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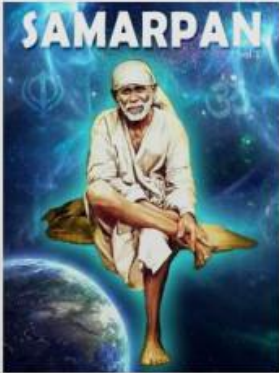

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# Editorial

By: Anisha Saluja

In all these years that I have been connected with Sai Baba, I have kept myself occupied with reading books on Sai, talking about his stories with his devotees, visiting temples and singing few songs in his love and devotion. Joined few groups who have been sharing their ups and lows in life and how Sai rescued them from all the hassles of life. Every experience shared with different devotees has always left a mark in my heart and mind giving strength in every tough phase tossed at me by destiny. My circle of sai friends has grown each passing day. The numbers have multiplied every year. You all, reading this magazine today, are a result of that multiplication.

Print edition of Sai Samarpan was an initiative taken to cater to the need of spirituality of the ever growing devotees across the length and breadth of the globe. We believe His book is delivered at every house Sai wanted to be in. Fortunate are those who welcome him in any way whatsoever.

Time is changing and so is our devotion level. By every experience that is shared with us through this magazine, shows and proves that you all have become more close to Baba and that your faith is climbing steps towards him. Our efforts of spreading His word, as much as we can, become successful when we read and tell people all your wonderful connections with Sai. Baba says that listening or reading about his stories, words, is as equivalent as telling about his leelas. Those reading Baba's leelas here in this magazine have not yet told the world about how special Sai is to them, how He has done his miracles to bless their life and how he has again told them in their dark hours

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that *"I am with you wherever you go"* and *"why fear when I am here"* can always write to us at [mag@spiritualindia.org](mailto:mag@spiritualindia.org) and share their lovely experiences and let the world drink the nectar of His love.

Your FAVOURITE Samarpan have kept you waiting but the wait is over now. Go ahead and enjoy the love and blessings of Sai. I wish you all great time ahead. We all pray that Baba walks with you forever in this journey called Life. We'll be back again with more of love, peace and solace for your soul.

Special thanks to Mr. SUNIL SHEGAONKAR for allowing us to use beautiful paintings of Baba Sai.



# *Spiritual Experiences*



# Grace of Sri Sai Baba

By: Jyoti Mohanty

It was the outset of the year 2009 and I had decided to visit Shirdi. I planned to go alone so that I could spend more time inside the Samadhi Mandir and the surroundings, at my own will. My journey started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2009 by Lokamanya Express from Cuttack city of Odisha state.

When I boarded the train, the compartment was filled with Muslims among whom there were three old men. After checking my seat number, I sat by the window and the old men seem to welcome me by their pleasant smiles which I overlooked. For a long time I sat silently looking outside the window and sparingly observing the old folks. After about two hours of journey the old man by my side addressed me, "oh my son would you like to share the food that we have got with us?" I refused his offering and said that I shall have biscuits and banana which I had got with me. After a little while, a big gang of Muslims gathered near my seat to hear the sayings of a Maulabi, who was sitting beside me. This made me very uncomfortable.

I started looking out of the window to distract my attention. Meanwhile due to these negative thoughts about my fellow travelers, I realised that I had gone far beyond my purpose of journey. I recovered quickly by the vision of a huge rock on the distant mountain that reminded me of my Sai Baba. Instantly I felt guilty of such attitude towards the people.

After the crowd that had gathered near my seat disbursed, the Maulabis started having their food and so did I. It was then that I observed the Maulabis. The white headed Maulabis had clean white beard and were clad with white trouser and shirt which gave a priest like appearance and reminded of my Baba.

One Maulabi by my side looked to me and said "son where are you going?" In short I replied "Shirdi". He seemed to accept it with great reverence and murmured, "it's a great place and Baba is so generous." The communion of mind started at this point. I regretted thinking negatively about them. Time and



again I apologized to Baba but still it left a pug mark in my heart.

As the train advanced towards Shirdi our closeness deepened. The Maulabi said that the youngsters in their group were going to Bombay for training on performing sacred rites and maintaining a disciplined life. Gradually we discussed our present and the past, Hinduism and Islam and so on. During our discussion on religion, the Maulabi chanted Bhagavad Gita in Sanskrit so well that a proficient Brahmin would not be able to. Step by step he chanted Gita so articulately and explained its implication in Quran. His analysis of Gita and Quran was so simple and pleasant that it required no effort to occupy a space in my heart. Our discussions took a break only at the time of Namaz, launch, etc.



and ended at night.

During the night, when I closed my eyes, I saw white Kafni clad Sai Baba in the form of Maulabi. The thought of repentance disrupted my sleep all through the night. At dawn when I opened my eyes, all of them were sitting in meditative Namaz. I climbed down the upper berth, finished my routine works and sat with the Maulabis. Amidst several advises the Maulabi taught me "Teen Farz" in the morning, cleaning of throat, cleaning of nasal canal, and parts of the body. When my destination approached he asked for my address and assured me of visiting my place someday. Paying proper respect to the Maulabis I got down at Nasik station. My mind was now



only thinking of reaching Shirdi at the earliest. I ran with the baggage towards the foot over bridge which was far away. At a distance a young boy called me in my mother tongue and said "why should you run so far for the bridge, give me your bag and let us cross over the line to the platform No. 1. I agreed and followed his advice, but at the other end police caught hold of us and dumped us in a hall where already more than fifty persons were sitting like prisoners of war. I sat in a congested corner very quietly. With the arrival of each train police would dump ten more people into the room. Observing the surroundings and behavior of the police, I got into a depression. I closed my eyes and meditated upon my sole saviour Sri Sai Baba. After a while I realized that the punishment has been imposed by My Sai Baba. Thereupon I closed and started meditating upon Baba.

When tear drops rolled down my eyes, my mobile phone rang with a Sri Ganesh Mantra. The inspector sitting in the office immediately called for me, offered me a seat and asked me of the offence. He then asked the constable to provide me with a glass of water and tea. Sitting silently in the office I murmured to Baba, "is this punishment not enough for the guilt committed? Oh my merciful Baba please release me early so that I can attain my goal of having your darshan today especially being a Thursday." Sai Baba always gives instant attention to the call made from the core of your heart. At about 1.00 pm, we were all released with monetary penalties by a mobile court. Determined to take food after darshan of Baba, I reached Shirdi, booked a room, took bath and then being in queue for darshan I rehearsed silently to speak so much to Baba. But when physically I came in front of Baba, I had no mind, no thought, the difference between the subject and the object was lost, and there was only a silent communion. Baba engulfed my whole of space and I regained consciousness when someone at the back asked me to touch Baba's symbolic golden feet. I was fortunate enough to place my hand on Baba's feet and had to move out through the back door.

