I was searching for many years from place to place. Baba put me to a test having offered me huge wealth, moksha (salvation) after taking sannyas and becoming a sadhu and find Guru in the Himalayas and lastly He offered me to lead a normal family life, following guidance (Baba's) at all times, provided if I lead a pure and simple living by dedicating my life to spread Baba's message (Prachar) of love among all human beings, irrespective of their religion, help the poor and needy, bring to Baba's fold those having all the riches but no peace of mind and tell them that no one rich or poor, king or slave, saint or devil-is going to escape death.

I opted to lead a spiritual family life and to spread Baba's message in this part of the country and immediately found so many other devotees to help me fulfil my promise to Baba.

With Baba's grace, I am not only leading a peaceful spiritual life with ever increasing number of Baba's devotees but have always felt Baba's presence to guide us in our difficult times.

Every stranger, irrespective of his religion, having looked at Him found himself being looked after with all his burdens being borne by Him (Baba). This has been proved by many who have surrendered to Baba whole-heartedly.

Before concluding I wish to state that this Sai Information Centre, opened individually by me, in the business premises of my shop, is not to seek any personal publicity or any other material gains but only to spread Baba's name for which I have taken a pledge. No donation or any other assistance (monetary or in kind) is acceptable by this Centre as I have pledged before

Baba to spend part of my own income in this cause, which is more than enough to meet all such expenses.

Your guidance/advice is welcome and would be a source of encouragement. ★

May Baba bless ALL

Yours Truly,
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To The Editor, Shri Sai Leela

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Dear Sirs,

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I am quite fortunate enough to have the opportunity to read the complete magazine, "Shri Sai Leela" and got very much impressed. I am, really, unable to express my joy. For the first time, I enjoyed a lot.

Especially, I am attracted by the article of Sri Bipin Kapilray Swadiya in Hindi, and of Dr. Anil Jaiswal, (in English) who narrated briefly but in very good manner.

Further, for the first time, I could have a complete picture of the activities at Shirdi by reading News from Shirdi, for which I am thankful.

But, still, one deficiency is felt throughout "Shri Sai Leela." That was, nowhere "Letters from our readers or letters from Sai devotees" have been given a chance to come out. I, here, opine that this serves not only the office bearers of the editorial board but also the readers and the articles presenter, to know the reaction, in either way, against their articles. Hope, it would be thought over please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Prakash Ram Rao Nayalkalker

Note :- Letters received from the readers or devotees are published only when they are found to be worth publishing. - Editor

Shree Ramanavmi Celebration at Shree Sai Baba Mandir, Garkhal (Kasauli), (H. P.)

Shri Ramanavmi was celebrated on 23th and 24th March, 1980, at Shri Sai Baba Mandir, Garkhal, under the auspices of Sai-Sudha Sabha.

The celebrations were started with akhand path of Shri Ramayan and concluded with Shri Sai Satcharit path. Devotional songs were sung on Shri Rama, Shri Sai Baba and other religions and faiths. Devotees came and graced the function from all parts of the area. Many devotees explained the importance of the day.

On this pious occasion, the Sabha released its first souvenir, which was liked by one and all.

The Secretary, Shri B. D. Juneja, observed that man does not get satisfaction with material wants. He can only be satisfied with darshan of the Lord in the temple. He further explained the miracle of Sai Baba how he got His Mandir here and how he helped in completing the same.

The Mandir was declared open with full size portrait of Shree Sai Baba. Now the Sabha has decided to instal His marble statue on next Rama Navmi i. e 1981.

Though it seems very difficult for us with our meagre sources, to instal His statue costing about Rs. 65,000, yet we have full faith in our Baba. He will arrange Himself and would whisper in the ears of His devotees to convert our declaration into a reality.

The celebrations were concluded with the distribution of prasad and Udi to the devotees, who attended the function. ★

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Glory of Divine Faith

The tree of Life is saggingly laden with luscious fruits of faith. The society survives on faith. The children put their sole faith in the parental love and protection. The wife takes it for granted that her husband will shoulder all responsibilities and look after her. The husband in his turn truly believes that his wife will devotedly serve him all his life. Students rely on their teacher for their education and the latter fondly hopes that his charge will come up to his expectations. In all day-to-day transactions of the mundane world domestic, academic, official and commercial—the undercurrent is faith. None can toil on the barren field of faithlessness. It is contrary to human nature.

Man's intelligence simply shows the way; but faith, being dynamic, drives him to action. It inspires, invigourates and impels him to dream great things and make his dreams come true.

Generally, we are so assured of doctor's advice and the medicine, that we accept it as a gospel truth and act immediately without question. So those who believe that the stars are influencing their lives, give credence to the astrologer's words in sorting out their problems. In all these cases, there is a chance that our mentors are likely to err and fail us, man being an imperfect and selfish creature. God, the unseen seer is alone infallible, generous, trustworthy and a sure shelter in our hours of trial.

Pages of all religious scriptures are replete with amazing experiences of devotees, who have totally depended on this unseen power at all times. Bhaktha Pralhad stood severe ordeals for his deep conviction on the existence of all pervasive Lord Hari. ultimately his beloved Lord emerged as NARASIMHA AVATAR from the pillar, when it was challengingly kicked by the devotee's

demoniacal father Hiranyakashypu. Another episode relates to the saintly lad Markandeya, who was doomed to die at the tender age of sixteen. In utter belief in the Mahamrittunjaya mantra, Markandeya even conquered death! Such are the adventures and thrills of divine faith! When we pin our faith in the invisible power, Dr. W. Layton Gaubert says, "We are sowing to the spirit, and we begin to understand what it means to live a 'life more abundant', the life everlasting." "Faithfulness and truth are most sacred excellences and endowments of the human kind," observed Cecero.

Were it not for the true articles of faith, Shri Shankaracharya could not have founded his Muths from Badrinath to Kanchi, Swami Vivekandnda, the Ramakrishna Mission, Swami Shivananda, the Divine Life Society, Sri Narasimhaswamiji, Sai Movements all over India and Mother Teresa, her institutions of charity for the destitutes. The list is endless.

Among Sai devotees, who have not heard Baba's assurance: "Why fear, when I am here? Cast all your burdens on Me, I shall bear them." With what bonds of love He must have uttered these words! Among the millions of devotees, how many feel light when they leave their cares on his motherly laps and go about their duties with sunshine of joy sparkling on their faces? We must confess that many of us have not adequately surrendered to Him like the example (cited by Shri Ramana Maharshi) of a traveller, boarding the train who, depositing the luggages on the berth or down his seat, travels lightly. While travelling who carries the load on his head?

A master of the Theosophical Society writes, "Unless there is perfect trust, there cannot be the perfect flow of love & power." In Gita, Bhagawan says, "Lay down all duties in Me, your refuge; Fear no longer, for I will save you from sin and bondage." Such a devotee knows that all his cares are God's responsibility. Rare indeed are the devotees of this order! Never do they feel sorry for anything.

But, faith and devotion do not imply that the retributive law of Karma is annuled. Dr. Rabindranath Tagore wrote; "Faith is a bird that feels light when the dawn is dark.", Which, as I understand is this: the devotee in his absolute absorption in his Guru or God does not feel the onslaught of sorrow. That is God's protection. Although the devotee outwardly is busy in the work-a-day world, still inwardly he has cast himself off at the feet of his Master. To attain this unique state, one has to undergo the trials of life with patience and perseverance in his devotion.

Considering the situation of the man, encumbered with various distractions, he is far from being happy. His mind is swayed by the injurious influences of the magazines accenting on sex, of social clubs having cards and gambling sessions and movies elaborating moral turpitude, etc. His faith in God and in godly things are flung to the winds and meanders to these momentary excitements. Shri Krishna calls such a man as "Ashradhadhana Purusha" (the one without faith) and says they are bound to be reborn in the world of pain and suffering. However, a time comes in the life of this corrupted one when his life is overshadowed with black clouds and he loses his balance. Fortunately, by the grace of God, he seeks divine guidance and protection in complete surrender like a baby snuggling close to its mother's breasts, when there is sudden thunder and lightning. To sustain and perpetuate his surrender to the divine grace, a total overhauling of his emotional machinery is a necessity. Precisely for this purpose, religious institutions are set up throughout the world. These associations are exceptionally suited for the religious temperament and they have a chastening influence on those, who have gone astray.

Sai Samaj at Calcutta, (at Lake Terrace) for instance has been for years generating wholesome vibrations and influence through its main activities of daily puja, weekly bhajans, Sunday Narayan Seva and circulation of monthly bulletins, carrying Baba's message

to mankind. Those blessed ones, devoting themselves in these activities, have come in for excellent results by way of purging off the effect of bad karmas by degrees and reinvestment of good samskaras. They now look forward to life with hope and in their own way they are building "heaven in hell's despair".

Everything is possible for a devotee of Sai if he shall regard every word which Shri Baba spoke as "Bonds". Let His words sink deep in our consciousness from dawn to night, everyday and the result is bound to be marvellous! ★

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Thoughts to Ponder Over

Have I ever thought about the end of my life? Have I ever assumed that "death" is holy? No. Never. Really speaking death is the slave of Almighty God. When God is pious, death too must be treated as holy. When God Shri Sai feels that the human life has attained perfection and when He finds that the life is fit to come to his shelter, He commands death to bring that 'perfectly-fit-life' under His shelter. And Lo! Death grasps the human life. Those, who had never thought of committing sinful activities, their death too becomes holy.

Human beings, during the whole of their life, do, not care to think about death. Consequently their life becomes unholy and their death too becomes unholy. At the end of the life of such a personality, whatever worries he requires to endure, are

not about death but they are about the sinful activities that had been committed by him throughout his life. He continues to perform sinful activities neglecting all sorts of fears about their consequences e. g. tit for tat etc. He is never afraid of the future. He thinks that time and life are his, who enjoys them perfectly. He does not worry in what way these pleasures come to him. He gets himself drowned and fully absorbed in them. All the time he is found to be caught tightly in the network of illusion ("MAYA"). He never resists this illusion or never tries to get free from the net work. He can never feel and hence can never get rid of this net work of illusion.

