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Once Shri Baba put both his hands in the burning firewood of the Dhuni and took them out as if rescuing something. When the devotees, who were present there asked Shri Baba about it He said, "Poor girl, if I had tarried a moment longer, she would have been burnt to death in the furnace"

One blacksmith's daughter, while playing about, had run into the furnace and Shri Baba saw it and rescued her. Shri Baba's hands were scalded, but the girl was saved.

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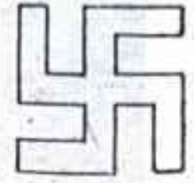
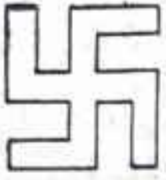
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Omnipotent Babə

The concept of God or His incarnation or the concept of a prophet, who is the representative of God is common to all the religions of the world. All religions also attribute the virtues of kindness, benevolence, mercifulness etc. to God. It is universally accepted that God is all powerful and that the whole of this universe moves according to the directions of God. The devotees have a very strong belief that in their difficulties the God comes to their help and lifts them out of the pit of their difficulties. The devotees all over the world, also believe that God is present everywhere and that He sees and knows everything. All these virtues and qualities have been briefly summarised in three attributes of God viz. omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient.

Though different religions have sprung up at different places in the world and at different times, still they have retained this common factor of the concept of God, who is having certain common qualities. Why is it so? For answering this question we will have to look to the history of the mankind since its inception. The scientists all over the world are not yet sure about the exact time when man was born in this world. They always speak about some lacs of years as the date of the birth of mankind in this world and whenever a new fossil is unearthed the birth of man is pushed back by a few lac years ! There are diverse opinions about the birth of man. According to Darwin's theory of evolution, man steadily evolved from different animals by a continuous process, which was going

on for thousands of years. Some other scientists do not agree with Darwin and they say that man was born only as a man and that he did not evolve. Anyway we will leave these theories and research to scientists and research scholars and consider only the undisputable fact which is relevant to our context and that fact is this that the aboriginal man was staying first in the caves in prehistoric days.

When mankind was thus thriving in the caves it was looking at nature with great wonder and awe. At some stage man witnessed a great thunder storm in the sky. He saw the sparkling streaks of lightening in the sky and the dazzling splendour that filled the sky. Sometimes this electricity came and fell on some tree and reduced it to charcoal. How much fear-stricken the primitive man must have become at this sight? At other time he must have seen the rain pouring from the skies and surging the rivers nearby quite abnormally. The rivers must have uprooted huge trees by their gushing currents and they must have carried them with their water, which must have overflowed their banks and flooded large areas, creating a sort of a sea all around them. Some time the primitive man must have been aroused by loud noise and hot ashes and fire rising from the mouth of a volcano. This fire coming out from the peak of a mountain all of a sudden must no doubt have made the primitive man curious; but not knowing the real cause of the volcanic eruption, he must have only looked at it with fear and he must have only attempted to save himself from the fire, the lava and hot ashes and other material that must have gushed out of the volcano. A storm in the sea must have similarly frightened the primitive man. The sky-high waves of the ocean must have made him feel that the sea has become monstrous. Apart from the seafood (fish) that the man might be getting at that time from the sea, he must also be crossing at times the creaks near the sea. Due to this storm in the sea, he must have been deprived of his food and his facility of navigation must have also been

hampered due to the surging ocean. What must have the man thought at that time? The wild fire in the jungles, which must have devastated large tracts of forest must have been another cause of fear to the primitive man. Not knowing the real cause of all these abnormal and fearful things occurring in nature, the wise people and the thinkers in the primitive people must have told others that there is some supernatural being, who has extraordinary power and strength and who is doing all these things. They must have named that being as God. The followers in the clan then must have accepted this explanation of the wise people of their group and must have from that time started describing God as Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. As mankind spread in different parts of the world, they formed different groups and different nations. Some outstanding personalities then started laying foundation of their own religion in different parts of the world. Thus the different people in the world came to practice different rituals as the distinctive features of their religions; but they could never forget their original conception of God, which was inherited by them from the primitive man.

The concept of God must have taken root and developed in the human mind in some such manner as explained above; but later on a concept about the incarnations of God came into existence. Any person, who was found to possess some powers, which the other people of his time did not have, later on came to be recognised as an incarnation of God and naturally because he was the incarnation of God, all the three main qualities of God were supposed to be possessed by the incarnations of God. Thus the incarnations of God also came to be known as Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. Shri Sai Baba is considered to be God by some devotees; but this concept of the devotees does not appear to be correct as Shri Sai Baba also Himself always said "Allah Malik" and He always said that He was a servant of the God. Jesus Christ also never said that He was God. He always used to speak about the kingdom of

God and He always told His followers that He was only an apostle of God, Mohomed Paigumber also said that "Allah" was different from Him and that the follower of Islam should pray to "Allah".

It will thus be seen that Shri Sai Baba may be called an incarnation of God. Some devotees believe that He was the incarnation of Lord Datta; but as we know He had given darshan to a doctor in the form of Shri Rama. To the Shastri from Nasik He gave darshan in the form of his Guru. Thus Shri Sai Baba appeared to His devotees in various forms and indicated that God is one though we feel that He manifests in different forms. Shri Hemadpant or Govindrao Dabholkar was a contemporary of Shri Sai Baba and he has written Shri Sai Satcharita with the blessings and consent of Shri Sai Baba. Naturally therefore we have to believe that all the incidents narrated therein are authentic and that they must have either been witnessed by Shri Annasaheb Dabholkar or heard from the persons who were concerned with those incidents. We many point out the following incidents from Sai Satcharita which show that Shri Sai Baba was Omnipotent.

- 1 Driving away the Cholera epidemic out of Shirdi by grinding wheat in a hand-mill and spreading the flour at the outskirts of Shirdi (chapter 1)
- 2 Appearing all of a sudden without anybody's knowledge under the neem tree. (chapter 4)
- 3 Streams of the rivers Ganga and Jumuna flowed from the toes of Shri Baba (chapter 4)
- 4 Shri Baba brought out a live burning coal by thrusting his prong in the ground (chapter 5)
- 5 Water started oozing when Shri Baba struck His satka on the ground (chapter 5)
- 6 Shri Baba lighted lamps with water (chapter 5)

- 7 Shri Baba took over the Bubonic plague, from which the son of Shri Dadasah eb Khaparde was suffering. (chapter 7)
- 8 Shri Baba controlled the storm and rain at Shirdi (chapter 11)
- 9 Shri Baba gave darshan to Shri Mooleyshastri from Nasik in the form of the latter's Guru Shri Gholap Swami (chapter 12)
- 10 Shri Baba gave darshan to a doctor in the form of Shree Rama (chapter 12)
- 11 Shri Baba cured Bhimaji Patil of T.B. (chapter 13)
12. Shri Baba cured Bala Ganpat Shimpi of Malaria by asking him to observe a recipe (Chapter 13)
13. Shriman Bapusaheb Booty was eured of Dysentery and vomiting by Shri Baba (Chapter 13)
14. Shri Booty was also cured of Cholera by Shri Baba by prescribing to him an infusion of almonds, walnuts etc (chapter 13)
15. Shri Baba cured a Swami from Alandi of his pain in the ear (chapter 13)
16. Shri Baba cured Kaka Mahajani of diarrhoea by giving him to eat a handful of ground nuts (chapter 13)
- 17, Shri Dattopant of Harda was cured by Shri Baba of his stomachache, which he had for fourteen years (chapter 13)
18. Shri Baba cured Madhavrao Deshpnde of his piles trouble (chapter 13)
19. Shri Baba cured Gangadharpant, the elder brother of Shri Kaka Mahajani of his stomach pain merely by touching his belly (chapter 13)
20. Intence stomach pain of Shri Nanasaheb Chandorkar was cured by Shri Baba by asking him to eat burfi (chapter 13)
21. Shri Ruttanji Shapurji Wadia was blessed by Shri Baba with a son (chapter 14)
22. Rao Bahadur Hari Vinayak Sathe was asked by Shri Baba to marry a second time and blessed him that he would get a son and accordingly he got a son from his second wife.

23. Shama was cured of snake bite by Shri Baba (chapter 23)
24. Shri Baba gave four mangoes to Shri Damuanna Rasane and blessed him with children (chapter 25)
25. Though Megha poured the water of the Godawari river brought by him, on the whole body of Shri Baba, only His head was drenched and the rest of His body remained dry (chapter 28)
26. Shri Baba gave darshan to the chief lady of the Madrasi Bhajan mela in the form of Shree Rama (chapter 29)
27. Shri Baba cured a doctor's nephew from Malegaon of Tubercular bone-abcess by application of sacred Udi (chapter 34)
28. Shri Baba blessed a woman of Kayastha Prabhu caste from Bombay and she had painless delivery (chapter 34)
29. Shri Baba gave grapes to Shri Thakkar of the Solicitor's firm, Thakkar Dharamsey Jethabhai and though the first few grapes given to him had seeds, on his thinking that if Shri Baba was a saint, He should give him grapes out of the same stock without seeds, as he did not like seeds, he found that those given to him at the second time out of the same stock were entirely seedless (chapter 35)
30. Mrs. Aurangabadkar got a son due to the grace of Shri Sai Baba (chapter 36)
31. Shri Baba averted the deaths of Ramachandra Dada and Tatyapa Patil (chapter 42)
32. Mrs. Sapatnekar got sons by the grace of Shri Sai Baba (chapter 48)
33. Shri Baba cured Shri Balaram Dhurandhar of his asthma trouble by giving him his clay pipe to smoke (chapter 50)

From the incidents, quoted above, it will be clear that an average man could not have achieved the things, which are mentioned therein, with the resources at his hand. However from Sai Satcharita we know that Shri Baba did all these things with ease. They are called miracles by some devotees and they

are called His leelas by others; but the fact remains that unless a person had extraordinary or supernatural powers, he could not have achieved all these things. Such a person is usually described as Omnipotent i. e. having all or supreme power.

As we know Shri Sai Satcharita was composed more than sixty years before. Much water has flown down the Gauges during these years; but as promised by Shri Baba, He is still very active and He is very much alive to the prayers of his devotees. He is always responding to the calls of His devotees and He is relieving them of their difficulties. This magazine, which is the authentic mouthpiece of the Shirdi Sansthan has been publishing the experiences of Shri Sai Baba's devotees, who are spread far and wide over all the continents of the world. The devotees who must be reading this magazine regularly must have noticed that the experiences narrated in the Sai Satcharita are being repeated and the devotees are experiencing the supernatural powers of Shri Sai Baba. Like the other incarnations of God, Shri Baba also is omnipotent beyond the least doubt and therefore He showers His favours on His devotees and helps them to come out of their difficulties. All the Sai devotees should consider themselves to be very lucky because by their good luck they have got such a Guru as Shri Sai Baba. Let us all therefore always pray to our Guru in thick and thin and be near to Him. "Why fear when I am here" is also one of the famous sayings of Shri Sai Baba and when He has given us such assurance we should always do our duty without fear. Let Lord Sai Baba bless all His devotees without distinction like the sun and moon, who shine on the whole world irrespective of the rich or the poor or the kind and the cruel. Eternal peace is the fruit of the devotion and prayer to Omnipotent Shri Sai Baba and every devotee of Shri Baba should try to achieve that by offering Him his prayers from the bottom of his heart. ★



Miracles Worked By Baba

“Why fear when I am here? Throw your burdens upon me and I will bear them.”

— Baba

My wife was an expectant mother in 1943. We were then at Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam district, and though I had medical friends, we did not think it necessary to seek advice except for just one visit of the health visitor, who said it was all alright. We felt assured that Baba, who is ever watchful and solicitous about the welfare of His devotees, would provide the necessary help as and when required.

Towards the end of August, my wife developed labour pains. They continued in an increasing measure from day to day for 4 to 5 days. Yet, it did not strike either of us to seek medical advice. Only when delivery seemed imminent did I call a midwife. It took more than three hours of excruciating labour for a male child to be delivered.

While feeling thankful for the redress at long last, the midwife threw a bomb-shell exclaiming that there was another child in the womb. This was my wife's fourth confinement. We had not dreamt of the possibility of twins, there being no precedence on either side. We were flabbergasted. The health visitor had not said anything about twins. My wife, who was still crying and feeling exhausted with pain, became desperate and said she would not survive another delivery. The midwife after attending to the new-born child was preparing to go saying that it would not be for another six or seven hours that the second child would be born. I was completely nonplussed. There was no other help in the house except for the neighbours.

Then my wife called me and asked for Baba's Udhi. The fool that I was, I had not thought of it so far, though it was I

who had narrated to her about Baba's Leela, in the case of Nanasaheb Chandorkar's daughter, how He had sent Bapu Gir with Udhi to the young woman in the throes of labour quite far away from Shirdi, which enabled her to deliver her child promptly and with ease.