Standing near the Gurusthan under the Neem tree I felt at heart that the darshan of Baba would not have been so satisfactory, pleasant and ecstatic without the punishment imposed upon me by my Baba.

It is therefore certain from my experience and several instances from Sai Satcharita that Baba not only blesses but also punishes for guilt committed. Bow to Sai Baba.





# Sai Aashirwad

By: B. K. MATHUR

There are so many miracles/incidents that happened with me and my family that I am not sure which Sai Leela should be described. He is always with us protecting and watching. I would like to share the blessing and miracles of Sai Baba that has happened with me about two years back.

I was waiting for this opportunity to write the Sai-leela in Samarpan magazine. In December 2011, I developed some lump in my throat due to which I could not swallow solid food. So we decided to visit an ENT specialist in the nearby hospital. He examined me thoroughly with CT SCAN, ULTRA Sound etc. and blood tests. I was diagnosed that in the submandibular gland (L) there were a few stones. The doctor advised that it can be removed only by surgery. With this news I started to worry and panic. I prayed to Sai Baba at the clinic itself to help me and save me from surgery. The doctor showed my wife how the pus was oozing from throat by pressing. So we all became panicky. Now see the miracle of Sai. As soon as I came out of clinic after this diagnosis, I felt something in my mouth. I put my hand in front of my mouth and lo a stone like thing came out. This happened when I came out of clinic. When I reached home the second stone came out of my mouth automatically. Thus in this way four stones came out subsequently in next two days. Meanwhile we decided to have a second opinion, before we decided to go ahead with the operation. So we consulted another ENT specialist. He examined and advised us that there was no need of surgery. Further he observed that there was no palpable stones in submandibular duct and advised some medicines for ten days. Within a week after this I was perfectly normal and began eating everything.

We realized that it was none other than Sai Baba's blessings which saved me from going for a surgery. He is always showering His blessings and kindness to his devotees. Bow to Shri Sai —Peace be to all.



# Blessings of Sai

By: Maheswari Vinodkumar

Baba came into my life since 2006 and from then on I have been experiencing awesome miracles. I would like to pen down a recent one. I was pregnant and found that I had a cyst in my Ovary tube along with my baby in the womb. It was very critical that I had to take complete bed rest. Any physical movement could cause the cyst to twist and could affect the baby adversely. The very first thought in my mind was to have udhi in water and drink daily so that Sai Baba would save my baby. I believed that my baby was his grandchild. I would chant his names and tell my baby from the beginning about Sai Baba and would ask him to call Sai Baba as Thatha, which meant grandfather.

Days went by and at one point of time, everyone at home was scared about my delivery but I was confident that Sai Baba would save us. I use to read the Satcharitha and other books and many a times when a tough situation would occur, I would pray and read any one page and there I would get the answer. Similarly, this time too I did the same to see what Sai Baba answers me. It was another devotee's experience which was exactly the same with a different complication. She too drank udhi water until delivery, prayed well, and finally when it was time to deliver, devotee's doctor was about to leave out of station but luckily stayed back and took care of her. The patient had a normal delivery and gave birth to a baby boy.

You will not believe, the same thing happened to me too, exactly the same. But one point was haunting me, it was an operation for me instead of normal delivery. Later I understood that the Operation itself was like a normal delivery because the Cyst which had damaged my ovarian tube completely was removed and I was saved. Now I and my baby, sorry, Sai Baba's Grand Son is very fine. I named him as Pranav Sai.

There is so much more to tell about Sai Leelas, but this was my unforgettable experience. Love you Sai Baba.



# Sai the Savior

By: Nandini Ramasubramanian

Two years ago, I was returning from Tiruvanandapuram in a train with my husband. Both of us had confirmed tickets but were allotted the upper berths. Both of us are 55+ years of age and I was suffering from a severe auto-immune problem called Polymyositis. This problem caused my movements to be very slow and all the muscles felt hard. I prayed to our Sai to help us get two lower berths, at least by way of exchange.

When we checked the passenger list stuck outside the compartment, it stated that a young lady would be boarding around 11 p.m. and another gentleman an hour later. We were debating how to ask any of them. Would they be willing to exchange? The ticket collector came, checked the tickets, my husband did not request him, nor did he tell him our plight. After he left, we sat quietly, looking at the passing scene, but praying throughout. Out of the blue, the ticket collector came back after about 20 minutes, and asked us if would like to take two lower berths! All I could do was cry! My husband and I thanked the ticket collector, and moved to the allotted seats. Who else could the TC be, but for our Baba!

Another small incident that took place in my life is as follows. I always wanted a fairly large statue of Shirdi Sai Baba in our home. Our home is too small and hence there was no proper place for me to keep the statue. On September 11, 2013 I went to buy vegetables. Due to my health problem, I was walking pretty slowly. After walking for about a 10 min, I saw a fairly large Shirdi Baba's statue just outside a school compound. His left palm was resting on His left knee and His right palm was in the blessing position. I was shocked to see Him on the road, outside the school. I was rooted to the ground. Who could have left HIM there? I told HIM "Baba, I will go and get vegetables, if You are to come to my home You will be there." In fact, I was testing myself to see, if I were to get Him and thus be blessed. Though my heart was racing much before me to finish the shopping, my legs were not co-operating. Still, I came back in a rush and found Baba was still there. I requested the manager of our flat, to kindly help me get Baba home, which he readily did. When I myself physically took our Baba's statue into our home, out of my mouth came the words (unknown to me) "Aao



Sai!" I wept and wept. Those were tears of joy! I am happy person till date. I have Baba's udi near His statue, a little of which I take with water every day. All I can say is that my Baba is there for all of us.