At the end of his life he recollects his past life and then he starts thinking about all his sinful activities. Then he thinks about their consequences. As such he becomes unhappy. He is afraid of death. To such persons Death becomes unholy.

We entertain fear from one another during our day-to-day activities. The agent has got the fear of the proprietor of the firm concerned and so also the clerk does have fear of the governing authority concerned.

But alas! How shameful it is that we never entertain fear of God Shri Sai and His ruling-upreme-supernatural power in our mind! ★

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Shri Sai Baba's Divine Grace

(Major rail mishap averted)

From my experience of Baba, I am convinced beyond doubt that He is in constant touch with His devotees, guiding them properly and protecting them with His unseen supernatural powers beyond the realm of time and space. The ecstasy of joy, felt by the devotee, as a token of gratitude, cannot be explained by words but has only to be felt at a personal level between Baba and the individual soul. Due to our ignorance, we lay out plans, which will be scrutinized by Him carefully and most of the time they are completely altered by Him to the utmost benefit of the devotees. Here are the details of my experience during my recent visit to Shirdi after an interval of nearly a decade.

Soon after I learnt that the annual meeting of the contributors to Shri Sai Leela would be held on 9th and 10th Feb. 1980, I decided to attend the same with great pleasure. The expected formal invitation from Shri. Kakreji was also received in time. My doctor son expressed his desire to accompany me and accordingly made the required arrangements for the journey. A few days later I suffered from a severe attack of cold and cough which persisted beyond a week. The doctor, who examined me, told me that I am having an unresolved pneumonic patch in the lung and as such I should not leave the station for at least a month. Naturally I was much disappointed but reconciled myself to surrender to the will of Baba without regret. After suitable treatment, by the grace of Baba, the pneumonic patch cleared up completely within four weeks, and I recovered my health fully.

Then we thought of visiting Shirdi in the month of March, 1980; but suddenly my son took ill with acute abdominal pain, which caused us lot of anxiety. The surgeon, who examined

him, told us that he suspected appendicitis and hinted that an operation might become necessary at any time and as such he advised us against any kind of journey to a distant place. We were very much perturbed. We prayed to Baba with intense devotion to solve our new problem. Again the intended trip to Shirdi had to be postponed. It was His will. With dietetic restrictions and treatment, for nearly four weeks my son became completely alright. This time I consulted a seniormost surgeon and a colleague of mine to examine my son and give his advice. After a thorough examination, he told us that my son was completely cured and that there was no sign of appendicitis. In addition he permitted us to undertake the journey to Shirdi without any mental reservations. What a joy to hear the same. Who else other than Shri Sai Sadguru could have achieved such a miracle and showered His blessings on us.

Finally we decided to undertake the long postponed trip to Shirdi, during the second week of April 1980 and made the necessary arrangements. My daughter is also an ardent devotee of Baba. It seems that in her last trip to Shirdi, with her husband and two children, she could not have a satisfactory darshan of Baba as she was having fever soon after reaching the place. Hence we invited her to come with us; but she expressed her inability to do so on account of many family problems. So myself, my son, daughter-in-law and a grand-daughter programmed to go. Another pious lady, a distant relation of mine, wanted to come with us. The railway reservations were all completed, including the preparations required for the journey; but just before our departure on the 11th instant, the lady, who wanted to come with us, dropped out on account of some sudden family problems. Instead of her my daughter joined us at the last minute. Baba's ways are beyond our imagination.

The journey from Madras to Daund was pleasant though the day was quite hot. From Daund we took a train to

Kopergoan at about 11 a. m. At Visapur a large number of agriculturists, nearly 300 persons, boarded the train on account of which it was delayed by nearly one hour. I learnt that they were undergoing imprisonment for the past 10 days and that they were released on that day. They were (Satyagrahis) shouting slogans loudly throughout the journey. The train was going fairly fast when it took a turn to the left, I noticed that the whole train was leaning precariously to the left side probably due to the sinking down of the left side of the track. Suddenly break was applied and the train came to a grinding halt. It seems that it was running on an unused loop line instead of the main line and the engine stopped within a few yards of the dead end. Then slowly the train backed up to the station and resumed onward journey on the main line. Readers can well imagine if Shri Sai had not come to our rescue at the proper time, a major train disaster would have tragically ended the lives of many innocent people including our whole family. We expressed our sincere gratitude to Sadguru Baba by an intensely devotional prayer.

We spent two full days at Shirdi, participating in aratis, pujas and meditation at the feet of our guarding angel and returned to Madras safely with a feeling of complete satisfaction and a sense of unexplained joy for having achieved something by the divine grace of Baba. ★

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SAINT GADGEMAHARAJ

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(Continued from July 1980 issue)

Shri Gurudas Dhemre came from a village, known as Javla-Dhotra in Amaravati District. He was a Harijan, but he was a graduate and was religious minded. Shri Dhemre stayed with Shri Mahant Paranjape Maharaj of Hanumangad Sansthan, near Wardha and took from him a few lessons about performing Keertan. Later on Shri Dhemre came in contact with Shri Gadgemaharaj & due to his good handwriting and amiable behaviour, Shri Maharaj picked him up. He was very sincere in his work. Because of his good handwriting, Shri Maharaj entrusted to him all his correspondence from 1949. He was also in charge of the dharmashala at Bombay in the compound of the J. J. Hospital. Because of his close association with Shri Maharaj for a long time, Shri Dhemre witnessed a few incidents in the life of Shri Maharaj, which throw good light on the different facts of his character.

Shri Gadgemaharaj was on his tour in Vidarbha in 1951. Shri Maharaj was at Akola. He was sitting in the open space in front of the house of Shri Rambhajirao Bhojane. He then called all the people and requested them to sit around him. Then he started speaking to Dhemre Guruji, "What to tell you sir, we are all very brave. As brave as a tiger. If we mean we can even shake the whole universe; but a single vice, which is having upper hand on every one of us, has ruined us fully. Shall I tell what I mean?".

Then Shri Maharaj started pointing out at different individuals with his stick and said, "He has great love for cinema. He is fond of smoking bidies. He likes to poke his nose in

others' house. His tongue is not under his control. If we have not had these defects in us, we would have brought prosperity to the whole country, but who can cure us of these vices?". This talk of Shri Maharaj shows his keen observation of the habits of the people and his anxiety to cure them of their vices.

Once Shri Maharaj had camped at the house of Shri Zurmure at Nagpur. Nearly fifteen to twenty persons, including Shri Dhemre, were accompanying Shri Maharaj. At about ten O'clock, one gentleman came to Shri Maharaj with a plate covered with cloth. Shri Maharaj just requested the person to uncover the plate. When the cover was removed, the plate was found to have Shira, Puries, rice, ghee, curds etc. which items are usually there in dinner. Shri Maharaj casually looked at the plate and with folded hands he requested the gentleman to take away the plate. With great disappointment, the person concerned left the place along with his plate, but the mouths of some of the persons in the group started watering when they saw the delicious dishes. So some people who longed to eat good food, whispered to Sri Dhemreguruji, "Sir, we have lost these good dishes. Let them go away, but if someone presents another good dish, then please request Shri Maharaj to retain it for us"

Shri Dhemreguruji thought that the proposal was reasonable and hence he approached Shri Gadgemaharaj and requested him, "some of our people say that if someone brings another such good dish, it may not be returned but may be accepted for the use of our group." On listening to the request, Shri Maharaj smiled a little and said, "Sir, how many are we in all?". When Shri Dhemreguruji replied they were about 15 to 20 in number, Shri Maharaj said immediately, "A little Shira, a few Bhagiyas, a small quantity of curds would be too little for distribution among our group. Every one would have hardly got a spoonful of food out of that dish. Why should we have somebody's obligation only for a morsel of food?"

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This argument of Shri Maharaj silenced everybody and Dhemreguruji felt sorry for having requested Shri Maharaj at the instance of the other people. This incident however shows how Shri Gadgemaharaj controlled his mind and wanted that others should also follow his example.

As Shri Dhemreguruji was directed to look after the work of the dharmashala at Bombay, he was required to stay in Bombay permanently. He was however an appreciator of the keertans of Shri Maharaj and hence he longed to attend the keertans of Shri Maharaj whenever he was in Bombay. Once or twice he requested Shri Maharaj to grant him permission to attend his keertans. Shri Maharaj however told him to continue doing his work properly and that Shri Maharaj would himself come to him whenever he was free. Shri Dhemreguruji therefore kept quiet and continued to do his work as per the orders of Shri Maharaj.

Once after finishing his keertan, Shri Maharaj came to the dharmashala, when Shri Dhemreguruji was doing his work of writing accounts. Shri Maharaj sat by the side of Shri Dhemreguruji and took out a bundle of letters from his pocket. After Shri Dhemreguruji read out the letters to Shri Maharaj, he started dictating replies to the letters one by one. After all the replies were ready, Shri Maharaj destroyed all the letters and told Shri Dhemreguruji to come with him. Shri Guruji accordingly started going after Shri Maharaj.

From J.J. Hospital Compound, Shri Maharaj started walking towards Byculla. On the footpath a number of people were found to be sleeping. They had hardly any clothes and they had no pillows, instead of that they were found using their hand as a pillow. After walking a little distance, Shri Maharaj sat below an electric pole. Shri Dhemreguruji followed suit. Shri Maharaj then asked Shri Guruji, "Do you want to see how a Sadhu looks like?".

Shri Dhemreguruji was surprised at the question of Shri Maharaj and he asked a question in his turn, "Maharaj, where is the Sadhu here?"

On hearing this question, Shri Maharaj smiled and said, "If after getting up in the morning everyday, these people were not to think about what was to be done during the day, what was to be eaten, then all these people, lying on the footpath, would have become Sadhus. The main trait of a Sadhu is that he has no anxiety for the next day. He never worries about the future. His whole faith is in God. Saint Tukaram has said as follows in this behalf.

तेणे तुझी काय नाही केली चिंता ।
राहे त्या अनंता आठवोनी ॥

(Has that God not thought about you? You remember him and lead your life).

Apart from the powers of Shri Maharaj to quote appropriately from former famous saints, this incident shows the way of thinking of Shri Maharaj.