With resurgent hope and courage, I forthwith gave a little Udhi to the midwife to be put in my wife's mouth as well as to be applied over the region of her womb. It was accordingly done, when lo! and behold! almost in trice, as though gently propelled by unseen hands the second of the twins was born!

What more proof could one need to demonstrate the ever loving care and immanence of Baba? ★

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Shri Sai Baba Keeps His Word

I narrate below a true story as to how Shri Sai Baba keeps up his words "If you look to me, I look to you" for the information of all Sai devotees.

I do not exactly remember since when I have heard of Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi; but it is a fact that some time back when as usual I sat in the dispensary of Dr. Kamalakar Narwekar of Sirsi, where a big size photograph of Shri Baba was hung, I just casually read and thought of the words printed below the photograph "If you look to me, I look to you". The Doctor friend turned the topic to me and said, "Yes, they are the words of Shri Sai Baba and He keeps them up even now." It was just in my mind and whenever I saw Shri Sai Baba's photo anywhere

I remembered His words "If you look to me, I look to You." It was in 1973 February. I had gone to Bombay to buy a second hand car and I intended to buy one if I could get it upto Rs. 10,000/-. So to say Rs. 10,000/- was provided for it. I with a local agent saw many cars in 5-6 days but none was for less than 12,000 to 14,000/-. I was still searching for one. Though I was tired and had given up hopes, on my way to meet the agent again, I came to Dadar and was waiting for a city bus just opposite the Sai Niketan, Dadar, Bombay. When I saw on the backside, I saw the name plate Shri Sai Baba Trust. I immediately remembered the words "If you look to me, I look to you" and before I got into the city bus, in a desperate mood, I myself started questioning Shri Sai Baba in my mind as to its correctness. I questioned Shri Sai Baba whether He could give me a car for Rs. 10,000/-. Whether He could physically come with me to the market and use His influence. Even if He does so, any body in the present day would believe Him or pay heed to His order.

Thinking these things impossible I further questioned Shri Baba as to why he said "If you look to me, I look to you" etc. I put all these questions to Shri Sai Baba in my mind and thought to myself that I will trust Him if He fulfils my desire or it is just like any layman saying so.

Just then the city bus came and I boarded it and met the agent at his place. When I went to the agent, he told me that there are 2 more company cars for sale in Worli and that we would go there. Without much hope of getting the car at my price, I went to Worli and saw the 2 cars, one fixed at 10,500/- and another at 12,000/-. The quotation of 10,500,- just twisted me whether it could be Shri Sai Baba's help. I thought of buying the one fixed at 10,500/- and without seeing the Company's proprietor after confirming the price as 10,500/-, I went to a Bank to encash a bearer draft I had. Before I reached the bank, it was one hour late and cash transactions were closed. To my surpris, I found a

classmate of mine working in the said bank just outside the bank premises, who helped me to cash the demand draft by using his influence in the bank. I came back with the money, went up to the office of the company with the agent and when I entered the cabin of the manager, I saw a huge photograph of Shri Sai Baba inside. I was astonished to find that Shri Baba was there inside. The Manager was so kind to me that he said that he had fixed the price as 10,500/- quite reasonably but he was so friendly to me that he himself offered to give it to me for Rs. 10,000/- as if he was giving his car to his close friend. He further started telling that the car was good & he was a devotee of Shri Sai Baba and he had come up by His grace and that is why he has named his company as Sai Baba Enterprises P. Ltd., and telegraphic address as Babakripa. I was shocked to hear these things from him as if Sai Baba replied to my earlier questions or challenge that why alone He could come with me to the market, but he could give it Himself as the company was also in His name. It is at 505, Kakad Chambers 132, Dr. A. B. Rd., Worli, Bombay 18.

Can this be a coincidence? Absolutely not.

I am quite convinced from several other instances also that if one surrenders to HIM wholeheartedly, one can rest assured that Shri Sai Baba is always with him.

This is how Shri Sai Baba answers to the prayers of his devotees. ★

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Shri Sai Baba's Parents

In the article "Baba And The Scriptures" (July '82) Shri Devata Subbarao has envisaged that Baba's parents are Shri Narahar Purohit and Smt. Avanthika of Patri Village in Parbhani District (In that article Shri Subba Rao had stated that he learned this from an article published in Andhra Prabha dated 20-10-80)

In the episode of Shri Sai Baba Harikatha (Yekshagana) Shri Parimi Subrahmanyam has enlightened that His Brahminparents are "Hari Sade Shastry and Laxmibai of Patri village.

Shri Bapatla Hanumantha Rao has described in the life history of Shri Sai Baba (Yeme ninnupekshintuna) that He was born in the Patri village of erstwhile Nizam State to Brahmin parents and they are Jamunabai and Nandalal. This point was taken by the above author from life of Shri Sai Baba written by Rajarshi Bala Sannyasi, published by Shri Parasakti Ashram, Bangalore.

Shri P. Nageswara Rao the writer of Shri Sai Mahima and the story of Shri Swamy Keshavaiahjee, has stated that there is no evidence regarding Baba's parents. But he has stated that Baba himself told that he came from Aurangabad from the house of his uncle Shri Nasatya. The names of His parents however did not come to light.

Mani Sahukar's book "Shri Sai Baba, the Saint of Shirdi" has illustrated that there is no authentic record about Baba's birth, His parentage and the events and incidents of His childhood. As the distinguished author "Hemadpant" of Shri Sai Satcharita aptly points out that Namdev and Kabir were not born like ordinary mortals. They were discovered as infants concealed in the mother of Pearl. Namdev was found by Gonayee in the Bhima river and Kabir was found by Jamal in the Bhagirathi

river. Similarly Sai Baba was not born of mortal parents, concludes the learned author. But on one occasion in Dhulia Magistrate's court, Baba stated that His Guru was Venkusa of Salu village and that His religion was Kabir and that his caste and creed were God. On another occasion He envisaged that His parents were Brahman and Maya and by their interlocking He got this body. Out of the Nath Panchayatan Shri Sadguru Sainath stood first and the others are Shri Madhavanath, Dhunderaj Pulsi, Shri Gajanan Maharaj and Shri Gopal Das. Another version is that out of the three perfect masters, Shri Sai Baba, Shri Mehar Baba and Shri Raghavendra Swamy (Mantralayam) Baba stood first and that He was not born to the human mortals and that He was formless and everywhere and not only in one place "Shirdi".

Each individual saw in this unique saint a personification of his own favourite deity, an incarnation of his own chosen ideal and worshipped Him as such.

Shri Sai Baba called himself a Fakir and on His lips reverberated constantly "Allah Malik"; but as a pure Brahmin He showed a remarkable proficiency in all Yogic practices.

Whoever may be the parents of Shri Sai Baba, He is no doubt a great saint, who incarnated on this earth as Shri Sadguru Sai Baba during the 19th century to save the devotees from their sins with their sadhana and belief. ★

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Award of Mrs. Sushilabai Godkhindi Silver Medal, For the Year 1981

Shri Godkhindi, former Office Superintendent of the Shirdi Sansthan, deposited Rs. 501/- with the Shirdi Sansthan for awarding every year a silver medal to the best worker in the conservancy section of the Shirdi Sansthan in memory of his wife Mrs. Sushilabai Godkhindi and out of the interest on the above sum a silver medal is being awarded every year to the best worker in the conservancy section of the Shirdi Sansthan.

The silver medal for the year 1981 was awarded to Shri Bhika Ukka Shawoot, who is working in the conservancy section of the Shirdi Sansthan. Shri Ukka Shawoot, the father of Bhika Shawoot, was also an employee of the Shirdi Sansthan. When he retired on account of old age, Shri Bhika Shawoot took up employment with the Shirdi Sansthan as a sweeper.

Shri Shawoot is a willing worker and he is away from drinking and such other vices. He is obedient and always carries out gladly any work that might be entrusted to him by his superiors. The award of the 1981 silver medal to Shri Shawoot has been welcomed by the staff of the Shirdi Sansthan and they felt happily that the medal was awarded to the proper person in the employment of the Shirdi Sansthan. ★



PATIENCE

Do not lose temper. Do not be irritated. Give a patient hearing to all and silently listen even to those who indulge in malicious gossip against you. Rest your mind in God. Live with a healthy mind.

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— Shri Radhakrishna Swami



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Sai Baba, The Saint of Shirdi

(Continued from August 1982 issue)

CHAPTER XIX

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- (2) Saints' Mission (3) Institutions of Saints
- (4) Baba's stories as Beacon Light (5) Motherly Love of Sai Baba

Thus Thou bade them to do this
To get their shackles removed thus
To free themselves from sorrows all
And to live in bliss of Sai all

Sacrifices, yogas and chantings all
Are the concerns of brahmins all
Within the reach of others are not they
So are not prescribed them for they

To think is mind's function
Not to think is not its function
Being given to senses six
On passions six will it fix

If mind is given to Guru
Think it will only of Guru
Having heard of the grandeur of Sai
Give your mind solely to Sai

Thus all remember Thee Oh Sai
And try to worship Thee Oh Sai
Thus hear the Keertan Of thee Oh Sai
And all become one with Thee Oh Sai

The stories of saints hearing
Is not so difficult learning

Remove all fear of existence worldly
And take the path spiritual lordly

So asked Thou to mankind all
To listen, meditate and assimilate all
Done this with pure love and affection
Women and all get pure and holy bliss

Being engaged in duties worldly
But given your mind to Sai heavenly
Earn the bliss indescribable
And live in joy indefinable

Thy stories being listened
Devotees' minds being to Thee devoted
Are blessed by Thee coveted
And live by Thy name connoted

To utter the name of Sai Sai
Is the easiest way to mai
To free us from sin's coy
And to keep us ever in joy

Unless there is Thy will
Can't we make our will
The stories to hear of saints
Because of our mind's faint

Easy is everything by Thy grace
And this hearing the stories of saints
Is in a way keeping with saints
And our hearts to change in saints

Men being in the saints' company
Become free from egoism funky
And are freed from birth's cycle
And blessed with bliss heavenly

The saints all our sins remove
To pave our way to heaven to move
To enjoy the bliss ever lasting
And to live there forever lasting

The waters inanimate
Ganges, Godavari, Kaveri, Krishna
Wait for saints' bath to purify
Thus the grandeur of saints passify

The Incarnation of God is to
Protect the good, destroy the wicked too
But different is the mission of saints
Inscrutable are the ways of saints

Good and wicked are the same to them
They destroy not the evil doer to fen
But set them then on path right
And drag them to their feet right

As Agasti, they destroy existence earthly,
Destroy the sun of ignorance fastly
God dwells in the hearts of saints all
As saints are different not from Gods all

Thou our Sai the God incarnate
With knowledge supreme carnate
And surrounded with luster divine
Hailed at Shirdi to bless us with love divine

Thou not being attached to any
Made no difference, rich and poor any
Foes and friends, kings and paupers
But loved all with the love pompous.

Being Thou alert to help Thy devotees
And willing to spend Thy merits to covetees

But to only those, who came to Thee
And to whom Thou favoured and dragged to Thee

Many wished to see in person Thee
But could not see as did not will Thee
So they their quest for milk (darshan)
Had to satisfy with butter milk (Leelas)

O! Baba none could see Thee
At their own sweet will to see Thee
And none could stay there at Mai
Without Thy permission to stay at Mai

O! Sai the world is a stage
All are actors on this stage
We all dance to Thy tune string
Thou being the puller of the string

From Time immemorial
There have been saints innumerable
The mission being assigned to carry out
The saints appear and come out

Saints though work at places different
They all are one and profess the faith not different
Under the authority of common Lord
Work they in mission for Lord

Full well they know that
Each of them doing what
Where necessary supplement
To his work a word compliment

Constructed light houses at places various
The boatman to enable to avoid dangers various
And to make the boat sail safely in the sea vast
To reach the destination safely fast

O! Sai, Thy stories of nature various
 Lead us in Thy light gregarious
 To our destination end in view
 Serve as beacon light in life's view

Thy stories sweet surpass the nector sweet
 And make our path zig zag treat
 Smooth and easy to move thoroughly
 The life all through smilingly

The stories of saints are the blessed ones,
 Entering our hearts through ears once
 The egoism and senses duality vanish through
 And stored in heart doubts fly all through

Sama-dama, Sadhana for Krita Age
 Sacrifice a Sadhana for Treta Age
 Worship a sadhana for Dwapar Age
 But singing of Thy name and glory for Kali Age

Difficult are the sadhanas three
 Sacrifice, meditation and concentration free
 But singing Thy name and glory true
 Is very easy to save life's grue.

A cow loves her calf infant
 Her udder is full to fee in instant
 The calf wanting milk the udder dashing
 Out comes the milk inflow gushing.