# Miracles of Sai

By: Kavita Raz

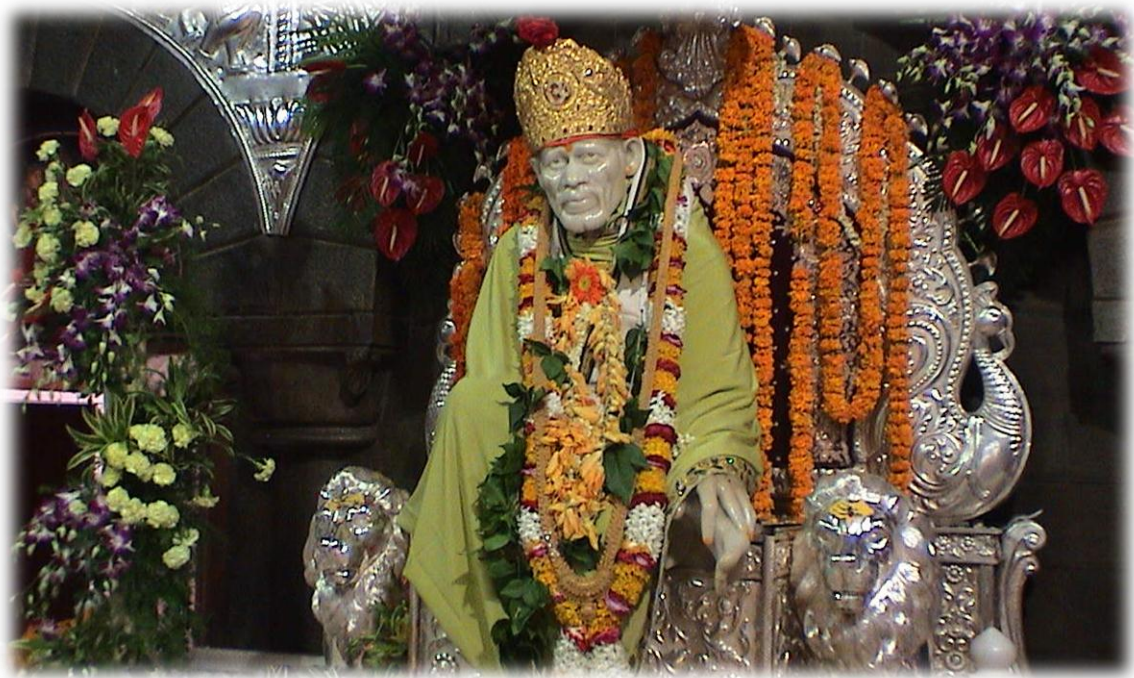
I am in a government service having a good salary; i faced many difficulties like not having mental happiness and would always fear. But as soon as Sainath entered my life I could feel a drastic change in my life. Now I have no fear of in life as I know that in case of any difficulties my Sai will always be with me. There have been many instances when I felt my Sai is with me; like last year, I faced a medical problem and when the ultrasound was done by a specialist in radiology, she suspected cancer and advised biopsy. I was shocked how my life would take its turn and how my children would survive. That was when I remembered my Sai and recited mantra and said if in biopsy the result would be negative then I will visit Shirdi, and I got a negative result and I visited Shirdi that year to thank Baba. This was indeed a miracle of my Sai. That's not all there are many other such examples in my life. Om Sai Ram.



# Sai Leela

By: Vibhu Rozatkar

Baba is always with their devotees, but most of the times we do not give any relevance to this fact and ignore our Sai's leela and take it for granted. 2 years back I promised Baba that I will write His leelas for Samarpan but failed to keep my promise. But my Sai never became harsh on me and kept Himself around, He ignored my bad deeds and time and again protected my family and guided me to focus on the spiritual path.



With Blessings of my Sai, my husband got fellowship in a world forum which was planned to be conducted in Argentina. As he had never traveled so far without me, and the journey was long, I was very much scared. My husband's safety was in my mind. I prayed Baba to protect my husband and be always with him. We were busy in preparations; I went to the market for shopping. With bags in my hand I was going towards my vehicle. Suddenly one Sadhu appeared and asked for food. I wanted to donate but I was left with no money. He blessed me and said, "Tere Suhaag ki Lambi umar bani rahe". I reached near my vehicle and put all my shopping bags in and found



Rs. 5 in my bag. I turned around and tried to find the Sadhu, but he was nowhere.

Chandigarh Sector 17 is widespread with lots of open place but I did not find that Sadhu anywhere in the vicinity. I thought it was Baba, who met me in that avatar and blessed me with long life of my husband. We all know Baba used to take bhiksha. But I still feel bad that I did not give anything to Baba. But as I am writing this experience few thoughts came to my mind that we cannot give anything to Baba, as everything belongs to Him. Furthermore, by being a good person, helping others and feeding the hungry is the biggest service. I failed that time but I will try not to repeat that mistake again.

It was a few days after this incident, that I was expecting my husband's phone call and waiting desperately. I was seated near the puja ghar and praying to Baba. My daughter who was around 1 1/2 years old gave me Baba's photo, which was again a message to me. After a span of 30 minutes I got my husband's phone call. Because of Baba's Blessings my husband returned safely.

Many times, Baba gives many signals and tries to mark His presence but we are so involved in our mundane life that we ignore it completely. Few years back I had lost interest in life and was very much depressed and annoyed. My Husband's career was not settling down. I resigned from my job and started some business which failed badly. Although on monetary terms we were ok, but careers were very much uncertain. I asked Baba questions on many forums and got answer that I will get peace and interest in materialistic things near to river. I never understood this. But a miracle happened, and my husband got the job of an Assistant Professor in a hill station and a river used to flow just behind our house. I found so much peace there and suddenly came out of my depression and shell.

Later again my husband faced problems and I asked Baba and I got answer to wait for six months. And after exact completion of six months my husband got a government job as an Assistant Professor. If one starts singing God's leela then this life will look short. God's grace is beyond any description and words.



# Baba Arrives Home on Devotees Invitation

By: Smruti Dolly

हम हर गुरुवार रात को मंदिर बाबा का दर्शन करने जाते थे। कुछ घर की समस्या हुई इसलिए हम 3,4 गुरुवार नहीं जा सके। एक दिन मैंने सईमो को आरती करने के बाद बोला 'अगर हमारे घर में समस्या हुई, हम नहीं आ सकते तो क्या उनके पिता नहीं आते? आप किस रूपा में आओगे हम तो नहीं पहचान सकते। आजकल किसको घर में बूलाने से डर लगता है कहीं चोर होगा तो और पशु के रूप में आओगे तो हम नहीं जान सकेंगे।' बस इतना बता कर के मैं काम करने गयी। मेरे पति को उनके ऑफिस में उनके बॉस ने बोला था 6, 7 महीने पहले बाबा का फोटो हे कभी ले जाना, पर दिया नहीं था। तो उसी दिन उन्होंने बोला "अरे सुवेन्डू घर जाने से पहले बाबा का फोटो ले जाना।' मेरे पति जब घर आए तो मैंने देखा एक फोटो ढक के लाए थे। मैंने देख के बोला 'बाबा आ गए तुम। एक ऑरेंज था मैंने भोग लगाया। अगले दिन मैं हलवा बना रही थी मैंने सोचा अगर मैं नहाके हलवा बनाती तो भगवान को देती, थोड़ा खाने से पहले बाबा को समर्पण करके खा लुंगी, उसके बाद मैंने नहाके पूजा की, बाहर कू कूत्ते को खाना देने गयी तो एक गाय ने मेरी तरफ आ रही थी मैंने कहा, 'रूको रूको मैं तुमहरे लिए ला रही हूं।' मेरे टीफोन में हलवा रखा था अचानक ले गई। मैंने बाद में सोचा शायद मेरी बात भगवान को पता लग गई. साई राम