After finishing the keertan at Sonegaon Kharda, Shri Gadgemaharaj came for the festival of Shri Khaptibuwa near Dipori Station. At the time of the dinner lumps of gur were served to the people, but somehow the lumps were found to be very hard and people found it difficult to chew them. Shri Maharaj therefore called Shri Khaptibuwa and said, "What is the matter?. Is this special gur brought from Calcutta? Do not serve ghee to these people. They will be satisfied with oil. Serve them oil".

After these instructions were given by Shri Maharaj, oil was served to the people. Shri Gadgemaharaj however only ate some chatni and bread, as usual, and started his keertan.

Because food was being served freely to all, who attended the festival, a number of poor people living in the vicinity partook

of the food that was being served in the festival in the form of prasad. Shri Maharaj therefore referred to that practice in the beginning of his keertan. He said, "You people come here because you get free food; but do you know that different dinner is served to different people here? The people at higher strata get varan, rice, ghee and chapati, while you people only get bread and vegetable. Our people in the bhajan-party at least got a lump of gur, but you people will have no chance even to have a look at it,

"The person, who serves ghee in the dinner of the people at higher strata, goes like the passenger train, which stops at every station and serves ghee to every one, but in the dinner of the poor people, the same person gets the speed of a mail train! If he is seen here just now, he will have reached the destination very soon. Still you people come from distant places only for this dinner, with your children. Very soon your child feels like answering nature's call. You people immediately allow him to do it very near the place where you are taking your lunch. These are your ways. You have no idea of cleanliness. You have no sense of hygiene. You take your lunch and you answer your nature's call in one and the same place. Is it good? Why don't you give due consideration for your health and change your these bad habits?

"You all appear to be sturdy. You can do laborious work; but you are all loathsome to work. You do not like to work. You will shirk the work as far as possible. If there is so much corn in the house, which will last for one day, then you will sleep idly in your house and when that corn will get over, you will get angry with your wife.

"Just look at the shirt that you are wearing. It is torn at different places. Its one sleeve is long and the other is short. The cap on your head is having a very big hole in the middle. Look at your chappals. The strap of one is broken, while the

other is fully torn. Look at the pant your child is wearing. It is fully torn. The child need not put it off when answering nature's call! How about the saree of your wife? Look at it. It has been stitched at several places. Look at the utensils in the house. How are they? In the first place, you are having only earthen pots in your house; but even those pots are not in good order. There are several holes in those pots and they are hardly useful, for storing water or for cooking food! If there is no drinking water in the house, you will not go to the well and fetch it, but you will go to your neighbour and bring it on loan from him.

"In spite of such bad pecuniary circumstances you are addicted to drinking, smoking ganja, bidi etc. This has a very bad effect on your progeny. The son of a drunkard is also drinking wine. He will take away the chillam from the hand of his father and puff it in his presence! Under such circumstances is there any chance for you to improve your condition? Please think carefully. Leave away these vices, leave drinking, leave idleness. Unless you think carefully and improve yourself, there is no chance for you to come up. If you do not improve, you will go deeper and deeper in the ditch of misfortune".

Shree Gadgemaharaj went on in this fashion further in his keertan. In most of his keertans he always used to preach in this manner. This keertan indicates the keen observation of Shri Maharaj and his anxiety for the uplift of the poor and down-trodden.

Shri Dhemreguruji was with Shri Maharaj at Daryapur. Shri Maharaj performed Keertan at that place in the night. In the morning Shri Maharaj started sweeping the compound of the school there. Shri Guruji also was in the team, who was doing the sweeping work. In the meanwhile some people came to meet Shri Guruji. So Shri Guruji kept the broom aside and went to speak to them. Shri Maharaj was watching the incident. He,

however, did not prevent Shri Guruji from going. After the people left, Shri Guruji resumed the sweeping work, when Shri Maharaj accosted him and said, "Who were those people? Why had they come to you?" Shri Guruji replied, "Maharaj, they are known to me. They had no special work with me. They just came to meet me casually."

Shri Gadgemaharaj was very particular of his time. He valued time very much and did not waste a single minute. Similarly he did not want others also to waste their time. He therefore told Shri Dhemreguruji, "You know we often eat chillies, but how are they? Fifty per cent of them are seedless. They are empty. They do not contain any substance. Other fifty per cent have some seeds and there is hardly any one which is full of seeds. Remember such is the condition of all the talks which we normally do in our daily life. Most of them are quite useless. We should not waste our time in this way. If somebody comes to meet us, we should first ask him about his work. If some one comes for a casual visit, we should just wish him and ask him to excuse us. We should not allow such people to interrupt us. We should continue our work. If we have spare time, we should read or chant the name of God. We should not wander about idly or go on gossiping. People do not realize the importance of time. They often waste their own time and the time of others also. Even if you give lacs of rupees, you will not be able to recoup the time once lost by you. The time that is gone never comes again. Do not therefore waste your time under any circumstances". Though Shri Gadgemaharaj was not a learned person, still it is worthwhile noting as to how much he had thought about the value of time. He never wasted his time because he knew its value and did not want others to waste it.

In 1955, Shri Maharaj was at the village known as Marutiche Welanwadi, in the Bhandara district. One disciple of Shri Kaikadibuva was observing a Saptah (seven days' function) there. Shri Maharaj reached the site along with Shri Gurudas Dhemreguruji in the noon. After the bhajan-mandal started

taking rest, Shri Maharaj called out to Dhemreguruji and went to a far off tree and sat beneath it. Due to fatigue, Shri Maharaj felt sleepy. He therefore cleared the site a little and lay down and was very soon fast asleep. Taking this opportunity, Shri Guruji started rubbing the feet of Shri Maharaj. Because of that touch, Shri Maharaj at once got up and directed Shri Guruji to write the accounts. Shri Guruji took out his exercise book and noted down the accounts as dictated by Shri Maharaj. After the accounts were over, Shri Maharaj took out a few letters and when they were read out to him, he dictated the answers to those letters. When this was going on, Shri Maharaj was not sitting silent. He had brought with him some rags and the thread and needle. When on the one hand he was dictating the accounts and the replies to the letters, received by him, he went on stitching those rags to his shirt and finished his work simultaneously with the work of giving dictation.

In the meanwhile some two people approached Shri Gadgemaharaj and told him, "We are learned people. Your actions are contrary to the dictums of religion as laid down in the religious books. We want to discuss these matters with you and convince you of your folly. Shri Maharaj just looked up at them and said humbly, "I am an uneducated man. What do I know about scriptures?. I know the simple rules of living a good life and I am preaching them according to my mite. I cannot discuss and waste my time in vain arguments like learned people. I cannot accept your challenge for open discussion and argumentation"

Saying so, Shri Maharaj continued his work of stitching the rags. The people, who had come to challenge Shri Maharaj, waited for some time and seeing that Shri Maharaj would not be ready for discussion, they left the place quietly after some time. Apart from the industrious nature of Shri Maharaj, which this incident indicates, it also throws light on his humility.

(to be continued)

Devotees, Visiting Shirdi, Please Pay Attention Here

[It is observed that some unscrupulous persons are taking undue advantage of the ignorance of the devotees visiting Shirdi and deceiving them. The following information is therefore being published for the knowledge of the devotees, visiting Shirdi, so that they may not be duped after getting down at Shirdi.

—Court Receiver]

1. Shri Sai Baba Mandir and the Sansthan premises are only at a distance of about one furlong on the south side of the S. T. Stand at Shirdi. The dome of the Samadhi Mandir is also clearly visible from the S. T. Stand. Hence it is not necessary to have any guide to go to the Samadhi Mandir from the S. T. Stand.
2. If you have any luggage, please hire only that cooley, who has the authorised badge given by the Shirdi Sansthan and pay him only the charges fixed by the Sansthan.
3. If you are interested in having residential accommodation in the buildings of the Sansthan, please contact the Office of the Accommodation Officer immediately on your arrival and declare the correct strength of your group. Please also note the correct information in the register provided for the purpose.
4. "Sai Niwas" is mainly meant for guests. Therefore allotting a block there will depend on the will of the management.
5. As the accommodation at Shirdi falls short in view of the large number of devotees visiting Shirdi, a general rule has been made to give accommodation for only two days. Please therefore do not press for extending the period as it is likely to cause inconvenience to other devotees following you.
6. At the time of heavy rush sometimes even two families are accommodated in one tenement. Please therefore bear a little inconvenience and co-operate with the administration.

7. Lockers have been provided in the hall in Shanti Niwas and a cloak room has also been provided near the Samadhi Mandir. Please take advantage of both these facilities.

8. Arrangements have been made for keeping your shoes etc. near the Samadhi Mandir. Please keep your shoes only there. If you keep anywhere else, there is a possibility of them being lost.

9. Garlands, flowers, prasad etc. are received only after 7 a. m. Hence do not come to the Samadhi Mandir with them before that time, otherwise you will have to wait with them upto that time.

10. In the Samadhi Mandir the kakad Arti starts at 5-15 a. m. and lasts upto 5-40 a. m. The holy bath to the statue starts thereafter at 6 a. m. Please wait in the Samadhi Mandir on one side upto that time.

11. The coupons for Abhishek or for Satyanarayan Pooja, should be purchased only from the Accounts Office of the Sansthan. Please purchase only as many coupons as you require for yourself. Do not purchase to any coupons from unauthorised persons and do not pass them on the shop keepers or to the persons, who are resorting to Black Market.

12. Enter the worship-hall only after the number of your coupon is proclaimed.

13. Please purchase the material for worship from the shop keeper himself. Do not purchase it through an agent.

14. Pieces of cloth, shawls or other articles should not be presented in the Samadhi Mandir unless they are previously recorded in the Accounts Office.

15. Special stones have been provided near the rear door of the Samadhi Mandir for breaking cocoanuts. Please break your cocoanuts only there. Do not break them anywhere else and throw the rubbish here and there.