The human mother knows the wants
 Of her child, what it wants
 So feeds it her breast in time
 To satisfy her child all the time

Her child the mother sees
 Adorned and well-dressed in sees

But the child not knowing this
The mother takes joy in this

Disinterested the mother's love
Has no parallel in the game of love
So is the love of Sadguru
Towards the disciples true

O! Sai, Thou blessed pant
With Thy motherly love to pant
The stories of Thy life holy
To free the devotees from folly

Afternoon arati devotees returning when
Thou give them an advice then
Wherever are you and whatever you do
Is known to Thee everything you do

Thou art the wire-puller of this universe
Thou art the inner ruler of all, sealed in hearts
Thou rap all creatures animate or inanimate
And Thou art the controller of all show of this world.

(To be continued)

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If thou wilt be perfect, go sell that which thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul,

— Jesus

Guru Seva

Scriptures proclaim that of all the yagnas the yagna of Guru Seva is the highest and most rewarding. The best way of serving the Guru is to submit yourself to Him completely, to surrender to Him totally. To identify yourself completely with the Guru in all the vicissitudes of life is the true service to the Guru. It is obedience to the Guru's commands which eventually matters --" I shall do Thy bidding," as Arjuna said to Lord Krishna. If you are able to cleanse your heart by the words of the Guru, you are said to have served Him in the most proper manner. Service to the Guru does not mean mere physical exertion in ministering to the comforts of the Guru. Its horizons are much wider than that. Guru Seva implies, in the wider ramparts of understanding, that you should obey all the instructions of the Guru most faithfully, come what may. What He stood for should find an imprint in every sphere and walk of your life. A Guru does so much for the benefit of the disciple that even the disciple does not know the extent of the benefit he receives. So sublime and subtle is the Guru's grace. A Guru's debt it is well-nigh impossible to repay.

Like a beaver Shri Sai Baba poured His heart and soul for the benefit of His devotees. While in the fleshy tabernacle, He spent all His time in mitigating the Karmic effects of His devotees, firmly putting them on the timeless path of self-realisation. Shri Sai Satcharita says that He kept Himself busy all through the nights too wide awake rubbing away the devotees' Karma on coins. He is a Siddha Guru. His mission is perpetual. Even after His Mahasamadhi millions of devotees all over the world are likewise greeted with a wide spectrum of experiences. Even the most hardened non-believer is caught in a surprise at this marvel. The arcade of these breath-taking experiences is too ubiquitous to mention. The most marvellous accounts of

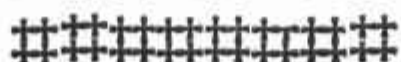
Ripley's "Believe it or not" conundrums pale into insignificance in comparison. Such are the annals of Shri Sai Baba for the devotees. Such are His bounties and His panacca. Rare is the devotee, who has not shed his tears of gratitude for the Master.

He ensconced Himself thus so innocuously in the hearts of His devotees. They feel greatly indebted to Him. With only the mortal reach behind them, they are lost in a world to know how to repay this debt. The problem defies solution. There is however a simple way. What Shri Sai Satcharita did for Shri Sai Baba's message and mission while He was alive, Shri Sai Leela journals are doing today after He shuffled His mortal coil. The best way to redeem the debt is to spread His message to as many people as possible through Shri Sai Leela, the modern version of Shri Sai Satcharita.

The need of the hour is to put the Indian psyche back on the rails. The even tenor of the nation's well-being is sustained when progress goes hand in hand with spiritualism. Lest it burns out like a streaking meteoroid in the sky and the progress comes a cropper. To arrest this malaise, gifting away an year's subscription of Shri Sai Leela to new readers is what Sai devotees can do to redeem the Guru's debt. In a big way this will help the cause of Guru Seva too. Shrirama Navami, Guru Poornima and Mahasamadhi are the solemn occasions when these gift subscriptions can be undertaken. This is also an aspect of Dakshina which Shri Sai Baba loves well to receive. Thrice blessed are those who saturate themselves with the effervescence to spread the Sai message this way. Mighty pleased will be Shri Sai Baba with whom He receives this kind of Guru Seva. So let us all resolve to join this silent but a soul-ennobling yagna here and now. ★

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Seemollanghan – Baba's Rage

It was Seemollanghan, the auspicious Dussera day,
In the year 1916, people saw Baba in a hectic way,
That for no reason Baba had gone in a very rage way,
Tearing off all His clothes flung them into dhuni in a
terrific way,

Struck the floor of the mosque with His satka in a terrible way,
Baba shouted that He would cross the border on that day,
The significance of His outburst nobody could say,
Exactly after two years that is in 1918 on Dussera day,
Baba left His mortal coil in the worldly way,
For the entire universe, specially for devotees, it was a
shocking day.

Devotees, who confided in Sai Baba that they,
Would flounder and be lost after He passed away,
Were reassured by Baba in a gentle way,
That He would be as active and vigorous in the same way,
In looking after their welfare even after His passing away,
These assurances set many a troubled mind in a gay,
Because Sai Baba amply demonstrated all the way,
His extraordinary powers not limited by time and space
any way,

Nor bound by the laws of nature least to say,
It was not a hollow promise anybody can say,
Because Baba is more living now and as active and vigorous
even this day,
In looking after the needs of His devotees in a magnificent way.

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Shri Sai Kripa

The life of a Sai devotee is nothing but a colourful commentary on the glorious Leelas of Shri Sai. It is by His grace that a devotee gets shelter at His feet. It is by His karuna that a devotee practices devotion and it is by His blessing that the devotee gets pleasure in his life and finally attains salvation. Whom He selects for showering His Leelas and how He does it, is beyond our understanding and imagination.

Myself and my family are an example of His glorious ways! We had no idea about Sai upto 1978 when His beloved devotee Shri B.H.Brijkishore of Hyderabad took us in His path. Shri Kishore took special interest in us and led us as a true Guru, focussing on our minds the beauty of His teachings and the fragrance of His existence through His Leelas. We are greatly indebted to our Guruji for his kindness on us. The memories of how he guided us in the devotion to Shri Sai, fill us with immense pleasure. He continues to be considerate to us even now when he has very little time for himself after attending to the large number of Sai devotees who visit him for relief from sufferings. He consoles us, shares our happiness and answers our doubts in a simple and easy way. He says, "babu! as long as we are in human flesh, we are governed by the sway of ownership- the ownership of the indriyas. We may not be capable of abdicating these to accomplish complete surrender. So we may deposit them at the feet of Shri Sai, who will safeguard them as a bank and who owes to pay to us on demand".

My devotion to Sai has passed through several milestones and has provided us insulation from worries and sufferings. We are not worried about obstacles. We are confident that Shri Sai will clear them. We are not worried of difficulties. We are confident that Shri Sai will bear them. A series of such experiences of his recent Leelas, prompted me to share the pleasure of these experiences, with the other readers of Sai Leela.

During the second week of May, 1982, I visited Bangalore to attend a conference of Administrative Officers on our organisation. I was given accommodation in our organisation's guest house on the outskirts of Bangalore. Even when the tour was in the proposal stage, I planned that I should visit the Sai Spiritual Centre at Bangalore, on the day of my arrival there, before the commencement of the conference the next day. I actually arrived at Bangalore at 6.30 A.M and after reaching the guest house I left for the State Transport bus stand at 10 A.M to board the non-stop bus for Mysore, wanting to have a look at Mysore briefly (that was my first visit there) and return to Bangalore by 5 or 6 P.M that same day so that I could visit Sai Spiritual Centre at Bangalore on the same evening. At the bus stand, I joined the long queue. At the end of the queue was the ticket counter and after purchasing the ticket, the passenger has to board the bus which waits in front of the counter. The long queue gradually drew me closer to the counter; but I feared that I may miss that bus because it was almost full and there were at least ten more passengers ahead of me. I thought for a while, if I could get that bus and leave Bangalore by 10.30. A.M. or so then I may reach Mysore early. Otherwise I may have to wait for another bus for another half an hour or so and my return journey may get delayed. Just then all the passengers ahead of me were asked to wait for the next bus because they were two families and there were only two seats vacant in the bus. I got the ticket and boarded the bus and the bus left Bangalore at 10.30 A.M. I just remembered Shri Sai for the spontaneity of His grace.

Due to His mercy, at Mysore, I could get the benefit of a guided tourist bus (which originated at Bangalore and was in the middle of its programme) and sumptuously enjoyed the beauty of that city. However, I was all the while worried that I could not fulfil my desire of visiting Sai Spiritual centre on that evening. By the time the bus reached Bangalore, it was 11 P. M.

The bus left the passengers somewhere near the Railway station. Being a complete stranger, I was worried as to how I should reach my guest house at that late hour. In front of the bus stop, I saw a small restaurant and just entered that thinking that I may first relieve my hunger. I called the bearer and was ordering the dinner. Just then, one driver of our unit at my previous place of posting appeared and expressed surprise as to how I came there. It was a real surprise for me ! He said that he came there driving the office vehicle on a field tour. After my meal, he took me to my guest house. The next morning, at 5 A.M, he picked me up from my guest house and took me to the Sai Mandir (Sai Spiritual Centre) travelling a distance of about 12 kms. We had a heartfelt of darshan of Shri Sai at the mandir and returned by 7.30 A.M well before the commencement of the conference at 9 A M. It was a Thursday. Shri Sai blessed me with His grace by providing me convenient transport for visiting Him. He chose to do it on a Thursday, to give it a special significance. At the Sai Mandir, Guruji spoke to me with affection and gave his blessings. I had forgotten to bring my camera from the guest house for taking photo of the Mandir. I wanted it for enabling my family to have the benefit of darshan of the mandir in the photo. So I requested Guruji whether any photographs of the mandir were available and whether I could get one or two. He thought over for a while and went inside the office room. After a while, he came out and gave me the souvenir, of the Silver Jubilee of the mandir, one book of ashtottarashatanamavali of Shri Radhakrishnaswamiji, and one book entitled : Radhakrishna Vaaksudha. I felt extremely happy to have these books. They were so precious gifts to me that I felt bewildered. Guruji said that between 6.30 P. M and 8.30 P. M, I might come to join the bhajan. I said that I would try. I had little hope that I would be able to visit the temple again, because the distance was long and the time was too little. On the way, I went through the pages of the souvenir. Later in the evening, the driver left for his headquarters.

Implicit Faith

Mr. X was a great philosopher. Once he went on a pilgrimage. On the way he had to cross a river, which was in spate.

Mr. X was in a dilemma. He hesitated to take the risk of drowning. At that time a Muslim came there. The philosopher asked him for an alternative means to cross the river.

The Muslim asked him to cross the river with implicit faith and concentration in God. Mr. X was too clever to swallow this idea. He asked the Muslim to jump into the river first so that he too could follow him.

The Muslim jumped into the river crying 'Allah Malik Hai' and swam to the other bank.

Mr. X prayed to Lord Ganesh and jumped into the river. As he entered the waters, suddenly he remembered that Lord Ganesh's father is Maheshwar and a prayer to Maheshwar would be much more beneficial than a prayer to Ganesh. So he prayed to Lord Maheshwar to help him to cross the river.

Because of the wavering mind of Mr. X Lord Ganesh thought that His father Maheshwar would rescue Mr. X while Lord Maheshwar thought that His son Ganesh would help the philosopher. With no help from either of them, Mr. X drowned in the river.

Dear Sai-brothers, Let us have implicit faith in our Gurudev Lord Sainath, who shall certainly answer to our prayers and solve our problems and lead us to happiness. ★

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A Legacy For Progeny

Shri Sai Baba showers His grace equally on all devotees. Shri Ramesh Mukund Rao Dharmadhikari, aged 39, is a Bank Accountant in Akola. His ancestors were all devotees of Datta and Sai Baba for the last three generations. In 1974 he was at Jalgaon when his wife, at her first delivery, was writhing in excruciating labour pains in the middle of the night. He took her to the hospital. There her pains became unbearable with each passing hour. Finally she was taken to the emergency room for what seemed an imminent cesarean operation. Greatly worried, he ran to the Balirampet Sai Baba Temple at the first break of dawn and cried like a child before Baba. The priest came over to him and learning the reason, looked at him with kind eyes. In a prophetic tone he assured him that his wife would have safe delivery without operation. He then gave Udhi and further said that a male child would be born. These soothing words came like summer showers to his parched up hopes. Recomposing his mangled nerves, he retraced his steps quickly to the hospital. There he was informed that his wife had a safe delivery half an hour back (while he was in the temple) without recourse to surgery and a male child was born.