# The Power of Having Faith in Baba

By: Girija Vijayan

We, the Sai devotees, should believe beyond doubt that Sai Bhagwan permeates our daily lives and that He imparts what is best for us more than we ourselves are aware of. In our family, He is the pivot of all our aspirations and achievements. Ours is a nuclear family of four, consisting of myself, my husband and two daughters with limited friends and relatives. When we were about to plan the marriage of our elder daughter, who herself a Sai devotee, we were scared as to how the marriage function could be conducted in a befitting way as none of our close relatives are living nearby. We fervently prayed to Bhagwan to be with us as our mata, pita and bandhu throughout the preparations. We left everything at His Lotus feet from the moment the proposal came. We surrendered fully to Him knowing that He is our sole kith and kin. He assured us that He is with us, with so many signs.

One of such instances was the undue delay to get the wedding cards printed, so as to enable us to offer the first card at His Samadhi through our Samithi Convener, who was leaving for Puttaparthi. The next day we got the Cards from the press. We were overwhelmed at the timing of Bhagwan, so that He would be our first invitee!

We acknowledge that our daughter's marriage on March 19th, 2012, was literally conducted by Bhagwan and we realized His love and concern at every moment. The marriage function went off so smoothly that we could constantly feel His presence even in the minutest decisions taken in this regard, and at every moment of the occasion. Moreover, we were very relaxed throughout the preparations without any tinge of anxiety or worry as we have left everything at His lotus feet.

On Maha Sivarathri in 2012, as we were planning to go to the Samithi, I entered the Puja room to put out the lamp there. Many times, the ash in the agarbathi used to form an "S" shape and so, we used to check for the same every time



we enter the room. But this time, we were awestruck by the big and well defined "S" formed in the agarbathi, a clear signal of His presence. We took snaps of the same and showed it to the devotees assembled in Vattiyookavu Samithi in Trivandrum. We were humbled beyond words with His concern and love.

Swami, we know how insignificant we are without You in our lives. Make us an instrument in Your divine hand and help us to live our lives worthy of Your love. Samastha lokha sukhino bhavanthu!



# Many Experiences of Sai Bhakta

By: A. S.

I would also like to mention that I am Baba's child and devotee since childhood.

## Experience 1:

This happened 17 years back when I was hardly about 9 years old and only child of my parents. After Navratris, we do Kanya Pujan (Worship small girls as Goddess Durga), in my neighborhood, I also went for the same. The lady who owned the house said " who so ever has a brother will only get a ball", I being an only child, asked for the toy ball, to which she refused stating I don't have brother, so I won't get the same. At that time I was quiet, but once I came back home, I cried out loudly that I also wanted a brother, I wouldn't tie rakhi on my cousin's brother, I needed a brother of my own. But I was unaware about my mother's health condition at that time. There would have been certain complications if my mother would conceive. In the same year 1996, we went to Mumbai where my Paternal Uncle (Fufaji) was posted. Being there in Mumbai all elders decided to visit Shirdi, and I was excited too, but that time I didn't know much about Our Sai Baba, I was excited for the trip though. After visiting Shirdi everyone asked me to pray God to bless me with a brother, and I also prayed Sai Baba to bless me with a brother and also to please fulfill everyone's wish. In Nov 1997 I was blessed with a brother, my joy knew no boundaries. I was happy like anything, and most importantly I come to know about the news on a Thursday. I just go off my school bus, near famous Jama Masjid (in Ludhiana) while I was coming back to my home after school when my neighbor aunt stopped me on my way and said " You are blessed with a Brother". I was on cloud nine. Thereafter again in 1998 we went Shirdi to pay our regards to Baba Sai.

## Experience 2:

I was madly in love with a guy, I trusted him like anything. I believed his lies and always forgave him. In 2010 I came to know through his friend that he got engaged, but he didn't tell me.. I was shattered like anything. It was



day of Holi, we went to play Holi at Lord Krishna Temple, and after visiting there I cried before Lord Krishna. I was playing colors, but was not enjoying as I was heartbroken. Then we all headed towards Sai Dham in Ludhiana. Once I entered temple, tears rolled out of my eyes. I begged Sai to return me back my love. I didn't utter single word; it was only tears that expressed my pain to Him. It was Saturday when we all went to Sai Mandir, and in five days, I got a call from my boyfriend that he needs a chance, as he broke off his engagement. I didn't utter a single word, and thanked Sai Baba. And I forgave him. This is how Sai Baba listened to me. But unfortunately trusting my boyfriend and forgiving him was biggest mistake of my life, as he betrayed my trust again and in 2012 he got married to a girl chosen by his family. But that was fine with me as I always believed that my Sai Baba was writing best love story for me.

#### Experience 3:

In year 2012, I was fasting and strictly followed Sai Baba ji Vrat. It was during that period or after Navratri, I don't remember exactly, I was on my scooter on my way to office. The moment I crossed my lane, I saw an old Baba dressed like Sai Babaji, in Orange Kafni (Robe) and his head was also covered like Sai Babaji. I wanted to speak but my lips were zipped, I couldn't speak a single word, tears rolled out of my eyes.