16. By observing discipline while in the Sansthan premises, please help the administration to maintain order.
17. A complaint book has been kept in the main office of the Shirdi Sansthan, please note all your complaints in that book.
18. If you have to do poor-feeding, please pay your money in the Accounts Office. Do not purchase lunch coupon and give them to the people out and out.
19. If you intend to distribute eatables to the poor and maimed, please do it outside the Sansthan premises, so that there will be no crowding near the Samadhi Mandir and the devotees will not be put to inconvenience.
20. Please take care of your valuables, purses and children while you are in the Samadhi Mandir and the Sansthan Premises.
21. Information regarding loss of purses, valuable articles, ornaments or bunch of keys should be immediately given to the Security Office of the Shirdi Sansthan so that they would be returned to the owner if they are traced.
22. If you find purses or other valuable articles anywhere in the Sansthan premises, please hand them over to the Office of the Sansthan immediately so that arrangements will be made to return the articles to the proper owner after due identification.
23. Please obtain proper receipt for articles or cash given in the Sansthan Office.
24. Please do not give any tip to any employee of the Shirdi Sansthan.
25. While thinking of your own convenience, please see that it does not cause inconvenience to other devotees, visiting Shirdi.
26. If you are in some difficulty or if you need help of any kind, please approach the Sansthan employees. Please do not take guidance or help from unauthorised persons or you might be deceived.
27. Please expect courteousness from the Sansthan employees and you also behave courteously with them. ★

EXISTENCE (ASTHI)

There is no end to the glory of the Eternal father. It is ever flowing. Many a holy person will take a dip in the holy waters of grace that flow from His feet. They are not quite satisfied by the bliss they enjoyed. They speak of Him and His leelas to others, who are interested and by telling them to the deserving and devotional persons, they enjoy a reciprocal happiness. That is why they are all considered by the Lord as dear and near to Him and are always blessed by Him.

The following is one such narration of a bee's enjoyment, who felt the sweetness of the nectar that flows from the Holy feet of Shri Sai Baba. With due respect to his Holyness and with so much humbleness to all His devotees, this heart and pen have become bold enough to submit a few lines of the experiences of this humble being. Thanks to the management of Sai Samsthan, who provided the best 'media' through which we speak of Him together.

It was March 1977, when the accounts branches of the entire state were busy with the completion of the transactions connected with the spending of the Budget, the poor fellow, hereinafter termed as 'I' was also engaged in attending to his normal duties in his office.

When I was busy in this manner, we had to celebrate the Ugadi of that year in this busy month. I was so happy in the morning, but I became so unhappy in the evening when my wife suddenly developed shivering and high temperature. I suspected it to be an infection in urine and the next day before consulting any doctor, I gave her urine for culture test and took her then for treatment, which was later confirmed by the doctor. The result of the culture test also proved our doubt to be true and the treatment continued under that Doctor, a qualified M. D.

During the treatment there were no symptoms of reduction of the disease, but the unrest grew from day to day. The sun was hot. The children were having examinations and I was busy in office, even on holidays and there was nobody to attend to this sick lady in the house. The temperature was being controlled by a particular medicine for some time; but when the power of the medicine would become less, say for 4 or 5 hours later, she again used to get high temperature. This continued for 15 or 20 days and I had no time to give a second thought, since she was under the care of a good doctor. Simply I was praying to Baba alone to give me relief by giving her normal health and normalcy in the family affairs.

While it was so, one night (it was Wednesday) my wife woke me up in the night at 3 a. m. or so and said, "One old man came to me and gave me some lump to eat. I do not know what it was; but I ate it. He said that I will be alright". I replied to her, "If it is so, you will be alright" and I asked her to sleep. I always had a belief that He alone will change the position whenever He feels fit. I had a confidence that it was He who gave her this lump of medicine to cure her, who was almost neglected by me. After five or ten minutes later, she woke me up again with the words: "I have seen Sai Baba". "When and which Sai?" was my question, as I have two photos, one of Shirdi and other of Puttaparthi, one on the side of her head and the other towards her feet. In reply to my question she pointed out to Shirdi Sai. Then what happened was my question. She said, "He was grinding something in His masjid and I stood before Him leaning to the pillar before Him. He addressed me in Hindi saying, "Aao beti, daro mat, baitho". These words gave me much confidence. I humbly requested Him to permit me to take curdbath for which He said that I can take any thing I like". I told her that she cannot have any doubt and that she will have anything she wanted as I cannot stop when permitted by Baba. She slept a while. In fact she was provided with the dish she required on the next day.

She again surprised me by saying after few minutes, "This time Baba brought new chappals and asked me to wear them and when I had done so, we both were lifted in the air high from the earth. He, then projected his palm downwards; rays of light spread all over the ground in which light I saw some children playing. Baba said to me that it was called 'Bal Vikas' and I can visit these places when the sun gets cold as it was very hot." He then promised her that He will take care of her health and her family affairs and there would be no worry thereafter. He brought her back to the place where she was. With this her dream or trancequences ended.

Now starts His leela. My wife was running the highest temperature at that time, when she talked to me all these things and there is every doubt that delerium might have started, as the other day the Doctor treating her also expressed her doubt whether it would lead to meningitis. But to clear the doubt or doubts I had at that moment, she put me a question, "It is Puttaparthi Sai Baba, who started Balavikas schools for children and why Shirdi Sai is telling that there is Balavikas? When did he start them?" It was really an intelligent question showing that her brain was working properly. We had not been to Shirdi till then and in fact I did not read anywhere that Shirdi Sai started Balavikas schools. I simply interpreted her saying that it might be Baba once again declaring to me, that He makes no difference whether He is Shirdi Sai or Puttaparthi Baba. She was also satisfied then and slept.

Next morning as usual I had Thursday pooja and questioned Baba about the present situation by opening His 'Satcharita' as I do usually at the time of doubt or when I require an answer to my problem. The reply He gave was, Dr. Pillai's story, in which Baba tells Dr. Pillai not to request for postponement of Prarabdha and then assures him of the cure from his guinea worm disease within 10 days. It assured me that my wife will

be alright in 10 days. This was conveyed to my wife and we were waiting for a change. We never tried to change the doctor.

On the same evening, one doctor, who is a friend of mine, returned from Iran only on the last night and came to visit our house. He being a doctor, rebuked my negligence for having kept a patient for so many days in the house, not hospitalising her and he never took rest, till she was admitted to the Hospital the next day. It was 1st April. Doctors thereafter made a thorough check up and admitted my wife in the emergency ward, which terrified the lady; but she took courage on hearing from me, Shri Baba's assurance and took the medicines as directed by the doctor. They took all the tests that are possible in a hospital; but they could not diagnose the disease. The medicine given by them was only nominal; but she started improving day by day and on the third day she showed symptoms of normalcy. She picked up her health and was discharged on 11th April. See, it was only 10 days she took to regain her health as promised by Baba. It was really a rebirth. The doctors, who looked after her told me later that they could not find any defect in her, but they suspected that the dosage given by the previous doctors was less, which could not improve her health. Anyhow, I felt that the disease was cured on Wednesday night itself by the **Divine treatment of Sai** and nothing was left over to doctors to find out. The question arose What was the use of our going to the hospital? I humbly remembered the words of Shri Swamy Ramadas of Anandashram (Kerala State) "Human effort is necessary to know that human effort is useless. Then divine will start working".

In four days after coming back from the hospital, one of my friends came from his village and after completing his work in the city suddenly proposed to go to Shirdi, with me. One can imagine my condition. I was penniless; but he assured me of the expenditure and wanted me to be his guest. Next, my wife also showed her willingness. My trip to Shirdi was an unimaginable happiness to my heart and soul. We had a pleasant

journey and darshan of the Lord Sai Baba from near. I dropped off all my anxieties and worries at His feet and made my heart and mind so empty that I filled it with His grace and prasad. I returned with these to my wife and children. My wife asked me whether we have seen the things used by Him. It was surprising to me. She did not tell me in her trance, the stories about what was worn by Sai Baba and how he was looking like. I told her that all the things used by Him are preserved in a glass cupboard. She suddenly put me a question, how His shoes were. With so much curiosity I asked her whether she saw them, while He was wearing them and how they appeared like. She said, "Sai wore shoes like those that the Muslim Fakirs wear" and her description of the shoes was exactly of those, kept in the Samadhi Mandir by the Shirdi Samsthan. This shattered my last doubts whether Shri Baba appeared in person before her in her experience and I bowed with reverence at His holy feet with a humble prayer,

In 1978 February my Mrs. could travel to her Ishta Deva and then she herself saw what was shown to her in her dream. She recognised the highest place where she was taken as "Bhakta nivas" top floor, where we stayed and the "Balavikas" under the shade of trees by the side of the Bhakta nivas! ★

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Shri Saibaba's Sweet Upadesha

Thursday, the 1st November 1979, dawned as usual; but it ended unusually. On getting up, I felt that I should meditate on Shri Sai Baba's form. Accordingly He got meditation done through me. This pious deed in the early morning set the tone for the full day.

After having gone through the morning preliminaries, I had a strong desire to recite all prayers i. e. morning aartis. I could have slept in the afternoon as it was a holiday; but Shri Baba wanted me to read chapters 18 and 19 from His Pothi, wherein Shri Baba blesses Shri Dabholkar indirectly when the latter is sad that while another devotee i. e. Shri Sathe received Shri Baba's blessings immediately, he did not get them after long service. At this, Shri Baba directs him to see Shri Shama, who tells him a story.

I waded through the pure currents of Ganges, as I call the lines in these chapters, for every line in these chapters oozes the nectar of pure devotion and purifies the reader. I felt Shri Baba's invisible hand cleansing my mind of impurities. Whenever I feel depressed, I bathe in the holy waters of these chapters and emerge fresh and fragrant. For here, Shri Baba, has given out all that He wanted to say to His devotees through a story of an old lady, who had undertaken a fast unto death to get the Guru Mantra. Shri Baba persuaded her with gentle words to give up fast and eat heartily for He did not get any Mantra from His Guru though He had served Him faithfully for 12 long years. He continued further that His Guru demanded from Him only one point viz. endless attention on the Guru's form. He gave this willingly. His Guru also demanded two pice i. e. faith and patience. These two pice also He gave willingly. Shri Baba continued further that she too should do the same and He would bless her. The story brought home the truth to Shri

Dabholkar that Shri Baba's grace was available to everyone of those devotees who could place implicit faith in Him & practice. Shri Baba's omniscience is revealed to Shri Dabholkar, who returns to Dwarkamayee in the blissful thought that Shri Baba has already blessed him. Having listened to this story Shri Baba gave him a handful of sugarcandy and told him that his life would be equally sweet if he practised full faith in Shri Baba and have patience to reap the fruits thereof.