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In December, 1980, he came to Bombay to attend a marriage. While crossing a road near Nariman Point, his wife suddenly let out a blood-curdling shriek. He turned round and saw her fixed to the ground in terror-stricken paralysis. A double-decker bus at full speed was almost on her. There was no time for action. Involuntarily he released all his lung power and yelled, "B..A..B..A." In that instant the most unbelievable happened. The double decker did a weird kind of waltzing as though it hit an invisible wall and bumped several yards back like a rubber ball. In so doing, it hit a taxi coming from

behind. It was none else but the unfailing Sai who put His giant palm to stop the onrushing monster!

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In 1981 while attending a Ganapati Festival, his motor cycle was stolen. He became nervous and a police report was lodged. A pall of gloom hung on everybody in the house-hold. For two days there was no news. Feeling like his right hand cut-off, he went into his prayer room and feelingly appealed to Baba to know what wrong he had committed. He fervently prayed for the return of the vehicle and salvage his bruised faith. In a few hours news came to him that his vehicle was found intact abandoned in a secluded place 16 miles away.

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To the discerning observer, the above incidents will confirm the belief, with clinical precision, that the grace of the Lord is such that the fruits of devotion will be available even to the progeny. Shri Sai Satcharita is replete with many instances of this nature. Sai devotees, therefore, should feel greatly satisfied that after them, their legacy of devotion, the priceless grace, can be bequeathed to their heirs and to the posterity as an unfailing antidote in their difficult times. ★

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Sainath Shows My Fault

Whenever I go to my native town—Bangalore—usually I visit Shri Sai Spiritual Centre at Thyagarajanagar and have 'darshan' of Lord Sainath to my heart's content. It is Sai who draws me to His Mandir everytime I visit Bangalore.

It so happened that I went to Bangalore on the 30th of May 1982 on my way to Coimbatore to attend a wedding and my family also accompanied me. Even though I stayed in Bangalore till the 2nd of June, somehow or the other I could not visit the Mandir. I longed very much to visit the Mandir but somehow it got postponed and ultimately we left for Coimbatore.

During our journey to Coimbatore, all along my mind was feeling guilty about not visiting the Mandir at Bangalore and on the spot I decided that I would have a darshan of Lord Sainath at Shri Nagasai Temple in Coimbatore as a priority on the 3rd June 1982.

So on the morning of 3rd June, I practically hurried to Nagasai temple along with my younger son, Master Sai Prabhu Vijaykumar. The three-year old kid was quite enthusiastic of visiting 'Sai Baba' and all along he was saying 'Baba' Baba' in his own inimitable style.

A surprise awaited me at Shri Nagasai temple

It was around about 9 a.m. when we reached the temple premises. As we washed our feet and entered the temple, an old man with white beard and wearing white dhoti and loin cloth greeted me and the first thing he asked me

“Why did you avoid me in Bangalore?”

I was surprised as I was meeting him for the first time. Even before I could reply or say something, he gave me vibhuthi and smeared a little bit on my son's forehead and in a flash, he

left the place to meet other devotees. Still dazed, I went round the temple and recited 'Vishnu Sahasra Namam' and then looked around for the elderly gentleman. No! He was not to be seen anywhere in the temple premises. I was sure that it was Lord Sainath Himself who came in the guise of the elderly gentleman to point out my lapse of not having his darshan at Bangalore.

We returned to Bangalore after finishing the wedding at Coimbatore and had to be back at my duty on the 7th June '82. Hardly a few hours before my departure from Bangalore on the 6th night, I made a trip to Shri Sai Spiritual Centre at Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore.

Shri D. V. Krishna Murthy, the most intimate devotee of Late Shri Radhakrishna Swamiji, greeted me with his usual smile and 'Sai Ram'. There were quite a number of devotees in the hall and I joined them for recitation of 'Vishnu Sahasra Namam'.

After staying for a while, I prayed to Lord Sainath to pardon me for my lapse and shower His blessings incessantly. As I was leaving, I could overhear the conversation, a young man was having with Shri D. V. Krishna Murthy, who was quoting the 'Sai Satcharita' experience of Shri Pundalik, the Pleader, who failed to deliver the cocoanut given by Shri Vasudevanand Saraswati to Sai Baba. He was telling:-

"Don't be silly. Why do you blame yourself? It was Sainath's will. Remember everything takes place with divine drive! Keeping this ever in your mind, offer all your thoughts and acts to Sainath. Lord Sai will bless you."

This was a sermon to me also. Sainath had spoken through him. I left Bangalore with a light heart. ★

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If You Look To Me, I Look To You

If we look to Lord Sainath, He will definitely look to us. It is a proven fact. Numerous Sai devotees narrate their experiences to prove this fact.

I have been blessed by Shri Baba with happiness magically, as and when I found myself in trouble. I would like to narrate one of such experiences.

In August, 1981, my mother underwent a major operation. The operation could lead to fatal consequences and therefore extra-ordinary care was needed for, at least, six months after the operation. The entire responsibility was on my shoulders. I could hardly spare time for some work other than to attend on my mother. However, the operation was performed successfully by Baba's grace.

In October, I was having departmental examination. So, I decided not to appear at the examination for the time being, since, I had no time for preparation.

A couple of nights before the examination, the great saint appeared, when I was asleep. He asked me to carry on, without altering my decision. After a long thinking, I concluded that Baba had ordered me to appear at the examination. But a day before the examination my mother got serious. However, leaving, my mother at Baba's mercy, I left for Chandigarh for my examination. I gave only a single reading of the books during nights, and that too without any concentration and answered three of the four papers I had opted for.

My result was declared in the beginning of March 1982 and to my surprise, a friend informed me on telephone that I had been declared successful in all the three papers I answered. I could not believe it till I got the official information of the result.

Shri Baba's acts are really surprising. Last week, I received a letter from the body that conducts the examinations, alongwith a cheque for Rs. 150/-. As per the letter, the amount of the

cheque was given to me as an award for standing first in one of the three papers throughout the country.

How wonderful are His ways!

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Automatic Unlocking of a Lock

I, alongwith my wife and my eight months' old son, Prashant, undertook a pilgrimage to Shri Kshetra Shirdi for the first time. Prashant, on many occasions, had suffered from high fever, in the past. When we reached Shirdi, he at once fell so sick that we were frightened. We went to a doctor, who gave us some medicines and while returning my son was relieved from fever by the grace of Shri Baba and started smiling and playing.

My two days' stay at Shirdi was memorable. While returning I noticed that the keys of my block were lost by me somewhere at Shirdi. So when I came on my block, I bought a hack saw blade to cut the Godrej Navtal lock, because without cutting it, it was impossible to enter inside the room.

I was about to cut the lock with the blade in my hand and for that purpose I took the lock in my hand, and moved it about in the bolt, and Oh ! A pleasant surprise was witnessed by me alongwith my family that the lock was automatically opened without the use of the blade. I prayed to Shri Baba with great devotion,

Shri Baba thus proved His existence even after His Samadhi, and made me His confirmed devotee.

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Guru Purnima Festival

Sai Samaj at Lake Terrace, Calcutta, celebrated the Guru Purnima Festival from 5th July 82 to 8th July 82. - There were special Sai bhajans, Narayan seva, Laksharchana by ladies group and special Koti Archana.

By Baba's grace, for the first time, the Samaj was able to organise a Chariot Procession of the portrait of Sai Baba, well decorated, on Thursday the 8th July 82. The procession started at 7 p.m. covering all main streets and returned by 9 p.m. The function concluded with Mahamangalathi for 20 minutes and then Sai Prasad was distributed to one and all.

All these days a good number of devotees participated in the celebration. We thank all the members for participating in the function and making it a grand success. ★

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Shri Baba's Correct Guidance

But for Shri Baba's unfailing guidance in all important matters, the lives of Sai devotees would have been miserable. His kind care for His devotees, in all aspects of their lives, is the most precious treasure. Two incidents which took place in my life illustrate this very clearly.

In the latter half of 1978 one of my relatives brought to me a proposal of an ownership block at Borivli. He told me that the offer was at the cheapest possible rate and that block was well situated from Borivli Railway station. He further assured me that in case I needed any financial help he would give it wholeheartedly. As a B. P. T. employee I was entitled to a housing loan which would have covered 80% of cost of construction of the block, Although repayment of instalment would have been of the order of Rs. 200/- per month, still it would not have been a source of anxiety to me as I was then posted in such an office where I was getting a regular monthly additional payment of Rs. 400/- or more as overtime payment. So all these factors made my wife and myself favourably inclined towards the proposal; but as the investment was huge, it made us restless as it was a question of repayment of the housing loan over a period of 15 long years. It also meant visualising our financial situation in the next 15 years. Here lay the rub. For no human being howsoever well-placed at the present stage of his life can tell with certainty what would be his position in future. So all our thinking regarding the purchase of the block came to a halt. What to do ? We could not decide.

In these circumstances, I saw Shri Baba Dalvi my family friend and sought his help. He told me to take decision by casting lots at Sai-Niketan at Dadar. He also told me that I should do it that day itself as it happened to be the Gurupushyamruta day. I, therefore, took 1/2 day's casual leave and with my

wife went to Sai-Niketan. There I cast the lots by placing two chits at the feet of Shri Baba on which was written "Block should be bought" and "Block should not be bought." A third person present picked up one chit which showed that Shri Baba's command was not to buy the block. Accordingly, I conveyed the decision to my relative, who tried to persuade me to change the decision; but he did not succeed.

Six months after the above incident, I received transfer orders from Head office to a sub-office where I had absolutely no overtime and so the additional income was cut off. Further, my relative, who had promised to help financially in case we experienced shortage of funds because of purchase of the flat came to me to get a loan of Rs. 10,000/- for a short-term of three months. All these future events I could not have visualised; but Shri Baba had foreknowledge of these two events and accordingly He directed me well in time to drop the idea of purchasing the block and thus gave a correct decision and saved me from a financial disaster.

Another incident also took place recently. We had recently gone to holy places of Pandharpur, Ganagapur and Akkalkot. At the first halt at Pandharpur our original plan was to stay only for 2 days i.e. on 2.5.82 and 3.5.82. But suddenly my wife fell sick with diahoea followed by the eldest daughter, who suffered from loose motions and vomits. Thus from Sunday to Tuesday we could not move out. On Wednesday the 5th of May 1982, everything seemed fine and so I consulted my wife whether we should move out; but she said she could not decide. I, therefore, took out Shri Sai Satcharita and placed two chits at the feet of Shri Baba's photo in the book and sought Shri Baba's guidance whether we should move out or not. Shri Baba commanded "Not to move out". We accordingly did not move out. In the three hours that followed after drawing of the lots, my eldest daughter had loose motions on three occasions and she vomitted twice. My third daughter ran a high temperature and

vomitted twice. We would have run into trouble if we had not sought Shri Baba's guidance for we were to travel by bus for at least 4 hours and we could not have halted the bus on so many occasions during the journey. Shri Baba thus saved us from an avoidable inconvenience by giving us correct guidance in time.

Shri Baba's assurance to His devotees, "If You Look To Me I Look To You" thus came true to the letter. He is ever willing to help those who surrender their will to Him. ★

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Shri Sai Never Deserts

I am an ardent devotee of Shri Sai Baba for the last about 35 years. Having read various experiences of devotees, published in Sai Leela and with a view to establish faith in Sai devotees, I am narrating this practical experience.

My wife Smt. Swarna was a sincere worshipper of Shri Sai Baba. In 1968, she was pregnant. I was transferred from Atmakur to Koilkuntla in June, 1968. On 2.12.1968, the Govt. Lady Doctor examined her and said that she was having enough of blood and as such her health was normal. She also assured me that I need not have any anxiety about her easy delivery.

On 24.12.1968, morning, the Tahsildar asked me to accompany him on camp for Land Revenue collection work. As a subordinate, I had no other alternative except to obey his orders. I came home and informed my wife, about my going on camp along with the Tahsildar. She was then entering the bath room for bath. On hearing my words, she asked me to be at home on that day without going on camp or to office. Then

I enquired about her health. I told her that we could go either to Nandyal or Kurnool for expert treatment and safe delivery in a Jeep., if she was having any feelings of ill-health in the advanced stage of pregnancy. She assured me that her health was quite good and as such the question of going elsewhere for medical treatment does not arise. I later approached the Tahsildar, and I was granted casual leave on 24-12-1968.