#### Experience 4 & 5:

This was at the time when my family was looking for a suitable match for me and suggested me to post my profile on some matrimony site. I did that and in Sept '13 I came across a boy, whom, I don't know why, I felt connected to and after talking, we started liking each other. Gradually that liking changed into love. But unfortunately, my brother called him and spoke wrong to him and now he isn't talking to me since October. Though indirectly he is in touch and wants to be connected, but it's his ego which is killing me, I really love him. One night after crying a lot, I had a dream that I and my friends are coming back from some place but our train was late, so through someone we got to know that Sai Baba is at some place we can visit there. We three (me and two of my best friends) rode a scooter and went to that place, it was dark and we went up via stairs, and there was a huge light like sunshine, and there was our Sai Baba. I fell on his feet and begged him to bless my union with the person I wanted to marry. He bent down and helped me to stand up, and he blessed me by keeping his hand on my head. Though he didn't say yes or no, but he nodded his head and smiled. Tears went rolling out of my eyes to get such love from my Sai baba,



and when I opened my eyes, they were wet. I felt so blessed that I can't express, as Sai Baba himself says "I am not only in Shirdi my presence in dream is as auspicious as Shirdi."

#### Experience 6:

On 1st January 2014, before going to office, I asked my mother to be ready, as in evening we would go and pay visit to Sai Baba Temple. After reaching office, and looking after initial work, I opened MYSAI.ORG, there I asked question to Baba to which answer was very surprising. His answer was "Go to Shirdi and see Sri Sai Baba, your wish will be fulfilled". Again I was in tears that Sai Baba wants me to visit Him, and I went as well, and prayed before him. At the end all I want to say is waiting for my dream to come true and I am sure it will come true, as Sai Baba never lies. We humans tell lies everyday not only to others but to our God also. I request you all to pray Sai Baba for me so that he comes back to me, I know he loves me, it's his just his ego, which is coming in the way. Please Sai Babaji, you always listen to your children, please listen to me as well. I know you will listen. So, please always keep your hand on me and on all your children who consider you everything and they mean it. And Baba please give me chance in future too, to share your miracles in my life, in my love life infact. Shri Satchitanand Satguru Sai Nath Maharaj ki Jai.

Om Sai Ram.



# Ask and You Shall be Answered

By Dr. P. R. Aravinda Babu

I am a staunch devotee of Lord Shirdi Sai. I entered into Sai fold during 1997 and since then surrendered to Sai totally. So far I visited Shirdi 18 times and from then Sai is instructing me to do weekly puja at home only and not permitting me to visit Shirdi again. I have one son and 3 daughters all are Sai Devotees. Sai performed the marriages of all my children. Now they are prospering well on foreign soil, in US and UK.



Whenever I am surrounded by problems, Baba enters on my mental screen and suggests the way to come out. I am performing Baba's puja as per the instructions in SAGUNOPASANA since 1997 and Baba is so kind enough to come to my rescue the moment I pray to him. Generally I start reciting the ASTOTTARAM of Sai at the problematic times, and by the time I recite 15th or 16th name, Baba appears on my mental screen and shows the way out with some indication. Or he will send a person to my rescue. This happened several times. To mention an experience, once during the year 2000, I along with my old mother, wife, brother and other family members, nearly 10 of us, visited Kokke Subramanya in Western Ghats of India. There we all went to KUMARADHARA to take our bath in the holy river. It was evening when the sun started setting. When we went there, there were many people around taking bath at different spots of the holy canal. By the time we all completed our bath and looked around, there was nobody and the entire place was cleared. Rain



started and there was no shade to hide and it had become dark. Then with annoyed mind I started praying Baba for rescue. Lo, imagine what happened. The next moment, I saw two people coming out from the river, behind us, drying their bodies with short towels, and calling us "barry, barry" in Kannada language, which means "come, come". I was shocked by seeing them, as they were not there during the previous minute. At the same time I saw a KSRTC Bus, empty one on the road. That bus was also not there during the previous minute. These two people took us in their bus and dropped us near the temple without taking a single pie from us. It was a miracle. Sai came in the form of those persons to rescue us. Except our party and they two, there were no others.

Another experience, took place while I was in US at Denver, Colorado State. I am a chronic patient always short of oxygen for breathing purposes. That place Denver is one mile above the Sea Level, where oxygen level will be a bit low. One night during the early hours, while my family was in deep sleep, I got up suddenly as I was feeling difficulty in breathing. Though I opened all the doors and put the fan on maximum and removed all my coverings, I was still breathless. Then I started my nuclear weapon of BABA'S ASTOTTARAM and started reciting his names. By the time I completed the first round; I got lot of relief and continued that early morning reading BABA's Satcharitra, which is always with me. In the morning when my family woke up, they found me sitting on the chair and reading the book and enquired why I was like that and what the matter was. Then I narrated the whole issue to them. Then my daughter took me to the local doctor, who after several tests told them that my BP had fallen below the fatal level and some mysterious force had saved me. Of course he gave some tablets, by the time I was alright.

Another most important and fantastic experience was the personal visit of Baba during my Puja. This happened during January 2006, first Thursday. During my weekly puja, I would decorate the idols of Baba (brought from Shirdi) with flowers lavishly. Apart from the garlands Baba's main idol would be adorned with a crystal necklace. That particular day, while decorating the idol, I removed that crystal necklace and wore it on my neck, as I had to place many garlands on the idol on that day. My wife, my family doctor, neighbors and other kids were sitting around me watching the puja. There is a 7 feet tall painting of SHIRDI Sai at my home, by the side of which I perform the puja by setting the other idols. After the puja was complete and arati with camphor was over, then suddenly Baba came out from of the painting and



sat before me. He was wearing white dress and squatted between me and the puja peetakam. He started gazing at me and the Crystal Necklace alternately, with the expression that I was wearing his necklace. Nearly 10 minutes he was sitting there looking at me like a grandfather, looking at his grandson. I could see him so clearly. Some of the teeth were missing in his mouth and the remaining teeth were charred. He did not speak anything. Simply he was gazing at me and the Necklace. The people around me were shocked for my entry into trance. I was in trance. After the disappearance of Baba, I came back to normalcy. My family doctor and my wife enquired me about what had happened, as they could not see anything. Though Baba was sitting immediately before my wife, she could not see him. They all later said that there was a glow of light on my face and I was in trance. The whole of that day I was in a very happy light mood. Thinking that Baba may come back again for the necklace, I repeated the same thing on the next week, but he did not come.

Since then, whenever I pray Baba, he will appear before me in some form and go away after solving my problem. I underwent bypass surgery for my heart. Baba gave me immense courage and while entering the Operation Theatre also, when my relatives who saw me being taken into the theatre on a stretcher started weeping. I consoled them and told them that I will come back with a repaired heart. My operation was done by a noted surgeon who was also a Sai Bhaktha.