As I concluded my voyage through the Ganges, and reached the shore of the chapters, an "inner voice" told me that "He would confirm that you are blessed this day". I closed the Pothi and went to balcony to have a fresh breeze. While standing, I saw my friend Shri Karnik standing in the balcony of his block. The latter's presence reminded me of certain work which I had with him. I immediately rushed down to his block. We both settled down for a long chat. As I started for home, Shri Karnik gave me a handful of sugarcandy and told me that it was his Guru's prasad which was equal to the prasad of Pandharinath of Pandharpur. I was wonderstruck at "Shri Sai Leela" for as promised earlier, He confirmed that He blessed me thus and ended my day with a sweet note. ★

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Among the good path discoverers to immortality Shri Samartha Sadguru Sainath Maharaj will stand pre-eminent, supreme and superior. He is father. He is mother. He is guru. He is all. He is a creator. He is spoken as Karta. He sees what is to come. He knows future. He knows the visible and invisible in this world. He discerns the immortal to the mortal. He is gifted with vast powers of supermanship. He is supreme. He is the ruler of Kaliyuga. Eventhough Baba has gone into Mahasamadhi in 1918, he is accompanying all his beloved bhaktas like a shadow.

He is actually alive with us. Only the mortal coil of Baba is in the Samadhi Mandir, his Atma is pervading our surroundings.

Shri Baba States:

“Believe me. Though I pass away, my bones in my tomb will give you hope and confidence. Not only myself, by my tomb, would be speaking, moving and communicating with those who would surrender themselves whole-heartedly to me. Do not be anxious because I would be absent from you. You will hear my bones speaking and discussing your welfare. But remember me. Always believe in me, heart and soul and then you will be most benefited.”

Due to my fortune and good luck, the above words are conveyed by Baba to me through a beloved bhakta Shri T. R. Anand of Sarangabad (West Bengal).

Shri Acharya Shankara opined that the man is endowed with some characteristics, which will make for a distinction, if he has properly cultivated good habits, if he is creating good surroundings, good atmosphere.

Usually man developes his faith in different ways. In respect of God there are different opinions. God is one. God is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.

Shri Saibaba often used to say that even though the people are worshipping God in various forms and different names, still it is the same God, who appears in a variety of forms and names & through his miracles (power of Maya). God is known as Moksha Pradata or Karma Phaladata.

A Muslim brother worships the God without any Murti in a Masjid only by calling the almighty 'Allah' as "Allah Ho Akbar!".

A Christian brother prays to God as Jesus Christ. He prays

"Oh! Lord. Our Heavenly father! I praise thee for thou art my Lord, Master and Saviour. I confess my sins. I committed against Thee. Please forgive my sins and grant me eternal life. I beg Thee in the mighty and gracious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"

In the Hindu religion the people are worshipping God in various forms (Murthies) as Rama, Krishna, Shiva, Shri Venkateshwara, Satyanarayan, Narsimha, Baba, etc., etc. But God is one. For these kinds of various worships and various types, Shri Shankaracharya stated the different grades of worship in the following verse.

प्रथमा प्रतिमापूजा जपस्तोत्राणि मध्यमा ।

उत्तमा मानसीपूजा सोऽहं पूजोत्तमात्तमा ॥

A man must pray to God for Moksha. Just as a person discards an old set of clothes and wears a new dress even so, the soul leaves a nine-holed worn out conditioned body and takes a fresh one. Saint Tiruvalluvar stated that we must ourselves be attached to God and we must attend to Bhagavannamasmaran, which is the way to Moksha.

I state below some instances, which show Shri Baba's grace on me.

During March 1980, I was sick due to high blood pressure. I was suffering from mental torture due to giddiness and reeling sensation. I had taken so many injections. In the meanwhile a Sai Bhakta advised me to study "Shri Sai Leelamrutam" (as parayan) of Shri Ekkirala Bharadwaja, Vidyanagar, Nellore Dist (A. P.). I had started parayana on 29-3-80; but I could not complete the parayan within one week. Suddenly I had to go to my native place for the settlement of the marriage of my sister. So I took Shri Sai Leelamrutam with me there for completing the parayan. I started for my native place on 7-4-80 in the same unhealthy condition, with medicines of course. After reaching my native place, the giddiness increased and I was in a perturbed position. One day a thought came in my mind with the grace of Shri Baba to stop the medicine and to complete the parayan. I also prayed to Baba to control my trouble immediately or at least by the time of my returning back to Hyderabad. I completed the parayan on 14-4-80 and returned to Hyderabad on 22-4-80. To my surprise my trouble had vanished.

One niece of my officer, Shri Surendernath, suffered from ill health. They took her to the doctor, who stated that T. B. symptoms were visible and that her one lung was affected. The doctor directed to have the X-Ray on the very next day. On hearing that, the Officer prayed to Baba with much pain in his heart. He prayed saying, "You will have to help her". On the next day they went to the doctor for X-Ray. When the X-Ray was taken, to the surprise of the doctor and other attendents on her, there were no tuberculosis symptoms in the X-Ray. So the doctor concluded that she was only suffering from weakness. Now the niece of my officer is alright and she is very happy with her children.

See how Baba heard the prayer of his bhakta and how he helped him. ★

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Baba With My Daughter

I am a devotee of Shri Sai Baba since last 6 years. Baba has helped me in my difficulties and given me strength and courage. I have suffered a lot in my life. Especially after my marriage I faced many difficulties and hardships. I was on the verge of collapse in this human life. But Baba saved me. His blessings are always with me. Whenever I am in difficulties, I resort to Baba's feet and automatically I overcome the difficulty. All my family members are worshipping Baba sincerely and with great faith. I have kept a big size Ashirwad photo of Shri Baba in my hall. So I always feel that Baba's presence is always with me and in my house. My wife, two sons and a daughter are always chanting Baba's name.

I was reading Shri Sai Leela Magazine (Diwali Number). My 8 year old daughter, Shubhanji, was sitting near me and she was watching the photo of Shri Baba on the cover page. I casually told her, "See Shuba, Baba's miracles and surprising experience are narrated by the devotees of Shri Baba in this magazine. So you will also experience such miracle one day or the other if you worship Baba wholeheartedly and with strong devotion". On hearing that when my daughter told her experience, I was stunned and I was so happy that I can't express my feelings in words. My joy knew no bounds. She said, "Papa a few days back, while sleeping I was chanting Baba's name (nam smaranam). When I slept, I saw that Baba came down from the photo and sat near me. Then Baba also started chanting Baba's name and singing Bhajans." She is so young that she could not recollect the dream next morning and she did not tell me about her dream. When I told her one experience of Baba's devotee, which was published in the Diwali number, she told me about her dream.

Since then I am so happy that I really feel Shri Baba's existence in my house. Baba came to my house and sung bhajans with my little daughter is a very auspicious thing for me. That day only I decided to go to Shirdi with my family. I am waiting for the opportunity to have darshan of Baba as soon as possible. I pray to Lord Sai Baba once again with full devotion. I also request Shri Sai Baba that we all should be always at His lotus feet. Baba, let Your blessings shower on us and all the devotees should be happy and healthy in their life. ★

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The rush of the devotees, visiting Shirdi, was quite appreciable during the first half of his month. It however receded in the second half of the month as the schools and colleges opened by that time. The following artists gave their programmes in the Samadhi Mandir during this month:-

Keertan- 1. Shri G. V. Joshishastri, the Sansthan Singer, performed keertans as usual on the Ekadashi days and other important religious days. 2. Sou. Saroj R. Berde, from Goregaon, also performed keertan during this month.

Pravachan:- Shri Vitthal Maharaj from Hyderabad and Shri Laxmanbuva Waghchowre from Shirdi delivered pravachans on religious topics in this month.

Vocal Music, bhajan, instrumental music etc.:-

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

- 1 Shri Shrikant D. Jeorkar, Dombivli.
- 2 Shri Savata Baba Maharaj, Solapur.
- 3 Sou Gayabai S. Bhosale, Amravati.
- 4 Shri Aishiram M. Manuja, Bombay.
- 5 Shri Pandharinath Jadhav, Hyderabad.
- 6 Shri Uttamrao Pandit, Hyderabad.
- 7 Shri Laxman Dewaskar, Bombay.
- 8 Sou. Manoramabai Vyas, Bhopal.
- 9 Miss Vijaya Swami, Bhopal.
- 10 Miss Shobha Rane, Bombay.
- 11 Shri Shrikant Mishra, Chhindawada.
- 12 Shri Phakkadrao D. Wadekar, Ahmednagar.
- 13 Shri R. P. Naidu, Hubli.
- 14 Sou. R. Shanta Naidu, Hubli.
- 15 Shri Sadashivrao Gayawal, Ahmednagar.
- 16 Shri Ramchandra D. Wadekar, Shirdi.
- 17 Shri Naresh L. Soman, Nagpur.
- 18 Shri Subhash Patwardhan, Dombivli.
- 19 Shri Chokhilal Khedule, Raipur.
- 20 Smt. Jayshree Tarde, Radiostar, Bhopal.
- 21 Shri Rajendrakumar Tarde, Khandwa.
- 22 Shri S. Rajgopal, Vrindawan Bhajan Mandal, Tamilnadu.
- 23 Shri Ramanand Swami, Karnool.
- 24 Shri Dattatraya K. Karnik, Thane.
- 25 Shri Dattatraya R. Ambardekar, Vengurle.
- 26 Shri

Sunil D. Karnik, Thane. 27 Shri Sohanlal Sharma, Delhi 28 Sou. Vijayalakshmi Varji, Kopergaon. 29 Shri Prasad Varje, Kopergaon. 30 Shri Ramesh Sawant, Kopergaon. 31 Shri Adhav Master Kopergaon. 32 Miss Leela B. Shelar, Thane. 33 Shri Mahadev. V. Khavnekar, Ratnagiri.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Kumar Mangesh Dattatraya Bagwe, a student of the Sainath High School, Shirdi, passed the S. S. C. Examination held in April 1980 and secured 531 marks out of 700 (76%). He stood first in the High School and got the Late Dattakumar Kalaskar Prize of Rs. 90/- awarded by Smt. Mandakini Kalaskar from Mulund for having secured 85 marks out of 100 in English and for having secured the first rank in the High School. He has also secured prizes in sports and other extra curricular activities. He was known in the School as a bright student. He however gives the credit of his success to the proper guidance given to him by the Head master and other teachers in the High School. He is seeking admission to Government Polytechnic and his teachers hope that he will have a bright future there. His father Dattatraya Vishnu Bagwe is an employee of the Shirdi Sansthan and is working in the Bombay office of the Sansthan.