At about 4 P.M. on the same day, my wife Smt. swarna asked me to bring a hospital nurse to our home as she was feeling uneasy due to little of labour pains. I at once brought Laxmamma, a maternity nurse from the local hospital. She examined my wife and said that labour pains had started and that in an hour or so, the delivery would be over. The nurse asked me to get a syringe and a medicine for injection, and I did as instructed. The nurse took my wife into a room and gave her the injection. After a while, the nurse hurriedly came to me and asked me to get another medicine for giving injection to my wife to arrest bleeding. I immediately ran to the medical shop and unfortunately, the salesman was not in the shop. In anxiety, I ran hither and thither to bring the man to shop for giving the required medicine, but it was all in vain. In the meanwhile Shri R.V.Subbaiah, the Supervisor and a trusted neighbour came and informed me on the road "Sir, congratulations, you are blessed with a son. Your wife wants your immediate presence" In joy and confusion, I hurried home and enquired with my wife about her health. She, in a sorrowful tone said that boy was born dead. I consoled her and encouraged her not to think of the dead baby as I was very much interested in her health alone. She was lying on a cot with head towards the west, stretching her legs towards the east. I sat by her side on the cot and with my hands on her chest, I asked her to be brave and not to feel for the happening. She, in a hurry, asked me and pressed me to lift up my both legs and place them on

the cot nearer to her and I did so to satisfy her wish. No sooner I placed my legs on the cot nearer to her, she, with her both hands, caught hold of my both legs and said, "I know that nothing is greater to me than yourself, my husband. Kindly excuse me for all my faults done". So saying she withdrew both of her hands from my legs. She lifted her both hands in a pose of offering 'Pranams' to elders and said, "Baba is calling me and I am going". Uttering these words she brought her lifted hands down and closed her eyes for ever. In this connection, I am to say that no photo of Shri Sai Baba or any other picture of any deity was hung on the eastern side wall, which was very clean and white. Smt. Swarna was a mother of five children with Niveditha, the last daughter aged four years of whom she was very fond. In her last moments, Swarna never cared to ask me, who was by her side alone, either to call for any children or inform me to look after them safely after her demise. She was completely free from any of the worldly attachments by attaining complete vairagya of family bondages, except asking me, her husband, to grant pardon to her as a wife for any faults committed by her. According to Hindu philosophy the husband is the living god on earth to a devoted wife.

In her last moments my wife Swarna uttered the name of "Shri Sai Baba" and immediately Shri Sai Baba granted her 'Sakshatkara' her long felt desire. He appeared before her and invited her to merge with Him. How fortunate Swarna was to see the inviting hands of Shri Sai Baba for merging in Him!

Shri Sai Baba is as powerful and affectionate to His devotees even today though He left the mortal coil in 1918. It is also most astonishing to note that Shri Sai left his body on Tuesday and Swarna too left her body on Tuesday 24.12.1968, to join Him and be there for ever. Shri Sai never deserts His trusted devotees and no sooner a devotee calls Him, He appears and blesses him irrespective of time and place, provided the call is sincere and devotional.

Implicit obedience and complete surrender combined with "Nishtha and saburi" would make any devotee free from worldly anxieties and attachments.

Shri Sai never deserts His devotees.



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Power of Udi

It was on the 8th of February 1974, that I was moving with my family to Bellary from Bangalore to join my new posting there as Deputy Commissioner. We left our residence at Shantinagar at 7 A. M. had our breakfast with a friend staying at Lavelle Road and were driving through the Cubbon Park in our fiat car, when suddenly the car developed some trouble. It would not run smoothly and the petrol supply to the carburettor would get stalled. All our efforts to set right the defect were of no avail and I was getting a bit panicky as my joining time was about to expire and I had to report to duty at Bellary—a place nearly 180 miles away, by that afternoon.

Then my wife remembered about the 'Udi' of Shri Sai Baba, which she always keeps with her and applied the same to the car, offering prayers to Shri Sai Baba, and what a miracle it turned out to be! The engine, which was refusing to start and run smoothly, started behaving wonderfully well and after that we had a smooth drive to Bellary, where I could reach on time.

Is there any other explanation besides the divine and supreme power of Lord Sainath and His sacred Udi? At least we have none.



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JULY 1982

In this month the Gurupournima festival was celebrated as usual at Shirdi from 5-7-82 to 7-7-82. It is the usual practice of the devotees, going to Pandharpur for the Ashadhi Ekadashi Yatra, to visit Shirdi either before going to Pandharpur or at the time of their return journey according to their convenience. The rush of devotees, who were coming to Shirdi, was therefore quite constant in this month and the staff of the Shirdi Sansthan was therefore quite busy during the whole of this month. Due to previous experience, the Court Receiver, Shri Kakresaheb, held meetings of the departmental heads well in advance and distributed the work to them. Hence the whole festival went on smoothly without any trouble. The detailed programme of the festival was as follows :-

Monday 5-7-82 :- This was the first day of the festival. The Samadhi Mandir was opened as usual at 5 a. m. and Kakad arti was sung at 5-15 a. m. At 6 a. m. the photo of Shri Sai Baba and the pothi (Shri Sai Satcharita in Marathi) were taken in procession from the Samadhi Mandir to Dwarkamai via Gurusthan and the parayan (continuous reading of Shri Sai Satcharita) was started there. The usual programmes of holy bath, Abhishek, worship and arti went on as usual in the Samadhi Mandir at the usual timings. In the evening from 4-30 p. m. to 6-30 p. m. Shri Gangadharbuwa Vyas from Dombivli performed keertan in the Samadhi Mandir. From 7-30 p. m. to 9-00 p. m. and from 9-30 p. m. to 11-00 p. m. Shri Narayan D. Deshpande from Bombay gave a programme of his vocal music in the Samadhi

Mandir. Due to melodious voice and perfect knowledge of fal etc. the programme was appreciated much by the audience. At 9-15 p. m. the procession of the Palkhi (palanquin) of Shri Sai Baba was started from Dwarkamai and it returned after 11-00 p. m. The palanquin was decorated nicely and the procession was accompanied by music and bhajan parties. After the procession returned to the Samadhi Mandir, the Shejarati was sung and the programme of the festival on the first day came to an end with the closing of the Samadhi Mandir.

Tuesday 6-7-82 :- This was the principal day of the festival. The Samadhi Mandir was opened as usual at 5 a. m. and the Kakad arti was sung at 5-15 a. m. At 6 a. m. the photo of Shri Sai Baba and the pothi were brought back in procession from Dwarkamai to Samadhi Mandir via Gurusthan as the parayan started at 6 a. m. on 5-7-82 was over at 6 a. m. on this day. The usual programmes of holy bath, abhishek, worship and arti etc. took place in the Samadhi Mandir at the usual timings. From 4-30 p.m. Shri Gangadharbuwa Vyas from Dombivli performed Keertan in the Samadhi Mandir. Due to good elocution and sound knowledge of philosophy Shri Vyas kept the audience spell-bound for full two hours. The devotees were much impressed by the keertan.

The Chariot(रथ) of Shri Sai Baba was decorated with flowers and it was illuminated with electric lights. At 9-15 p. m. it was taken in procession from Dwarkamai through the Shirdi village. Every year the chariot is being taken in procession through the Shirdi village at the time of the festivals. Shri Sainath Madhyamik Vidyalaya Band troupe, Rahata Band troupe, Shahana, drums, bhajan parties etc. accompanied the procession. On the return journey when the procession came to Gurusthan, the employees of the Shirdi Sansthan and the devotees from Shirdi Village sung bharud and garud for some time. In the Samadhi Mandir the programmes of the devotees were already started at

9 p. m. and they were in progress. The people, who had accompanied the procession of the chariot, joined the audience in the Samadhi Mandir at about 12-45 a.m. (7-7-82). The programmes of the artists continued in the Samadhi mandir upto 6 a. m. on the next day i. e. 7-7-82. The Samadhi Mandir was kept open throughout the night for darshan.

Wednesday 7-7-82 :- This was the last day of the festival. As the Samadhi Mandir was kept open for the whole night, no Kakad arti was sung in the morning and the holy bath was started at 6 a. m. as usual. After that Abhishek, worship and arti programmes went on as usual in the Samadhi Mandir. From 7.30 a. m. to 8.30 a. m. Rudrabhishek was done in Gurusthan. From 11 a. m. to 12 noon, Shri Gangadharbuva Vyas performed Kala keertan in the Samadhi Mandir and after that Dahihandi programme took place. Noon arti was sung thereafter and Teerth and Prasad were distributed to the devotees who were present for the arti. From 7.30 p. m. to 8.45 p. m. Dnyaneshwar Prasadik Bhajani Mandal, Laxmiwadi sung bhajans and from 8.45 p. m. to 10 p. m. Pimpalwadi Bhajani Mandal sung garuds and bharuds. Shejarati was sung as usual at 10 p. m. and with the closure of the Samadhi Mandir thereafter, this Gurupournima festival came to an end. For most devotees the festival is important only upto kala Keertan and therefore many devotees leave Shirdi after the kalakeertan; which gets over at 12 noon. Other devotees, who came to Shirdi for the festival, returned home by the evening of 7-7-82 or on the morning of 8-7-82. On a moderate estimate it may be stated that over two lac devotees attended the festival.

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

Keertan :- 1) Shri Chabu Maharaj, Mulher 2) Shri Gangadharbuwa Vyas, Dombivli 3) Shri Murlidharbuwa Aher, Niphad.

Pravachan :- 1 Shri Shukleshwar Bhimaji Kadam, Alandi
2 Shri Bhagwat Bhimajipant Palkar, Ganori 3) Shri Murlidhar
Ramrao Deshmukh, Shirdi.

Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, dance, Bhajan etc.

1 Shri Tukaram Madhavrao Daithankar, Pune 2 Shri
Chandrakant Shamrao Lonkar, Pune 3 Shri Dnyanoba Jagannath
Nagarkar, Pune 4 Shri Rajendra Gangadhar Jadhav, Pune
5 Shri Gangaram Jadhav 6 Shri Appa Samant, Dadar, Bombay
7 Shri Manohar Haribhau Lonkar, Pune 8 Shri Sunil Shamarao
Lonkar, Pune 9 Shri Shreeram Vishnu Satardekar, Bombay
10 Shri Shiwaji Dhumal, Shirdi, 11 Shri Lalitkumar Joshi,
Shirdi, 12 Shri Narayan Deshpande, Bombay 13 Shri Anantrao
Rane, Bombay 14 Shri Anantrao Lele, Bombay 15 Shri Waradraj
Bhat, Bombay 16 Shri Arun Karekar, Bombay 17 Shri Damuanna
Dalvi, Shreerampur 18 Smt. Shubhalaxmi Thatte, Shreerampur
19 Smt. Abhaya Katkar, Shreerampur 20 Shri Deenanath
Ramchandra, Shreerampur 21 Shri Bholanath Samel Bombay
22 Shri Raosaheb Deshmukh, Amaravati 23 Shri Vishnu
Bhagwant Shenvibhobe, Goa, 24 Sou. Rekha Bhandari, Nagpur
25 Shri Shreekrishna Bhide, Laxmiwadi 26 Shri Vijay Powar
Sawaliwahir, 27 Shri Pradip Jadhav, Bombay 28 Shri Vinod
Gogate, Bombay 29 Smt. Vimal Shirke, Jalgaon 30 Master
Niami, Pune 31 Shri Vitthal Satarkar, Pune, 32 Shri Jayawantrao
Kulkarni, Bombay 33 Shri Govind Kumar, Bombay 34 Shri
Manohar Kadam, Bombay 35 Shri Arvind Mhatre, Bombay
36 Shri Shashi Lele, Bombay 37 Shri Yashwantrao Gavankar,
Bombay 38 Shri Mohanrao Kalambi, Bombay 39 Shri Liladhar
Katkar, Bombay 40 Shri Chaban Shivram Bidwe, Sangamner
41 Shri Devidas Waghchoure, Pune 42 Shri Mahesh Janardan
Kulkarni, Pune 43 Shri Hamumantrao, Hyderabad, 44 Shri S.
Ajayya, Hyderabad, 45 Shri Raghunath Sandbhor, Pune 46 Smt.
Rekha Sulabha Mantri, Bombay 47 Dr. Ramachari Hyderabad
48 Shri Appasaheb Katre, Kolpewadi, 49 Shri Digambar
Uddhav Bhatode, Rahata 50 Shri Prabhakar Ramchandra