Now I am 73 years old and surviving well only by blessings of Baba. To whichever temple I go, wherever I stand, I will be utter Baba's Astottaram only. All my children and grandchildren though on foreign land, they go to Shirdi Sai temple of their place and take part in Arati programs. Om Sai Ram.





# Baba Gives Career Boost

By: Vikram S Murthy

I would like to thank you for giving me a platform to share Bhagwan Shirdi Sai's miracles with you. It was in 2005 mid-April, I had been to Sai temple in Shenoy Nagar. At that time I was working as sales executive with a reputed telecom company and could not cope with the mental and physical demands of the job and was internally unhappy. I stood there in front of Baba's idol mentally exhausted, subconsciously saying this is enough, I want to quit. At that time the priest came near me and I checked my pocket to offer dakshina (didn't have any change only one hundred rupee), which I offered without any hesitation and expectation. Suddenly I saw tears in the priest eyes as he was just praying to Baba to meet some expenses and he went near the idol and performed arathi and blessed me by saying that I will get promoted in one week's time, which I did not take seriously and much to my joy and surprise, there were changes in company's business strategy which called for creation for one more level. Initially I was not considered for the position by my immediate manager, but fortunately, I was allowed to appear for the selection process as one of the senior manager wanted everyone to be given an opportunity. I could not believe my luck as I cleared both my written test and interview and was promoted to the next level as told by the priest in one week's time. I am blessed with many miracles since then and have been facing turbulent times for the last four years and I have not lost faith in Him, knowing well that he will not leave his devotees.



# Baba's Thursday's Miracle

By: Renu Koul

I have experienced Sai's blessings when I was starting my life on my own and had left my parent's nest of love. Since then Sai has been my guide in shaping up my life; rather He had already designed it that way. There have been countless experiences which were also felt by my family; here I will mention one, which happened recently.

My daughter was to go for a poster presentation to San Antonio and we had applied for her Visa. On the day of interview, she was not carrying her CV, so she was asked to submit the same on line and would be informed about the visa later (which normally takes about a month). In this scenario we were not even sure if we should book her ticket or not as we would have lost some money in doing so. Time was running out and we were completely clueless about her going to USA. She was disheartened as her efforts of getting the scholarship seemed a waste. We had all the faith in Baba, so we kept on telling her that Baba will never let us down, so have faith and patience which she did. One night Baba came in her dream and told her, book your tickets for 27th of Nov, 3.30 a.m. Wednesday - Tuesday night. So without wasting time we booked her tickets. Her visa had still not come, but since it was Baba's order we had to follow.

Same night Baba came in my dream also and told me to visit Krishna temple immediately and we obeyed. Actually without getting surprised very next Thursday, visa was issued to her since Baba has always fulfilled all my wishes, and we started preparing for her visit. Since this was her first visit, my daughter was very excited so were we. On reaching the airport we found out that the Flight was delayed by 3 and half hours, and she actually flew on Thursday morning 6. 30 A. M. everything, good or not so good in my life has happened on Thursday. That is the way of Him letting us know how much He cares for all of us. May he keep showering his blessings to all His devotees. Om Sai Ram



# Baba Answers Prayers and Relieves from Suffering

By: Punita Bhatia

My mother was a religious, humble and active lady and RMP doctor of old days. She used to get up around 4'o clock in the morning irrespective of summer/winter and go to bed around 11'o clock in the night. During these 19 hours, she used to take bath, do puja, cook delicious food and sweets for the family, do the household work, get ready for the clinic, attend her daughters, relatives, prepare ayurvedic medicines with my father who was BIMS doctor without making faces or complaining to any one till 11' o clock in the night. This was her routine which I had been observing since my birth. In nutshell, she had discharged her family and social duties towards her husband, four daughters, daughter's children, relatives of either side sincerely and did selfless service for everyone who so ever used to come to her house at any time irrespective of her age, health and time.

My mother took her last breath on 29th November, 2013. During the last six months prior to her death, such pious, religious, philanthropist and active lady, was seriously ill to such an extent that she was hospitalized twice and despite good medical care, she remained confined to the bed and was not able to do move her limbs or do anything single action while lying on the bed. She herself was very much depressed to see her own condition and had lost her confidence to recover.

Despite good and regular medical care, her condition was deteriorating day by day. I being the youngest daughter was very near and dear to her. It was very difficult for me to see her in such pathetic condition. In her last days, I used to pray to Sai Baba to recover her health soon or if Sai Baba thinks, it is destined to happen, then give her mukti from her suffering. Though it was very difficult for anyone to think about her/his mother mukti but her condition was so bad, I just left everything on Baba.

I am regular on facebook and see

all the post of saibaba.com being



posted on the facebook such as Baba in sitting position, Baba's face, Baba giving blessing etc. Two days before her death, my mother was having difficulty in breathing and she was hospitalized for third time. I again made same payer to Sai Baba and on the same day on checking the Sai Baba. com post on facebook, I just noticed a peculiar picture of Sai Baba for the first time in which Baba's face was dim but Baba's right hand was protruding out prominently. At that time, I did not understand the significance of this post. When my mother took her last breath, I suddenly realized the significance of the said post of Sai Baba and analyzed that Sai Baba had signaled me that He is coming and forwarding His hand to my mother to make her free from all her sufferings of this world. Whosoever comes on this earth has to leave the earth one day which is predestined. Jai Sai Ram!



# Sai Baba- My Guide

By: Satish Kohli

I am an ex-serviceman from Indian Navy. When I was very young- at about 22 years of age, serving Indian Navy and posted in INS Shivaji in Lonavala in 1968, there used to be only one cinema theatre there with a big portrait of Baba at its entrance. Not knowing Baba then, I thought him to be of some relative to the owner but never asked anyone about it.

However few years passed thereafter without knowing this saint. Busy with navy life, being a participant in Indo-Pak war of 1971, I got married in 1972. Meanwhile my father who was serving in Indian Army got to know about Baba from one Subedar Major Kulkarni and he gave a Sai Nath book to my father. Also, my wife Shakuntala was very religious. Seeing her I too started believing in God and then slowly I got pulled towards Shri Sai Nath. I visited Shirdi the first time in year 1981 with my parents, my wife and son. He has always been there for me and I had no need to ask him anything. He took care of all my needs and wishes in my life.