Weather:- Because of good rainfall the atmosphere was very good. The weather was quite cool and free from disease. As the rainfall is quite satisfactory so far, it is hoped that there will be no shortage of water during the next hot season. ★



श्रीसाईलीला

हिंदी विभाग

केवल साई सहारा

मेरे जीवन का प्रथम अनुभव साईलीला मासिक के प्रकाशन के लिए भेज रहा हूँ। मेरी आयु १६ वर्ष के करीब है, मेरे पिताजी के कारण मैं साई तरफ मुडा, परन्तु जो श्रद्धा, भक्ति हांणी चाहिए वह नहीं थी। साईबाबा ने मुझपर कृपा कि और मैं उनके चरणों मे पहुंच गया। दिनांक १० एप्रेल १९८० को मेरी हायस्कूल की परीक्षा समाप्त हुयी, मैं चाहता था के प्रथम श्रेणी मे उत्तीर्ण हो जाऊँ, साई भक्ति की तरफ ध्यान गया, पिताजी बारबार कहते थे के “शिरडी जाकर मांगो। हर चीज मिल जायगी”, इस वाक्य को ध्यान में रखकर मैंने निश्चय कर लिया के बाबा के चरणों मे पहुंच जाऊँ और पिताजी से यह बात बतला दी। पिताजी को आनंद हुआ, उन्होंने १२५ रु. देकर कहा, “बेटा शिरडी जाओ तुम्हारी आरजू मेरे बाबा पूर्ण करेंगे” पिताजी श्री आशा से मेरे एक मित्र के साथ मैं दिनांक १५-४-८० को शिरडी पहुंचा। बाबा के चरणों मे आनंद प्राप्त हुआ, भक्ति भावना से पूजा हुयी, गुरुवार तक रहा, बाबा से कहा साई मुझे प्रथम श्रेणी मे उत्तीर्ण किजीए, तीन चार दिनों तक आनंद से शिरडी में रहे, कोई कष्ट नहीं हुआ, दुर्दैव से मेरी माता नहीं है, बाबा को देखकर मन कहने लगा, “साई मेरी आई” और मुझे अत्यंत आनंद हुआ। शिरडी के दिन मैं भूल नहीं सकता।

दिनांक २६-५-८० की परीक्षा फल प्राप्त हुआ, मैं प्रथम श्रेणी मे सर्वप्रथम उत्तीर्ण हुआ। यह है शिरडी की महीमा, बाबा की कृपा, साई का आशीर्वाद। साई जिन्दा है, भक्तों की पुकार सुनता है, कृपा करनेवाला खुदा शिरडी का साई है। धन्य है बाबा। तेरे उपकार हम भूल नहीं सकते। ★

दिपककुमार पटवारी

मकाण क्रमांक ३-२-५१, ब्राह्मणवाडी, बिदर ५८५४०१

शिर्डीपती साईनाथ

(चाल - कैलासपती शंभो तुमको लाखो प्रणाम)

शिर्डीपती साईनाथ तुमको लाखो प्रणाम ।

तुमको मेरा प्रणाम ।

दीन दयालु दाता तुमको लाखो प्रणाम ।

तुमको मेरा प्रणाम ।

साईनाथ है नाम तुम्हारा

मेरे जीवन का है सहारा

हम सबके रखवाले तुमको लाखो प्रणाम ॥ १ ॥

मन मंदिर की ज्योत जलावो

भव सागर से पार उतारो

पानी में ज्योत जलानेवाले लाखो प्रणाम ॥ २ ॥

मानवता का मंत्र सिखाया

जात पंथ का भेद मिटाया

सबको गले लगानेवाले लाखो प्रणाम ॥ ३ ॥

हम सेवक है सबही तुम्हारे

पडे चरण में आशिश मांगे

मुक्ति दिलानेवाले तुमको लाखो प्रणाम ॥ ४ ॥

शिर्डी की यह पुनीत भुमीपर

धुनी अखंडीत तूने जलाई

हमरे पाप जलानेवाले लाखो प्रणाम ॥ ५ ॥

माता-पिता तुम सब कुछ मेरे

बालक हम हैं प्यारे तेरे

अपने शरण में लेनेवाले लाखो प्रणाम ॥ ६ ॥

दीन दयालु दाता तुम हो

मेरे भाग्यविधाता तुम हो

कर दे बेडा पार "चंदु" को ले ले शरण में आज

तुमको लाखो प्रणाम तुमको मेरा प्रणाम ॥ ७ ॥

सौ. चंद्राबेन विठ्ठलदास भाटे

द्वारा श्री व्ही. के. भाटे, १७/३, जयंत विहला, रफी अहमद किडवाई मार्ग,

वडाला, मुंबई ३१

गरीबों के वाली

ओ गरीबों के वाली साई । बाबा सरकार
तेरे चरणोमे सीर । झुके बारबार ॥ १ ॥

कितने दुःखियारी आते । साईबाबा तेरे व्दार ।
और हमेशा भरा । हुवा तेग दरवार ।
दुःखदर्दों का तू । करे बेडा पार ॥ २ ॥

तू है फकीर साई । परवर है दिगार ।
अल्ला मालिक से । तेरा है ये करार ।
तन मन लुटा के हम । करे तेरा इन्तजार ॥ ३ ॥

तू है कुबेर साई । भक्तों की है बहार ।
दामन फैलाकर मांगे । हम तुझे बारबार ।
खाली गोदवाली माई । करती है पुकार ॥ ४ ॥

तू है करुणानिधि । दया का सागर ।
जो कोई मांगे उनकी । है तुझे ये खबर ।
व्दारकामाई मे धुनी लगाया । करे जनोध्दार ॥ ५ ॥

दत्तु कहे साईने । दिया अमृत की धार ।
पीले दिल से । मांग तू बाग्धार ।
साई है वाली अपना । बडाही दिलदार ॥ ६ ॥

दत्तात्रय महादेव मोरे
४७०, शिवाजी नगर, पुणे ५



खोज

मैं,

हवा के झोंको से
पूछती हूँ
क्या तुम
वहाँ से आए हो
जहाँ मेरे प्रभु रहते हैं ।

वे,

मेरी हंसी उडा
आगे निकले जाते हैं ॥ १ ॥

मैं,

सूरज की,
कडकती धूप से,
पूछती हूँ ।
क्या तुम,
वहाँ से आई हो
जहाँ मेरे परवर दिगार रहते हैं ।

वह भी

मेरा, मुँह चिढा
चली जाती है ॥ २ ॥

तभी दर पे

मुँह जाए - एक कुत्ता
मुझे दीदे फाड-फाड देखता है ।

मैं झट रोटी ला

उसे देती हूँ

वह पूँछ हिला हिला

कभी मुझे

और कभी ऊपर,

देखता है ।

मुझे लगता है,

यह वहीं से

आया है ।

यहाँ, मेरे 'आका'

मेरे 'साई' रहते है ।

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फरीदाबाद, घर क्रमांक ७ सी ८३३ एन्. आय्. ट्री. हरियाणा

साईराम

भज ले मेरे मन 'साईराम'

होंगे पूरन तेरे काम

॥ टेक ॥

अल्ला मालिक भला करेगा

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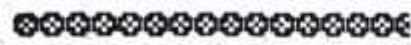
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जीवन रेखा मिटती जाये
गहन तिमिर यों बढ़ता जाये
पथ मे तेरे सुबह शाम ॥ २ ॥

साई का यों सहज पुकारे
तुझको साई पल मे उत्रारे
पायेगा तू मंगलधाम ॥ ३ ॥

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“काव्याञ्जलि”

श्री शिरडी के साईबाबा, सबके सब दुख दूर करे ।
अगणित बाधा, विघ्न, कष्ट हो, उनको चकना चूर करे ॥
जिस इच्छा से जो आये बह; मन बाँलित फल पा जाये
श्रद्धा और सबूरी के बल दुख घट जाये सुख बढ पाये
एक बार स्मरण करते ही दर्शन की श्रद्धा जागे
दर्शन, श्रद्धा से करते ही आय सबूरी मन आगे
आयुर्विद्या, यश, बल, धन, जन जीवन में भरपूर भरे ॥
श्री शिरडी के साईबाबा सबके सब दुख दूर करे ॥ १ ॥

भाव भक्ति से गुण गाने पर, तन-मन-पावन बन जावे
स्तुति वंदन करने पर, नर चरण शरण अनुपम पावे
शंका नही रहे कोई भी, सभी भ्रांतियाँ, मिट जावे
तन-मन में सन्तोष शांति सुख अनायास अद्भुत आवे
जन जन की कठिनाइयों को, साईबाबा दूर करे
श्री शिरडी के साईबाबा, सबके सब दुख दूर करे ॥ २ ॥