Avchat, Nagar 51 Shri S. D. Joshi, Rahata. 52 Shri J. S. Yogi,
 Punjab 53 M/s. Solapurkar Brothers, Pune 54 Shri Shailesh
 Bhagwat, Thane 55 Smt. Rashmin Bhagwat, Thane 56 Shri
 Rajabhau Pethe, Thane, 57 Shri Karekar Thane 58 Shri
 Dnyanoba Tatoba Wadekar, Shirdi 59 Shri Rajabhau Deshpande,
 Pune 60 Shri Sadashivrao Jadhav, Pune 61 Shri Sathe, Daund
 62 Shri Pundalik Dagaduji Wagh, Yeola, 63 Shri Sham
 Pundalik Wagh, Yeola 64 Shri Shaikh Nawab Umar Patil
 Astagaon 65 Shri Siddheshwar Gopal Thatte, Barshi 66 Shri
 Keshav Bidwe, Sangamner 67 Shri Kisanraj Kapoorchand Duga,
 Nagar 68 Shri Shyamsunder Bheda, Sangamner 69 Shri
 Daulatbhai. Bombay 70 Shri Madhukar Sonavane, Baroda
 71 Sou. Savita Gijare, Shirdi, 72 Sou. Shobha Sulath, Andheri,
 Bombay 73 Shri Suryakant Thite; Pune 74 Shri Shiwajirao
 Dhumal Bhusawal 75 Shri Bhagwat Balurao, Kopargaon
 76 Shri Shankar Vitthal Tambe, Ratnagiri 77 Shri Bhagwat
 Yashwant Karadkar, Ratnagiri 78 Shri Govind Keshav Sonavane,
 Shirur 79 Shri Ramrao Govind Sonavane, Shirur 80 Shri
 Bhausahab Govindrao, Shirur 81 Shri Sakharam Raghujji Gurav,
 Kopargaon, 82 Shri Mahadeo Tukaram Tupe, Pune 83 Shri
 Dilip Bidwe, Nasik, 84 Shri Gangadhar Jadhav, Pune, 85 Shri
 Manohar Lonkar, Pune 86 Shri Natwar Chudaman Vispute,
 Amalner 87 Shri Ravindra Madhukar Sonavane, Baroda,
 88 Shri Gokul Radurkar, Pune 89 Shri B. T. Raut, Nagar
 90 Shri Lalitkumar Deokrishna Joshi, Shirdi, 91 Shri Sunil
 Lonkar 92 Shri Ajit Kulkarni, Pune 93 Shri Sajdas Ramchandra
 Marathe, Shirdi 94 Shri Nana Raghunath Korate, 95 Shri
 Dattatraya Damodar Rasane, Pune 96 Shri Vasant Damodar
 Rasane, Pune 97 Shri Mayoor Band Pathak, Pune 98 Shri
 Raghunath Madhavrao Nagare. Shirdi 99 Shri Chaturdhan
 Nagare, Shirdi 100 Shri Manik Sali, Shirdi 101 M/s. Boravkar
 Brothers, Shirdi, 102 Shri Shantaram Bhirave Shirdi, 103 Shri
 Shashikant Eknath Dalvi, Bombay 104 Shri Suresh Rajaram
 Anjarlekar 105 Shri Abhay Jagannath More

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साई ! तुझे नहीं भूल सकता !

शिरडी साईनाथ के हमारे उपर अनंत उपकार हैं । उनकी मेहरबानीयाँ इतनी हैं के, जिनका न हिसाब लगा है और न मैं उन मेहरबानीयों का हिसाब लगा सकता हूँ ! १९७५ से पहले मैं साई को जानता भी नहीं था, विदर के प्रसिद्ध सुफी संत हजरत मुलतानी बादशाह की कृपा है के मुझे शिरडी का रास्ता मिला । श्री साईलीला मासिक के लेखक और कवि सम्मेलन में भाग लेने के लिए शिरडी पहुंचा, तब से अब तक कदम कदम पर उनकी मेहरबानीयाँ प्राप्त कर रहा हूँ । पाप से पुण्य की तरफ आया, खाने पीने के लिए मोहताज था । आज खा पीकर अच्छा हूँ । बिमारीयों से बचाया गया, धन का अभाव था, फिर भी तीस हजार रुपये खर्च करके छोकरी का विवाह किया । श्री साई बाबा की कृपा से दामाद भी साई भक्त मिला, यह न केवल आश्चर्य की बात है किन्तु इस के पिछे साई कृपा का हाथ है, यही निर्णय निकलता है ।

१९८२ का अनुभव मेरे जीवन का अप्रतिम अनुभव है, आश्चर्य है, एक दिन मैं प्रातः स्नानसंध्या करके श्री साई बाबा की पूजा कर रहा था । मेरे मित्र आये, बात मेरे बड़े पुत्र के विवाह की थी । मैं इस वर्ष मेरे बड़े पुत्र का विवाह करना नहीं चाहता था । कारण धन का अभाव था । दस बारह हजार रुपये खेत के काम में डाला चुका । था केवल वेतन पर पूरे घर का गुजर था । मेरी माँ ने विवाह के लिए अनुमती दे दी । विवाह की तारीख भी निश्चय किया गया । चाय पान समाप्त हुआ । मित्र और रिश्तेदार चले गये । मैं परेशान हुआ के, कम से कम विवाह के लिए दस हजार रुपयों की आवश्यकता है, क्या किया जाय? साई बाबा के प्रार्थना के सिवाय कोई मार्ग नहीं । पूजा किया, प्रार्थना किया, “हे साई, मेरा मान आपके हाथ मे है” तीर्थ प्रसाद लेकर घर के बाहर कदम रखा ही था के, पोस्टमन ने आवाज दी । श्री साई लीला मासिक की तरफ से मुझे प्रसाद के रूप में पांच रुपये का मनी आर्डर आया था ।

मन को अत्यंत आनंद हुआ, विश्वास हुआ के बाबा साई रुपयों की व्यवस्था करेंगे । उन रुपयों को बचाकर रख दिया । दो तीन मित्रों ने सहायता की,

दस हजार प्राप्त हुवे । बडे ही धुम धाम से चि. प्रभु पटवारी का विवाह सम्पन्न हुआ जो स्वयं भी श्री साईं लीला मासिक का लेखक और कवि है ।

मेरी समझ में नहीं आता के यह सब कैसे हो जात है । साईं वह शक्ति है जो समझ के बाहर है । जो कोई मनुष्य उस बाबा का नाम लेता है, फल पा जाता है । श्रद्धा आवश्यक है । सबूरी जरूरी है ।

आज केवल एक ही इच्छा रह गयी है । सदा साईं का नाम जपते रहूँ, संसार के सारें झन्झटो से दूर हो जाऊँ, यहाँ कोई किसी का नहीं, केवल साईं, एक सहारा है ।

मैं अपने अनुभवोंको प्रकाशित करता हूँ । मेरा एक ही स्वार्थ है, आप लोग पढे, सारा जगत साईंका भक्त बने, कई लोग मुझे मिलते है, उनको साईं नाम का चस्का लगा देता हूँ । बाद में जब मिलते हैं तो उनको उनका अनुभव पूछता हूँ ।

आज तक मुझे एक भी ऐसा आदमी नहीं मिला, जो साईं बाबा का नाम लेकर दुःखी हो । यहां तक के छोटे छोटे व्यापारी, रिक्शा चालक, घोबी, हजाम, मेरे कॉलेज के चपरासी, मेरे घर की मजदूरनी, मेरे विद्यार्थी, जिन जिन को मैंने साईं नाम का महत्व बतलाया, शिरडी की यात्रा करवाई, वे लोग अत्यंत आनंद में है । बार बार शिरडी जा रहे है । मेरे विदर शहर के दो हजार से अधिक घरोंमें मैंने साईं बाबा के फोटो की पूजा देखी है ! मेरे विदर के तीन सौ से अधिक लोगो ने शिरडी की यात्रा की है, जिनको मैं मिल चुका हूँ । मेरे कॉलेज के एक सौ से अधिक विद्यार्थीयों ने शिरडी की यात्रा की है । यह सब उसी अनंत साईं बाबा की कृपा है, जबतक जबान है साईं साईं कहते रहे, यही मेरी इच्छा है !

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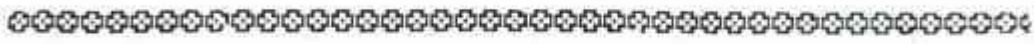
साई चरणों के आशीर्वाद से पुत्र की पदोन्नति

मेरा पुत्र मध्य प्रदेश पुलिस विभाग में उपनिरीक्षक है । सन १९७९ में वह बालाघाट जिले में था । पुलिस अधीक्षक (एस. पी.) बालाघाट ने उसकी पदोन्नति के लिये सिफारिश महानिरीक्षक म. प्र. भोपाल को १९७९ में प्रेषित की थी । लेकिन उससे कनिष्ठ (Junior) तीन-चार उपनिरीक्षकों जिनको किसी मंत्री या प्रभावशाली संसद सदस्य का समर्थन (Support) था उनकी पदोन्नति की गई । परन्तु मेरे पुत्र की पदोन्नति नहीं की गई । सन १९८० में मेरे पुत्र का स्थानान्तरण (Transfer) सिवनी जिले का हो गया था । पुलिस अधीक्षक सिवनी ने उसके सर्विस रिकार्ड का निरीक्षण किया । उसकी पदोन्नति के लिये सिफारिश महानिरीक्षक म. प्र. भोपाल को १९८० में भी प्रेषित की । इसबार भी दो-तीन उपनिरीक्षक जो मेरे पुत्र से कनिष्ठ थे उनकी पदोन्नति की गई । परन्तु फिरभी इसबार मेरे पुत्र की पदोन्नति नहीं की गई । मेरे पुत्र को बहुत दुःख हुआ । वह हताश हो कहने लगा । मेरा कोई ठोस सपोर्ट नहीं है । इसलिये मेरी पदोन्नति नहीं की गई । मैं तो अब भगवान और भाग्य भरोसे हूँ । जब भाग्य मे होगा । मेरी भी पदोन्नति होगी । अपने पुत्र को इस तरह निराश देखकर मुझे अत्यन्त दुःख हुआ । तब मैंने सद्गुरु श्री साईनाथ महाराज के चरणों की शरण में जाने का निश्चय किया । मैंने साई बाबा के चरणों की पूर्ण भक्ति और श्रद्धा के साथ अनन्य भाव शरणागत होकर चरण बंदना की । तत्पश्चात् प्रार्थना की । सद्गुरु साईबाबा तू है सर्वव्यापी । तू है अन्तर्यामी । तू है घट-घट में व्यापक । तू सब देखता है । सब सुनता है । सब जानता है । तेरे बच्चे के साथ जो अन्याय हो रहा है । उसकी भी तुझे पूर्ण जानकारी है । प्रभु साई बाबा मेरा तो तूही एक मात्र सहारा है । गुरुदेव तेरे चरणों के आशीर्वाद से तेरे पुत्र की पदोन्नति ३१ मार्च १९८१ पूर्व होगी । अवश्य होगी । मुझे दृढ विश्वास है । अपने सेवक दास की अन्तःकरण की प्रार्थना-पुकार स्वीकार करो साई बाबा । मेरे पुत्र की जन्म तारीख-१० मार्च है । साई बाबाने उसके पदोन्नति का आदेश उसके जन्म दिन १० मार्च को उपहार स्वरूप भेजा । ३१ मार्च १९८१ पूर्व । पदोन्नति का आदेश प्राप्त होने पर मेरे परिवार के सदस्यों और शुभचिन्तकों को हार्दिक प्रसन्नता हुई । उसी दिन १० मार्च १९८१ को मैंने साई बाबा की पूजा आराधना की । नैवेद्य अर्पण किया । मैंने कहा साई बाबा मैं तेरा अत्यन्त

कृतज्ञ और आभारी हूँ । तूने पुत्र की पदोन्नति ३१ मार्च १९८१ पूर्व की । मैंने परसाद पुलिस कर्मचारियों और दीगर व्यक्तियों को वितरण किया ।

दयालु सर्व शक्तिमान साईबाबा समाधिस्थ होने के पश्चात अभी भी पूर्ववत् अपने भक्त की अन्तःकरण की सच्ची पुकार सुन सहायतार्थ तत्काल दौड़कर आते हैं । यह मेरा दृढ विश्वास है ।

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क्या माँगनी माँगो तू है फकीर

देखे तेरी सूरत तो, खुल गया तकदीर ।
क्या माँगनी माँगू, । तू है फकीर ॥ १ ॥

सरपे चिंधी, । कफनीधारा शरीर ।
तेरा मकान जैसा, । कुबेर का मंदीर ।
कैसे नजर हटाऊँ, । देखे फीर फीर ॥ २ ॥

मशीदमाई साई ब्रैठे । दान करे बेफिकीर ।
अरे लेनेवाले लेते हैं, । वो उनका तकदीर ।
तेरे चरणोंमें बार बार । झुके सीर ॥ ३ ॥

हाथ में कटोरा । बगल में झोली ।
ये साई, तू है ! गरीबोंका वाली ।
सब अनाज मिलाकर । बनाता है खीर ॥ ४ ॥

दसू कहे तू है । साई भगवान ।
जो कोई माँगो, । उनको मिलता है दान ।
कोई कहे राम तुझे । कोई कहे पीर ॥ ५ ॥