I really felt his existence in taking care of me. I still remember my last visit to Shirdi in 2013. There was a long queue. I couldn't take it any longer as my knees were hurting and I was finding it difficult to stand for such a long time. I spoke to Baba in my heart and told him that I was unable to wait any longer with this pain for his darshan and also I may not be able to come for future darshans if this is the case. Miraculously as if Baba heard me, a third entrance gate was opened at that very moment and I was pushed straight inside, very close to have a glimpse of my Sainath. Tears rolled out of my eyes. Many a times my Sainath has taken care of my various needs. My Sai Baba although has taken my wife at a very young age, on the contrary showered his blessings upon me in the form of two sons, caring daughters- in- law and beautiful grand kids. I pray to my Sainath to keep his blessings on me and my family always.



# Sai Baba- My Guru

By: Ravi Saxena

It was 1987 when I first visited Shirdi. I reside in Jaipur and was preparing for admission in an engineering college. I come from a family of doctors and engineers but I failed in my initial attempts as I was weak in my basics. I somehow convinced my father to fill an entrance form for me into a private college in Maharashtra. It was expensive and there were only a few private colleges in entire India at that time for engineering. So while going to the college I stopped at Shirdi to have a Darshan of Baba. After puja I prayed to him to save my face in front of my family and help me get selected into a state college so that my father could afford the fees. As I submitted my form the administration at the college told me it would take 10 days so I returned to Jaipur. Now the result of state engineering admission test which usually gets announced in a month after the examination got delayed. I got a call letter from private college to deposit fee for admission. My father was not ready to do so as his financial resources were not sufficient. I was in a fix. One of my uncles convinced my father to visit the private college along with me to check it and then pay the fee if satisfied. We stopped at Shirdi for a darshan while on our way to college. I prayed to Baba and then with my father's permission went to call my uncle to find out if the state college results were out. Surprisingly, he informed me that I passed the test for that state college and need not go to that private college. I was speechless.

So now we immediately started back for Jaipur by next available train. I appeared in counselling and got admission in a good state college and completed my engineering in the year 1991. During these 4 years I kept visiting Shirdi at regular intervals and used to stay there for days together. Later as soon as I completed my engineering, I got a good job and thus completed my father wish. Even today the memories are fresh. I keep repeating this story to myself.

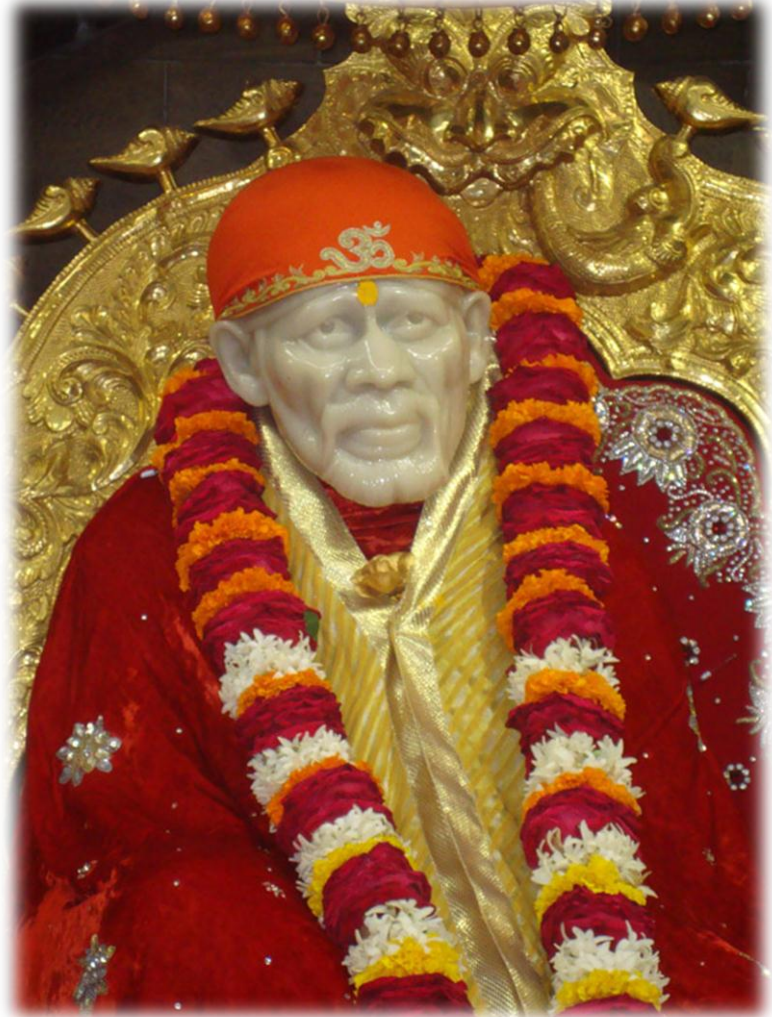
With pranam in the lotus feet of Shirdi Sai baba, I pray that I may be blessed to do the rightful things in my life and help others in need.



# Baba Took Care of My Father

By: Neeraja Nimmagadda

This happened few years back when my father was alive. We were in Austin and my father was living along with my mother in my brother's house in Kentucky. My father was suffering from neck pain and he could not even walk or eat by himself. My elder sister always used to ask me to come to Kentucky because he was happy to see me and he was smiling too. So in December I was in Kentucky and took our father for an eye checkup. The doctor checked his eyes and told us that he had cataracts in both eyes and had to get operated in January.



I went back to Austin and told my brother I would be there for the operation. From that day onwards, I never told anyone but whenever I did Baba puja I used to put His Udi on my two eyes and

prayed to Baba that these were not my eyes but they are my father's and to please take care of his cataracts.

When we went to get him operated in January, the doctor was shocked to see that the cataracts weren't there anymore. Immediately in my heart I thanked Baba for taking good care of my father's eyes! If we have abundant faith in Baba, He can even move mountains for us!!!



For many years I kept visiting my father in Kentucky and the last time I went to visit him, I was shocked to see him wearing an oxygen mask and taking only fluids. All I could feed him was oatmeal and clean him after feeding. By night, I asked my brother and sister to take rest and I would look after our father. I sat beside him in the room with a Baba picture.

My brother being a surgeon asked me to check his pulse every once in a while and to wake him up if it went below 45%. As I checked I found it near 55%. I was worried and prayed to Baba and after that it gradually increased to 96%. I was very happy and thanked Baba. I put that Baba's picture under my Father's bed sheet covers.

When the time came, my father left us peacefully with all of us around him. After a few days, when I looked at that picture of Baba, we found a tear drop mark from his right eye. It was surprising to see it there but we are thankful to Him as he was always there for us from the start and took care of our family and my ailing father.





# Sai Baba- my Savior

By: Sanjana S.