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मेरी छोटी बहन उन दिनों मद्रास में थी। उसके पति आर्मी में इन्जीनियर है। छोटी सी फैमिली है बहुत खुश। अचानक एक दिन पत्र आया कि कांई भी घर से मद्रास जल्दी पहुंचो उसकी तबियत बहुत खराब है। हम लोगों ने माँ को तुरन्त मद्रास भेज दिया। बहुत परेशान थे हम सब कि क्या हुआ होगा न जाने। बहुत दिनों बाद खत आया कि वो न जाने किम चीज से डर गई है। भगवान की भी पूजा नहीं करती। पूजा के कमरे में भी जाने से डरती है। बिल्कुल गुमसुम सी पड़ी रहती है और कुछ पुछो तो रोने लगती है। कहती है मम्मी बड़े डरावने ख्याल आते है। खाती नहीं, पीती नहीं बस शून्य में देखा करती है। हम सब यहां बड़े परेशान से हो गये। मैं आपसो एक बात बतला दू कि वो इससे पहले भगवान की इतनी भक्त थी कि सोमवार का व्रत, शनिवार को मंदिर में और न जाने कितनी पूजा बाबा की करती थी। हमारे घर में साईनाथ का शुरू से बहुत मन्त्रत है। मैं साईनाथ पर बहुत विस्वास करता हूं। मैंने बाबा से मन्त्रत की, कि बाबा उसे बिल्कुल ठीक कर दो, हम सब आपके ही आसरे है। मैं बहुत रोई और सो गई दूसरे दिन स्वप्न मे बाबा आये। देखा कि बाबा उस बहन की रक्षा किसी चीज से कर रहे हैं। और आश्चर्य कि दूसरे दिन वो बम्बई आ गई। हम लोग बड़े खुश हुए कि चले हमारे पास तो है। उसी दिन मैंने उसे बाबा के मंदिर ले जाने को सोचा। उससे कहा लेकिन वो मानने को तैयार नहीं थी। डरती थी बाबा के मंदिर जाते हुए। खैर हम लोग उसे हिम्मत दिलाकर दादर बाबा के मंदिर ले गये। पहले तो हिचकिचाई लेकिन फिर जो उसने बाबा के पैर पकडे तो रोती चली गई करीबन आधा घंटा वो बाबा के चरणों मे रोती रही, और आंसुओं के साथ शायद बाबा ने उसका डर भी धो दिया, वो फिर एक बार नॉर्मल (Normal) हो गयी। अब वो बिल्कुल ठीक है बाबा की कृपा से और बाद मे मुझे ध्यान आया कि वो जो स्वप्न मैंने देखा था वो सचमुच ही बाबा ने अपना साक्षात्कार मुझे दिया था कि हर वक्त वो हमारी रक्षा करते हैं। सिर्फ बुलाने की देर है वो तुरन्त दौड़े चले आते हैं। बिल्कुल चूकते नहीं सहायता देने से आप सब कोई भी मुश्किल से हो तो बाबा को प्रेम से पुकारो और बाबा न आये तो मैं सब

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कुछ हार जाऊं । वो जरूर आयेंगे सिर्फ़ प्रेम, अटूट श्रद्धा और विश्वास तथा 'सबूरी' की जरूरत है, जो बदले में बाबा हमसे मांगते हैं और वो जरूर देना होगा हम सबको बाबा को पाने के लिए । और तब बाबा हमसे एक हो जायेंगे । ★

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सिर्डि चल

सिर्डि धाम कि महिमा अपार, जो जन पाव रखे सिर्डि मे,
सब दुख हरण हुए उसका, सुख शांति सब मिले एक पल मे ॥ १ ॥

मन कि उजडा बाग मे लगा ले, साईनाम कि छोटा सा पौधा,
मन मे खिलेगा भक्ति भावना, दूर होएगा तेरी सब बाधा ॥ २ ॥

चल चल रे पापी मन, साईबाबा कि सिर्डि मे
सब दुख क्लेश तेरा, दूर हो जाएगा एक क्षण मे ॥ ३ ॥

बस एक बार तू सिर्डि चल, देख करामत साई बाबा कि
जीवन नाव कि डोर थमा दे, देव करिश्मा साई बाबा कि ॥ ४ ॥

बाबा कि समाधी बोल उठेगा, उठ, उठ, भक्त! तेरा सब चिन्ता
अब मेरा है तू शान्त हो जा, तू प्रहीता है मैं हूँ दाता ॥ ५ ॥

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जीवात्मा - परमात्मा

परमात्मा ने सृष्टि की रचना की। इस रचना में प्राणियों की भूमिका विशेष महत्व रखती है। सभी प्राणियों में मानव जीवन तो इस रचना का एक अद्भुत अंग है। मानव को स्वेच्छा का उपहार प्राप्त हो गया। सोचने, बोलने और कार्य करने की स्वेच्छा। सुख भोगने की उत्कट इच्छा प्रबल हो गई और सुख के साधनों का ढेर उसे नजर आया, उसने लपकना शुरू किया सुखों की ओर। आहिस्ते आहिस्ते पता चला कि ये सुख तो क्षणिक है, इन सुखों का अंत अपार दुख में हुआ। हारे हुए खिलाड़ी की तरह उसने वही प्रयत्न दोहराया। आत्मा जो परमात्मा का अंश है साथ ही रहती, चेतावनी देती, राह दिखाती पर जोर जबरदस्ती नहीं करती। दूसरी तरफ माया के प्रलोभन उसे अपनी ओर खींचते। आत्मा की अवहेलना होती, गलत काम होते रहे और दुखदाई परिणाम भोगने पड़े। फिर पछतावा होता क्यों नहीं आत्मा की आवाज को सुना, क्यों गलत रास्ते पर चला। विचार जाते सुधार की तरफ पर धैर्य कहाँ। माया अग्नी तरफ खींचती रही गलत मार्ग पर पुनरावृत्ति होती रही। इस माहौल में आत्मा की आवाज सुनाई कम आने लगी फिर आवाज बंद हो गई। दुष्कर्म में पूर्ण रूप से मानव फंस गया, विवेक हीन हो गया तब लोग कहने लगे इसकी तो आत्मा मर गई। वास्तव में मरी नहीं, निश्चल हुई सभी घटनाओं की साक्षी है।

एक वृक्ष पर दो पक्षी हैं एक करता है भोगता है जीवात्मा है, दूसरा राह दिखाता है, ओर जबरदस्ती नहीं करता, साक्षी है परमात्मा का अंश आत्मा है। मानव शरीर को रथ की तुलना दी जाती है। इन्द्रियाँ इसके घोड़े हैं मन की लगाम है बुद्धि रथ चलाने का कार्य करती है। जीवात्मा रथ का मालिक बनकर अपने गन्तव्य स्थान पर पहुंचना चाहता है। एक और यात्रि आत्मा के रूप में साथ ही मार्गदर्शन को बैठा है पर उसकी कोई जोर जबरदस्ती नहीं। उसकी माने तो रास्ता सुगम अन्यथा कष्ट। गन्तव्य स्थान पर पहुंचने के रास्ते कई हैं भिन्न भिन्न हैं पर किसी एक रास्ते पर चलने से रथ अवश्य पहुंच जायगा। अगर निश्चय में हटता नहीं है, आत्मा का आदेश नहीं माने तो भटकते भटकते रथ टूट जायगा, मानव जीवन का एक अध्याय समाप्त हो जायगा। रथ, घोड़े

लगाम व रथ चालक नष्ट हो गए सभी साधन समाप्त हो गए । इच्छाओं के बोझ में दबी जीवात्मा को कष्ट भोगना पड़ा । साधन था तो गलत इच्छाएँ रखी उन्हें पूरी नहीं की अब साधनहीन होकर प्रेत योनि की ज्वाला में जलकर सजा भुगतो ।

परमात्मा दयालू है महाकृपालू है, उपरंक्त सजा के उपरान्त दूसरा शरीर रूपी रथ दिया । साधन जुट गए । पूर्व जन्म के कर्मों व इच्छाओं के आधार पर नए प्रसंग बन गए । अनुकूल या प्रतिकूल परिस्थिति को मानव ने भाग्य के नाम से पुकारा । रथ इस त्रास मही मार्ग पर चलेगा अथवा नहीं यह तो पुनः जीवात्मा की स्वेच्छा पर ही निर्भर है, आत्मा मार्गदर्शन का कार्य करती है ।

अनेको योनियों में भटकने जीवात्मा की यह करुणाभरी कहानी है । जिमने स्वेच्छा का सदुपयोग किया, क्षणिक सुखों को त्यागा, अन्तर आत्मा की आवाज सुना, मार्गदर्शन पर चला उसका कल्याण हो गया । मानव शरणा धारण करके जो कल्याण मार्ग पर चला, जिसने इच्छाओं का दमन किया, माया के फंदों को काटा, जिसने शरण में आए को मार्गदर्शन दिया, संशय मिटाकर भवसागर पार कराया वह सद्गुरु के नाम से जाना गया ।

सद्गुरु की शरण में जो आया, उसकी चंचल बुद्धि पर अंकुश लगा, आत्मा की आवाज स्पष्ट सुनाई देने लगी । भ्रष्टा जागी, चिन्ता मिटी, सबूरी प्राप्त हुई । रथ के घोड़ों की लगाम जिस बुद्धि के हाथों है उस बुद्धि की बागडोर सद्गुरु ने अपने हाथ में ले ली । रथ मार्ग पर चला और जीवात्मा गन्तव्य स्थान परमपद वैकुण्ठ धाम को प्राप्त हुआ ।

मैल जब मिट गए तो जीवात्मा-परमात्मा एक रूप हो गए । इसी पृथ्वी पर देव दर्शन हो गए, स्वर्ग की अनुभूति हो गई । रथ जब टूटा तो 'जीवात्मा-परमात्मा' का पुंज वैकुण्ठ धाम पहुंचा जहाँ से फिर लौटना नहीं पड़ता ।

इस सृष्टि के निर्माण में, माया के चक्कर में जो भूल भुलैया है उसे पार करना कठिन है पर असम्भव नहीं । हम जब सद्गुरु साईनाथ महाराज की कृपा, आशीर्वाद व मार्गदर्शन के अधिकारी हैं तो अवश्य ही इस भवसागर को पार करके परमधाम को प्राप्त करेंगे ।

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लगाम व रथ चालक नष्ट हो गए सभी साधन समाप्त हो गए । इच्छाओं के बोझ में दबी जीवात्मा को कष्ट भोगना पड़ा । साधन था तो गलत इच्छाएँ रखी उन्हें पूरी नहीं की अब साधनहीन होकर प्रेत योनि की ज्वाला में बलकर सजा भुगतो ।