दत्तात्रय महादेव मोरे
४७० शिवाजी नगर पुणे ५

शिरडी का नाम सप्ताह यज्ञ

जून, १९८२ की श्री साईं लीला (अंग्रेजी) में नाम-सप्ताह पर श्री डी. शंकरैया का लेख प्रकाशित हुआ है, जिसमें श्री साईं बाबा द्वारा दास गणु को नाम-सप्ताह करने का आदेश और अन्तिम दिन विठ्ठल के प्रगट होने का उल्लेख है। यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र में सुदीर्घ काल से प्रचलित परंपरा के अनुसार बाबा नाम-सप्ताह को विशेष महत्व प्रदान करते थे। किन्तु बाबा की महा-समाधि के पश्चात् लगभग तीस वर्ष पूर्व केवल एक बार कतिपय संन्यासियों के द्वारा नाम-सप्ताह किया गया था, जिसमें संस्थान के अधिकारियों ने भरसक सहयोग भी दिया था।

इस वर्ष हैदराबाद के श्री डी. शंकरैया के मन में शिरडी में नाम-सप्ताह करने का विचार आया। सिकन्दराबाद, कल्लुर, गुण्डूर, चण्डीगढ आदि स्थानों के भक्तों को यह विचार पसन्द आया। श्री डी. शंकरैया के नेतृत्व में साईं नाम सप्ताह कमेटी का गठन किया गया, जिसमें श्री कृष्णकुमार, श्री डी. पुरुषोत्तम, श्री प्रभाकर राव, श्री प्रियदास गुप्त आदि ने सक्रिय भूमिका निभाई। और दूर-दूर के स्थानों की यात्रा करके तथा विज्ञापन प्रसारित करके इस नाम-सप्ताह में भाग लेने वाले साईं भक्तों को संगठित किया गया। एवं इस यज्ञ को सम्पन्न करनेमें संभावित व्यय की व्यवस्था में बाबा की अदृश्य कृपा ने कार्य किया। यह तय किया गया कि सात दिनों तक अनवरत "साईराम साईराम साईराम साईराम" का जप किया जाय। बाद में एक विचार आया कि "ओम साईं श्री साईं जय जय साईं" का जप किया जाय। विवाद टालने के लिए चिट का सहारा लिया गया और बाबा ने 'ओम साईं श्री साईं जय जय साईं' का अनुमोदन किया। अनेक स्थानों की मंडलियां जुड़ने लगीं। हैदराबाद की मण्डली में प्रमुख थे श्री डी. शंकरैया एवं श्रीमती कृष्णवैनी शंकरैया, कु. डी. साईश्वरी (११ वर्ष), डी. पुरुषोत्तम शंकरैया, मास्टर डी. साईं कुमार (१५ वर्ष), श्री कृष्णकुमार और श्री रविकुमार। काँजीपेट के श्री एम्. रामैया तथा श्रीमती एम्. रत्नम्मा ने भाग लेकर इस कार्यक्रम में चार चाँद लगा दिया।

दिनांक १० जून से १७ जून तक आयोजित इस नाम-सप्ताह में भाग लेने के लिए दूर-दूर की मंडलियां ९ जून को शिरडी में पहुँच गईं। लेण्डीबाग

में कार्यक्रम होना था, पर बाबा जानते थे कि इन अवधि में बल-वृष्टि होगी, अतः संस्थान के प्रमुख अधिकारी श्री के. एच. काकरे ने शांति-निवास का आधा हाल इस हेतु प्रदान किया, जहाँ कल्लूर से लाई गई पालकी और चण्डीगढ़ से श्री जे. पी. खन्ना के द्वारा लाये गये लगभग १२ विशाल चित्र प्रतिष्ठित किये गये। और उनकी पूजा की गई। संस्थान के अधिकारियों ने भी पर्याप्त सहयोग दिया।

इस नाम-सप्ताह कार्यक्रम को सफल बनानेमें क्रमशः सिकन्दराबाद से साई बाबा मंदिर, सीताराम भजन समाजम्, श्रीराम भजन समाजम् एवं साई बाबा मंदिर नालागुण्टा तथा हैदराबाद से साई बाबा समाजम्—संजीव रेड्डी नगर और खैरातबाद, गुण्टूर से साई बाबा समाजम्, कांजीपेट से साई बाबा समाजम्, तथा कल्लूर (निजामाबाद- -आन्ध्र) से श्री दत्त व्यंकट साई संस्थान और चण्डीगढ़ के साई प्रचार केन्द्र के भक्तों ने सोत्साह सहयोग प्रदान किया। श्री डी. शंकरैया, कृष्णकुमार, रविकुमार, टी. ए. रामनाथन्, ए. एन. रामस्वामी, जे. पी. खन्ना आदि ने शिरडी में आयोजित इस नाम-संकीर्तन सप्ताह का व्यापक प्रचार-प्रसार किया, जिसके फलस्वरूप लगभग तीन सौ भक्तों ने दूर-दूर से आकर इस कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया। चण्डीगढ़ से श्री जे. पी. खन्ना, श्री बी. डी. जुनेजा और श्री राघेश्याम तथा वैतूल से प्रो. ए. पी. त्रिपाठी, प्रो. बी. एल. गीते तथा प्रो. एम. एल. अरोरा ने इसमें सक्रिय भाग लिया।

श्री दत्त वेंकट साई संस्थान, कल्लूर (निजामाबाद, आन्ध्रप्रदेश) के १२५ भक्तों की मण्डली का नेतृत्व श्री प्रभाकरराव, श्री प्रियदास गुप्त एवं श्रीमती नाटेश्वरी गुप्तने किया। इस मण्डली के सभी नर-नारी पहले भी नौ दिनों तक अथर्वत खड़े रहकर नाम-सप्ताह संपन्न कर चुके थे। ये लोग पालकी के साथ १५ दिनों तक निरन्तर पैदल चलते हुए ४८० किलोमीटर की दूरी तय करके दिनांक ९-६-८२ को शिरडी पहुँचे थे।

दिनांक १०-६-८२ को प्रातःकाल ६। वजे तन-मन घन से सहयोग करने वाले चण्डीगढ़ के श्री जे. पी. खन्नाने श्री साई बाबा की मूर्ति सिर पर रखकर चावडी, द्वारकामाई, समाधि मंदिर एवं गुरुस्थान की परिक्रमा "ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई" के सुस्वर गायन के साथ की। वाजे-गाजे के साथ जुलूस उक्त स्थानों की परिक्रमा करके शांति-निवास के हाल में पहुँचा, जहाँ चण्डीगढ़ के सभी चित्रों

एवं साई बाबा की मूर्ति की वैदिक विधि-विधान के साथ पूजा और आरती की गई। ठीक ८ बजे नाम-संकीर्तन आरम्भ हुआ। सभी मंडलियोंको तीन-तीन घण्टे का समय निर्धारित किया गया। ८ से ११, ११ से २, २ से ५, ५ से ८ इस प्रकार चौबीसों घण्टे का कार्यक्रम विभिन्न दलों में विभाजित किया गया और लगातार सात दिनों तक "ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई" वाद्ययंत्रों की लय पर दिन रात अनुगुंजित होता रहा।

श्री दत्त व्यंकट साई संस्थान, कल्लूर (आन्ध्र प्रदेश) के ३५-४० भक्त नर-नारी अपनी बारी आने पर ठीक समय पर हॉल में पहुँचकर तीन घण्टे रहकर हारमोनियम, तबला और मंजीरा बजाते हुए "ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई" गाते रहे। श्रीमती नाटेश्वरी गुप्ता ने नाच-नाचकर सभी भाग लेने वाले भक्तों का उत्साहवर्धन किया। प्रभाकरराव और प्रियदास गुप्त इस टीम के अग्रणी नेता रहे।

श्री साई बाबा मंदिर, ओल्ड मानेडपल्ली, सिकन्दराबाद के सर्वश्री जी. बी. ईश्वरराव, एम्. एन्. रामलु, वाई. एस. रमेश, जी. बी. शंकरराव, ई. बी. प्रदीप-कुमार, बी. परमेश्वर, बी. श्रीनिवास, के. एलप्पा आदि अनेक भक्तों ने हारमोनियम, मृदंग, तबला, मंजीरा वाद्य यंत्रों के साथ संगीतात्मक लय में नाम-संकीर्तन के निर्धारित मंत्रका बैठकर, नाचते-कूदते और तालिया बजाते हुए अनवरत गायन किया। भक्तिभावना का परम उद्रेक इन भक्तों के गायन में मूर्तिमान हो उठा।

हैदराबाद के श्री कृष्णकुमार का अपनी बारी आने पर खडे खडे, पालकी के चारों ओर परिक्रमा करते हुए और साई बाबा के विशाल चित्र की ओर हाथ उठा-उठाकर ललकारते हुए उच्च स्वर में गान करना भक्तों को मन्त्र-मुग्ध कर लेता था। हैदराबाद के ही श्री डी. शंकरैया की ११ वर्षीय पुत्री कु. डी. साईश्वरी जब हारमोनियम बजाते हुए लगातार एक घण्टे विविध लयों में "ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई" का मन्त्र-गान करने लगती थी तो सभी भक्तों और दर्शकों की दृष्टि उसके चपल-कौशल पर कद्रित हो जाती थी। इसी प्रकार श्री डी. पुष्पोत्तम का पुत्र मास्टर डी. साई कुमार (१५ वर्ष) भी जब हारमोनियम बजाते हुए आरोह-अवरोहमय विविध रागों में मंत्र-गान आरम्भ करता था तो लगातार एक घण्टे तक भक्तों को वशीभूत कर लेता था। लोग उसके नेतृत्व में मन्त्र-मुग्ध होकर नाम-संकीर्तन को दुहराते और प्रसन्न होते थे।

कल्लूर की पार्टी के द्वारा अपनी बारी पर अन्तिम दिन जब खड़े रहकर हारमोनियम मृदंग, तबला और मंजीरे की लय पर नाम-संकीर्तन चल रहा था, तब विस्मयजनक रूप से दो वर्ष की आयु का एक बालक घूम-घूमकर, उछल-उछल कर, दोनों हाथ बारी-बारी से ऊपर नीचे ले जाते हुए नंगे बदन नाचता रहा। सभी उपस्थित लोग विस्मयविमूढ होकर उसका नृत्य देखते रहे। वह शिशु-नाचते गिर पड़ता, फिर स्वयं उठता और उसी असाह से नाचने लगता। इतने छोटे-से शिशु से ऐसे पराक्रम की अपेक्षा असंभव होने के कारण ऐसा लगता था, मानो नाम-संकीर्तन के इस अन्तिम दिन स्वयं "साई-त्रिदल" ही प्रगट होकर अपने आनंद की अभिव्यक्ति कर रहे हैं, बहुत देर तक यह शिशु सारी भजन-मंडली और उपस्थित भक्तों की दृष्टि का आकर्षण बना रहा, यहाँ यह उल्लेखनीय है कि कल्लूर के भक्तों के इस दल ने ६ जुलाई, १९८२ गुरुपूर्णिमा के दिन से चार माह लगातार चातुर्मास अखंड नाम-संकीर्तन करने का संकल्प किया है।

इस आयोजन के उत्तरार्ध में बान्द्रा (बम्बई) की नरगिस नाम की एक सौम्य-तरुणी बीच बीच में आकर नृत्य करते हुए नाम-संकीर्तन करती रही, तथा अन्य महिलाओं को भी नृत्य में सम्मिलित होने की प्रेरणा देती रही, जिसके फलस्वरूप अनेक महिलाओं के सामूहिक नृत्य ने नाम-संकीर्तन को और मोहक स्वरूप प्रदान कर दिया। सप्ताह के अन्तिम दिन तो वह नाचते गिरकर बेहोश भी होती रही और होश में आने पर पुनः अपने तन-बदन की सुध भुलाकर नृत्य करती रही, मानो प्रत्यक्ष मीरा ही 'साई-कृष्ण' के चारों ओर घूम-घूमकर नृत्य कर रही हो।

इस समूचे कार्यक्रम में सात दिनों तक काँजीपेट की कोकिला श्रीमती रत्नम्मा की भूमिका 'स्वर-सम्राज्ञी' की ही बनी रही। उनके आरोह-अवरोहयुक्त स्वर-लालित्य ने सभी श्रोताओं एवं गायक भक्तों के मन को बाँध रखा। चंडीगढ़ के श्री जे. पी. खन्ना तो इस स्वर-माधुरी को अपने टेप-रेकार्डर के कैसेट में कैद करने का लोभ संवरण न कर सके। उन्होंने उसे पुरस्कृत भी किया। ऐसा मोहक था रत्नम्मा का स्वर, जो सोते हुए को जगा दे और जागते हुए को परमानन्द में लीन कर दे। एक घण्टे तक उनके हारमोनियम बजाते और गाते समय श्रोता गायक जैसे शून्य में तैरने लगते थे और उनका गायन समाप्त होने पर ऐसा लगता था, जैसे वे अचानक आकाश से नीचे गिर पड़े हों।