परमात्मा दयालू है महाकृपालू है, उपरान्त सजा के उपरान्त दूसरा शरीर रूपी रथ दिया । साधन जुट गए । पूर्व जन्म के कर्मों व इच्छाओं के आधार पर नए प्रसंग बन गए । अनुकूल या प्रतिकूल परिस्थिति को मानव ने भाग्य के नाम से पुकारा । रथ इस बाग मही मार्ग पर चलेगा अथवा नहीं यह तो पुनः जीवात्मा की स्वेच्छा पर ही निर्भर है, आत्मा मार्गदर्शन का कार्य करती है ।

अनेको योनियों में भटकने जीवात्मा की यह करुणाभरी कहानी है । जिमने स्वेच्छा का सदुपयोग किया, क्षणिक सुखों को त्यागा, अन्तर आत्मा की आवाज सुना, मार्गदर्शन पर चला उसका कल्याण हो गया । मानव शरण धारण करके जो कल्याण मार्ग पर चला, जिसने इच्छाओं का दमन किया, माया के फंदों को काटा, जिसने शरण में आए को मार्गदर्शन दिया, संशय मिटाकर भवसागर पार कराया वह सद्गुरु के नाम से जाना गया ।

सद्गुरु की शरण में जो आया, उसकी चंचल बुद्धि पर अंकुश लगा, आत्मा की आवाज स्पष्ट सुनाई देने लगी । भ्रष्टा जागी, चिन्ता मिटी, सबूरी प्राप्त हुई । रथ के घोड़ों की लगाम जिस बुद्धि के हाथों है उस बुद्धि की बागडोर सद्गुरु ने अपने हाथ में ले ली । रथ मार्ग पर चला और जीवात्मा गन्तव्य स्थान परमपद वैकुण्ठ धाम को प्राप्त हुवा ।

मैल जब मिट गए तो जीवात्मा-परमात्मा एक रूप हो गए । इसी पृथ्वी पर देव दर्शन हो गए, स्वर्ग की अनुभूति हो गई । रथ जब टूटा तो 'जीवात्मा-परमात्मा' का पुंज वैकुण्ठ धाम पहुंचा जहाँ से फिर लौटना नहीं पडता ।

इस सृष्टि के निर्माण में, माया के चक्कर में जो भूल भुलैया है उसे पार करना कठिन है पर असम्भव नहीं । हम जब सद्गुरु साईनाथ महाराज की कृपा, आशीर्वाद व मार्गदर्शन के अधिकारी हैं तो अवश्य ही इस भवसागर को पार करके परमधाम को प्राप्त करेंगे ।

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“मुझे तू दर्शन देना”

ओ साई रे ... S S S ... मुझे तू दर्शन देना

हाथोंसे हुए हैं, दृष्टिमें आये हैं ।

अपराध मेरे तू समाना । मुझे

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भाविक मुल्ला भजते तुझे रे ।

ईश्वर-अल्ला कहते तुझे रे ।

तेरा मंदिर है ये ऐसा ।

कोई नही है भेद जहाँ रे ।

शिरडी है ऐसी ... जैसे पंढरी काशी ...

लगे ये मक्का - मदिना । मुझे

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बारोही मीने मेला लगता ।

दुःखियोंके भी दुःख ये हरता ।

श्रामोंमें तेरे वंद-ऋवाएँ ।

वाणीमें तेरी गीता है रे ।

कोई सीखे जाना ... कोई बने धनवान ...

कुल का दिया जले किसीका । मुझे

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महिमा उदीका क्या कहना रे ।

सारी बीमारी पलमें भागे ।

सुनके कीर्ति दौटके आया ।

साईमंडल साथमें लाया ।

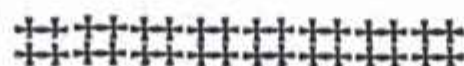
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नात्र किनारे तू लगाना । मुझे

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साई के पास आकर देखो !

साई के पास आकर देखो,
दिल का हाल सुनाकर देखो,
भबित करना आसान नही है
शिगडी को जरा जाकर देखो
मेरी शिकायत क्यों करते हो ?
साई से आंख मिलाकर देखो ।
कितना अच्छा कितना सुन्दर
व्दारकामाई को आकर देखो
गम मे हसना आ जायंगा तुझे
साई को गुंडू अपना कर देखो ।

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साई स्तुति

काहे चिरनिद्रा में निद्रित दीन दयाधन बाबा ।
जागो हमपर कृपा-दृष्टी की फैला दीजे आभा ॥
तुम्हारे व्दारे हम है सारे आए है ए साई ।
विपदा हमारी हर दीजे हे दीनानाथ गोसाई ॥
शरण तुम्हारे आए है हम दयार्द्र कमलनाभा ॥ १ ॥

तुमहि गजानन शंगांव मे और शिगडी मे साई ।
भक्तन का उध्दार किया है ले अवतार कई ॥
आज हमें भी दर्शन दीजे हे अबाल्या बाबा ॥ २ ॥

“पुनरपि जननम् - पुनरपि मरणम्” चक्कर है यह भारी ।
इससे “संत चरण रज” कहे कृपाधन मुक्ति किजे हमारी ।
जागो हे कदुणाकर जागो, जागो हे शिरडीकर बाबा ॥ ३ ॥

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श्री शिरडी साईनाथ महीमा

ओ शिरडीवाले S S S

तेरी महीमा महान
दर्शन को जो आते है

सुखी है सभी इन्सान

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दुःखी जो आया दरपे तुम्हारे

कष्ट मीटाये उनके ॥

संकटसमय मे साथ दी तुमने

कोई बहाना बनके ॥

तुमही पालन कर्ता - तुम हो दुःखहर्ता

तुमही तो कमलीवाले

ओ शिरडीवाले S S S

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प्रसादमे तुम्हारे ऐसी है शक्ती

जो हमको मुक्ती मिल जाये ॥

मांगे जो मिलता भक्त को तेरे

नया फूल खिल जाये ॥

तू मारे या तोडे - हम तुझको ना छोडे

ये दिल भी है तेरे हवाले

ओ शिरडीवाले S S S

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महीमा दिखाई - तुमने साई

पानी से ज्योत जलाई

धन्य नगर है शिरडी तुम्हारा

जपते हैं सब साई साई

सुख शांती के दाता - मेरे साईनाथा

भक्त "शंकर" का प्रणाम लेले

ओ शिरडीवाले S S S

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शाहीर शंकर स्वामी

मु. पो. अर्धापुर, ता. जि. नांदेड

मै तुलसी तेरे आंगन की

साईराम साईश्याम क्यों नहीं कहता S S

वह तो है जीवन का तारक

वो जीवन दाता S S

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चांद भाई की बिजली गूम गयी, S

त्रिजली त्रिजली कहते आ गयी,

ये तो तेरा है चमत्कार

॥ साईराम ॥

साई मेरी नैय्या - पस गयी

षड्रिपु के इस - सागर मे S

साई तू है तारणहारा

॥ साईराम ॥

“आरती मंडल” - ध्यान करेगा S

शरण तिहारे - हरदम रहेगा

यही है आशा - साई पियारा, ॥ साईराम ॥

अनिलकुमार लुतडे, साईबाबा आरती मंडल, वर्धा

साई बाबा साई बाबा

आबों से निकले आंमू तुम्हारे ही गीत बन गये

हम तुम्हारे ना बन सके पर साईबाबा तुम सबके मीत बन गये

साई बाबा साई बाबा

दोस्ती और मौहब्बत अब तक ना मैने पाई

दोनों ने हाँ दी मुझको गम की खाई ।

साई के दरबार में मैने सब कुछ पाया

अब तो साई बाबा जाने का सहारा पा लिया ।

साई बाबा साई बाबा

छिपी है आंसूओ में मौहब्बत की कहानी

साई बाबा तुम्हारे नाम की

बहना न रोक पाये हम खुद ही बहे गये

साई बाबा तुम्हारे नाम में ।

साई बाबा साई बाबा

श्रीमती गीता बर्मन, ई ४२९ चौक कृष्णनगर, दिल्ली ५१

गाना

ओ साईं रे तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना
तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना,

फूलों में कलियों में सपनों की गलियों में,
तेरे बिना कुछ कही ना,

तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना,
ओ साईं रे तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना,

हर घडकन में प्यास है तेरी
शिडीं में तेरी खुशबु है
इस धरती से उस अंबर तक
मेरी नजर में साईं ही माईं
प्यार ये टूटना साईं मुझसे रूठना
शिडीं ये छूटे कभी ना

तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना
ओ साईं रे तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना

तुझ बिन जोगन मेरा शिडीं
तुझ बिन मेरे दिन बनजारे
मेरा जीवन शिडीं की धूनी
बुझे बुझे मेरे सपने सारे
तेरे बिना मरी,
तेरे बिना शिडीं नही ना

तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना
ओ साईं रे तेरे बिना भी क्या जीना

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भगवानदास स्वीट मार्ट, एलफीस्टन रोड, परेल मुंबई १२

साई बाबा के दर्शन से

बड़े चित्त में श्रद्धा, भक्ती, समाधान पावन मनसे

बाबा का मन भावन धाम ।

शिरडी जिसका पावन नाम ।

जहाँ भक्त भावन विश्राम ।

मिले शांति, संतोष, सुहावन, सुखसरसावन साधन से ।

साई बाबा के दर्शन से

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अन, धन, यशत्रल उचित सकल ।

आयुर्विद्या सुख इच्छित कल ।

मिल जाय सुमन मनवांछित फल ।

भले हृदयमे ठरे भाव साई बाबा के स्मरण से ।

साई बाबा के दर्शन से

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स्मृति बढावे स्मरण का फल ।

कीर्ति बढावे कीर्तन का बल ।

पूति करावे पूजन का थल ।

गले पाप, संताप, ताप सब तन से, मन से, जीवन से ।

साई बाबा के दर्शन से

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पावे न कभी दुर्बल, दुर्गुण ।

आवे न कभी अनभल अत्रगुण ।

जावे न कभी परिमल सद्गुण ।

टले दैन्य, दुख, व्देष, दोष, सब साई चरण से ।

साई बाबा के दर्शन से

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