नाम-सप्ताह क इन सात दिनों में प्रतिदिन सुबह, दोपहर और शाम को कस्लूर से लाई गई पालकी और चण्डीगढ से खन्ना जी के द्वारा लाये गये विशाल चित्रों की हैदराबाद के ब्राह्मण पुजारी द्वारा वैदिक विधि विधानों के साथ पूजा एवं आरती की गई तथा प्रसाद-वितरण हुआ ।

साई बाबा की भक्ति के आवरण में लौकिकता में रमने वाले एक तथाकथित संन्यासी-दंपति ने एक अन्य महिला तथा कब्र में पाँव लटकाकर बैठे हुए एक वृद्ध की सहायता से इस पवित्रतम एवं लोक-कल्याणकारी आध्यात्मिक आयोजन को सफलता के परम शिखर तक जाने मार्ग में रोडा अटकाने का यथासम्भव प्रयास किया, किन्तु साई को प्रिय नाम-सप्ताह आसानी से इन बाधाओं को लाँघता हुआ सफलता के परम शिखर तक पहुँचकर ही रहा ।

दिनांक १५-६-८२ को सायंकाल ६ बजे से ६॥ बजे तक साकोरी संस्थान की परम पूज्य सती गोदावरी माता ने नाम सप्ताह कार्यक्रम में पधारकर सभी भक्तों को दर्शन और आशीर्वाद दिया । साकोरी की एककन्याकुमारी ने भी हारमोनियम बजाते हुए 'ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई' का सुललित कण्ठ से गायन किया । काँजीपेट की श्रीमती रत्नम्मा ने भी पूज्य गोदावरी माता की उपस्थिती में गाकर लगभग १५ मिनट तक माताजी तथा अन्य भक्तों को मन्त्र-मुग्ध कर दिया ।

नाम-सप्ताह की समाप्ति के एक दिन पूर्व जयपुर से परम पूज्य श्री शादीलाल शर्मा, भूतपूर्व पुलिस महानिरीक्षक(राजस्थान) चमत्कारपूर्ण ढंग से शिरडो आ पहुँचे । अनेक भक्त नर-नारियों ने श्रद्धा-भक्तिपूर्वक उनके चरणों में प्रणाम किया और आशीर्वाद प्राप्त किया । सप्ताह के अन्तिम दिन १७-६-८२ को नाम-सप्ताह के अन्त में उन्होंने दोनों हाथ ऊपर उठाकर सबको अभय=आशीर्वाद प्रदान किया । उस समय ऐसा प्रतीत हुआ, मानो स्वयं साईनाथ ही प्रत्यक्ष खड़े होकर भक्तों को आशीर्वाद प्रदान कर रहे हों । उनकी उम्र, दाढ़ी और वेशभूषा भी तो साई बाबा की ही प्रतीति करा रहे थे ।

नाम सप्ताह के अन्तिम दिन १७-६-८२ को प्रातःकाल ८ बजकर २० मिनट पर 'ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई' मन्त्र का जप समाप्त होने के बाद सभी भक्तों को बाबा की समाधि का चित्र एवं अक्षत वितरित किया गया । फिर बाबा के चित्र पर प्रत्येक मन्त्र के साथ अक्षत गिराते हुए 'ओम

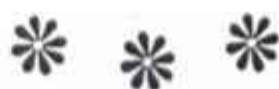
श्री साई नारायणाय नमः' मंत्र के साथ सहस्रार्चन क्रिया गया। तदनन्तर 'ओम श्री साई बाबाय नमः' और 'ओम श्री साई देवाय नमः' मन्त्र के साथ अक्षत गिराते अर्चन हुआ। फिर अष्टोत्तर शत नामावली के १०८ मन्त्रों के साथ अक्षतार्चन हुआ। हैदराबाद के श्री कृष्णकुमार ने इस नाम जप का नेतृत्व किया। इस कार्यक्रम के पश्चात् बाबा की आरती और प्रसाद-वितरण हुआ। इसके पश्चात् सहस्रार्चन में बाबा के चित्र पर गिराये गये अक्षत एवं नारियल लेकर भक्तों का जुलूस वाद्य यक्तों की ध्वनि के साथ 'ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई' गाते हुए द्वारकामाई पहुँचा; जहाँ धूनी की विधिवत् पूजा की गई और अक्षत-नारियल धूनी में अर्पित किये गये। तदनन्तर सभी को गुड का प्रसाद वितरित किया गया।

माध्याह्न में लेण्डी बाग में सामूहिक भण्डारे का नारायण सेवा का कार्यक्रम हुआ, जिसमें लगभग ५०० नर-नारियों ने भोजन-प्रसाद ग्रहण किया। इस अन्तिम पुरश्चरण के साथ नाम सप्ताह का सफल समापन तो हुआ, किन्तु 'ओम साई श्री साई जय जय साई' की मधुर ध्वनि भक्तों के कर्णकुहरों में कब तक अनुगुंजित होती रहेगी, यह कहना सम्भव नहीं है।

नाम- जप कलियुग में भवसागर से पार ले जानेवाला जहाज है। आवश्यकता इस बात की है शिरडी के पवित्र तीर्थ में आयोजित किये गये इस नाम सप्ताह से सभी साई-भक्त प्रेरणा ग्रहण करें और देश के कोने-कोने में इसी प्रकार नाम-सप्ताह आयोजित करके साई-भक्ति के प्रचार-प्रसार में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान करें। ओम श्री साई यशःकाय शिरडीवासिने नमः ॥

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अगले जन्म की आशा

जो मिलिहों फिर से मानवतन,

तो शिरडी में नर नार बनूं,

जो काग पपीहा देह मिले

तो शिरडीमें कलरव गान करूं

जो जीव जन्तु मट्टी का बनूं

तो शिरडी मट्टी में बास करूं

जो गाय बनूं अगले तन में

तो दूध से तेरा स्नान करूं

जो लता पुष्प स्थूल बनूं

तो तेरे गले का हार बनूं,

जो ढोलक झांझ मजीरे बनूं

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खड़ी हो गई ! धीरे धीरे गाड़ी से मैं उतरा । चालक ने भी मेरा अनुकरण किया । गाड़ी से उतरकर जो दृश्य मैंने देखा वह सचमुच शरीर पर रोंगटे खड़े कर देने वाला था । गाड़ी आधा हिस्सा पन्द्रह फिट के एक गड्डे में झुका हुआ था । यदि एक बड़े पत्थर के सहारे जीप नहीं टिकती तो न जाने क्या होता । दरअसल उस स्थान पर एक खतरनाक मोड़ था । एक पल चालक की नजर स्टियरिंग व्हील से हटने का परिणाम सामने था । उस चालक की जिंदगी में यह पहली गलती थी ।

गाड़ी अब धीरें धीरे गड्डे की ओर झुकी जा रही थी । इस विकट परिस्थिति से उभरने के लिये आवश्यकता थी । २०-२५ आदमीयों की, अच्छी मोटी रस्सी की और कुछ बल्लियों की जरूरत थी ; दूसरे यह काम बिना शोर मचाये किया जाना था । क्योंकि करीब ही चल रहा था जनता दरबार जहाँ कलेक्टर महोदय गाँववालों की समस्याओं को सुलझा रहे थे । जहाँ एक ओर यदि किसी के कानों में इस घटना की भनक पडने से जनता दरबार में खलबली मच जाना स्वाभाविक था, वहीं दूसरी ओर २०-२५ आदमीयो को बिना शोर मचाये इकट्ठा करना बड़ा कठिन कार्य था । बाबा ने कुछ समय पूर्व प्राणों की रक्षा तो की ही थी । फिर भी इस समय उनके आर्शिवाद की पुनः आवश्यकता थी । बाबा का नाम लेकर हमने जीप को गड्डे से निकालने के उस चुनौतीभरे अभियान का प्रारंभ किया । जनता दरबार में अन्य विभागों के प्रतिनिधी भी अपनी अपनी गाडियाँ लेकर आये थे । प्रतिनिधीवर्ग दरबार में व्यस्त था, तो उनकी गाडियों के चालक एक स्थान पर गपशप कर रहे थे । हमने घटना की जानकारी सर्वप्रथम उन्हें देकर चिन्ता प्रकट की । उन्होंने कहा, “आप जरा भी चिन्ता न करें, हम सब आपके साथ हैं ।” फिर उनके सहयोग से गाँव के दो-चार चौकीदार इकट्ठे किये । गाँव के पटेल ने रस्सीयाँ, बल्लियाँ आदि सामान जुटाया । प्रक्रिया बड़ी धीमी गति से चल रही थी । गाड़ी गड्डे से निकलने में अधिक समय लगेगा इसीलिये कोई तैयार नहीं था । चार आदमीयों को इकट्ठा करके घटनास्थल पर ले जाओँ और अन्य व्यक्तियों को बुलाने का प्रयास करो तब तक पहले वाले आदमी नदारद । शोर करना होता तो २५ के स्थान पर १०० आदमी इकट्ठे हो जाते । अंततः एक घंटे के अथक प्रयत्नों से २०-२५ आदमीयों को घटनास्थल पर बिना शोर किये इकट्ठा करने में कामयाबी मिली । अब तक कुछ बच्चों को जीप गड्डे में गिरने

की जानकारी मिल चुकी थी। अतः इसकी भनक हमारे साहब के कानों पर भी पड गई। फिर भी हमने “गाडी किचड में फंसी है, आठ-दस आदमीयों के घक्का लगाने से निकल जायेंगी” कहकर उनके घटनास्थल की ओर चलने के आग्रह को टाल दिया।

बाबा के आशिर्वाद से गाडी गड्ड से बाहर निकालने में अधिक कठिनाई नहीं हुई। गाडी में एक पैसे का नुकसान भी नहीं हुआ था। उपस्थित जनसमुदाय का हमारे प्रति यही मत था “ना जाने किस जन्म का पुण्य काम आया जो आप बच गये.....” मैंने उनसे कहा यह सब बाबा की कृपा है। सचमुच उनकी महिमा अपरंपार है।

जनता दरबार अब भी शांतिपूर्वक चल रहा था। ग्रामवासी अपनी अपनी समस्याओं को कलेक्टर महोदय के सामने रख रहे थे और वे उसका निराकरण करने में व्यस्त थे। हमारी समस्या का निराकरण बाबा ने किस तरकीब से किया, इसका अंदाजा आप स्वयं लगा सकते हैं। बाबा की दोहरी कृपा ने एक बार मुझे पुनः इस बात का एहसास करा दिया कि श्रद्धा और सबूरी रखने से उनका साया हमेशा भक्तों के साथ रहता है।

बाबा के चरणों में एक बार पुनः वंदन.....

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मैं बाबा के दर्शनार्थ शिरडी एक बार हो आया हूँ ! और बाबा के सम्पर्क में कम से कम आठ वर्ष से हूँ । तब से मेरी इच्छा थी कि मेरे घर में बाबा का मंदिर होना चाहिये । और बाबा की कृपा से इसी वर्ष दिनांक ३-६-१९८२ को मेरे नवनिर्मित निवास स्थान जिसका नाम हमने साईं सदन रखा है गृह प्रवेश पर मंदिर का भी निर्माण हुआ । लेकिन बाबा की मूर्ति की प्राणप्रतिष्ठा न हो पाई थी । मन में इच्छा थी कि जलद से जलद प्राण-प्रतिष्ठा हो जावे । बाबा की कृपा से अचानक श्री स्वामी संजयानंदजी तथा सौ. मीराजी, बद्रीनाथ हिमालय, शिरडी से आये व सिरोही दरवार राजासाहब के यहाँ जा रहे थे । हमने स्वामीजी को आबूरोड रुकने हेतु प्रार्थना की । श्री स्वामीजी ने हमारी प्रार्थना सहर्ष स्वीकार की । तथा गुरुपूर्णिमा उत्सव एवं बाबा की मूर्ति की प्राणप्रतिष्ठा करने का आग्रह किया । इसपर स्वामीजी मान गये । तथा स्वामीजी के द्वारा बाबा की मूर्ति की प्राणप्रतिष्ठा गुरुपूर्णिमा के शुभ अवसर पर हुई । तत्पश्चात् सर्व साईं भक्त आबूरोड व्दारा गरावों की अन्नदान का भी कार्यक्रम रखा गया । और स्वामीजी तथा सौ. मीराजी व्दारा भजन का कार्यक्रम भी हुआ । ऐसे आनंदमय वातावरण में गुरुपूर्णिमा उत्सव मनाया गया । भारतभर के साईंमंदिर में और एक साईंमंदिर की वृद्धि हुई । साईं मंदिर सबके लिये दर्शनार्थ हमेशा खुला रहता है ।

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