I am an ardent devotee of Sai Baba and consider him my Guru and my Father as he has always been there for me and I have experienced many miracles. I can feel his presence wherever I am.

A few years ago I experienced a Miracle of Baba which I can never forget. I had visited a friend at her place for dinner and went to the washroom after dinner. Without realising that there was soap water in the wash room I slipped, fell and dislocated my hand from my elbow. My friend and her family rushed me to a nearby hospital and I was immediately operated late at night. My hand was in a plaster for 2 months but when the plaster was removed an x-ray revealed the ligaments in my elbow had been completely damaged and my hand would remain stiff for my entire life. My family was shattered and we consulted the top most surgeons in India. But all they advised my family was to let me have multiple surgeries without any assurance that my hand would be normal again.

I went to physiotherapists and after 15 days I was fed up as there was no improvement. Finally I decided that I had enough of doctors and disappointments. I told my family that I don't want to undergo any surgery and I will leave everything in Sai Baba's hands. I am his responsibility and he will have to make me alright. I spoke to Baba daily about my helplessness and I only had faith in him and if he let me down I would be shattered and I would have to live with an abnormal hand.

I prayed daily to Baba and made efforts to move my fingers and pick up objects slowly with my hands. Every time it slipped from my fingers I would chant Sai Baba's name and try again. And slowly I managed to pick up one object and then another object. I told Baba that I had only one month before I would have to undergo multiple surgeries. Then it happened! Within a month, my hand was perfectly normal and I had no difficulty to move my hand to lift any object. We went for an x ray again and what do we see; my ligaments are perfectly fine. We went and showed it to the same surgeon who told me there was no hope. They were shocked to see my



hand which is perfectly fine now.

I will be eternally grateful to my Sai Baba for his unconditional love. We might forget him but Sai Baba never lets us down. He never forgets his devotees. Today whenever I meet anyone who has lost hope or is facing a bad situation in their life I narrate my own story and ask them to pray to Sai Baba. I hope my experience will inspire many readers and whenever they lose hope- remember my story and I am sure it will bring a smile on your face and hope in your life.



# Baba Helped Me with My Work

By: SK

This incident in my life took place on a Thursday in the summer of 2011. I received a call from a new customer who wanted some of our promotional products for their event on the upcoming Sunday. He was ready to pay whatever it took to get the products before the event; I somehow arranged them to be delivered by Saturday.

I got to know from the customer that the package wasn't delivered even at 3pm Saturday. When I tracked it I surprised to find out that due to severe weather conditions, all the flights were cancelled and the package was stuck in Tennessee and couldn't be delivered before Monday.

Not knowing what to do, I contacted the customer but he was furious though I told him weather was not in my hands. He informed me that he would pick it up somehow just if it reached Michigan. Helpless, I closed my eyes and prayed to Baba. As I opened my eyes I was surprised to see an email in my inbox with 'Saibaba' in the subject line. I was sure some miracle was about to happen.

At about 6:30pm customer contacted me again, but happy this time to let me know that the package reached Detroit already. It was surprising that the delivery website still carried "the flights cancelled due to severe weather" message. Customer finally had his order in hand for the Sunday event.

Have faith and Baba makes anything and everything possible!



# Baba Takes Care of His Devotee

By: Shriram Chauhan

In 2011, I joined Padyatra to Shirdi (by walk to Shirdi) with my friends from Songadh (in Tapi, Gujarat). The first day we stopped at Pratapur. All things were normal. On the second day, we had to move from Charanmal Ghat. As it is, we woke up early in the morning and started walking. As we walked some kilo meters, we met a dog who followed us. As I am from Gujarat I started to talk with him in Gujarati and he used to pretend as though, he understood all things which I spoke to him.

I called him for breakfast (Parle biscuit and water). Surprisingly he ate biscuit and drank water from the pouch. When I was behind about 40 meters, I shouted in Gujarati, "Oh friend, stop for me" and to my surprise he waited for me until I reached him. He walked with us religiously till our next destination was Pimpalner which was about 35 kilometers. He patiently listened to us. We believed that it was Baba who walked with us and showered His blessing.



# Baba Solved my Problem

By: Dharchana Thangavel

Baba is involved in every part of my life and whatever the problem or sufferings which I face, is being solved by Sainath. I had a problem with a person who always annoys me both in professional and personal life. It was my mistake to select a wrong person as my friend. Day by day he created more problems for me. I informed both my parents and police. But they could not be of much help to me in this matter. The problem turned my life with lot of worries, disappointment, and struggles. One day my colleague suggested me to pray to Sai. I went to Sai temple and prayed with full of hopes. Gradually my problem vanished without any trouble. I thank Sainath and till now He is with me in my life and for all.



# Sai's Miracle

By: Rajani N

I am a devotee Lord Venkateswara from child hood. During my college days I began to know about Sai Baba. I started praying to him. My husband was not a firm believer in Him. I was neutral on him until I had personal experiences. It was in 2004, my infertility problems started. We visited doctors but nothing happened. Some friends advised me to visit Shirdi, as everything will be all right.

## Experience 1:

My husband went overseas on a trip. I was alone at home and I am scared of snakes. I fear even seeing a picture of snake. I dreamt that a snake was rolling on to my right. I was scared and woke up by screaming (even now my hands shiver when I think about that nightmare). The time was early morning 5 a.m. exactly on the following day. I had a dream that the snake was coming towards me and I started my prayers to Baba. Suddenly the front head part of the snake transformed to Lord Venkateswara. As I woke up, the time was exactly 5 a.m.

Couple of days later my husband had to travel to France. So we went to get his visa. We parked our car at the valley parking. All the paper work was done; we collected the passports and returned to parking area. Instead of opening the valley parking door I opened the door next to it. There was a person working on his system, I gave him the ticket number and asked for the car. He directed us to next door. Parking fee was collected on the next door. It was \$8 and my husband gave \$10. They returned \$2. I was holding \$2. The person who was working with the system got our car. I was just wondering how he bought the car (because he did not look like the collared worker). I have Baba picture on my dash board. He got down from the car and asked me who he was pointing to the picture of Baba. I told him he is Baba. Then he asked me, "Isn't Baba supposed to be saffron color long cloths?" I thought he is referring to Satya Sai, and I told him that he is Satya Sai. But the Baba in my car is Shirdi Sai. Then he asked me, "where is your Baba?" Then I told him that he is from Shirdi and no more with body.

I have a friend from Pakistan who

went to India to do research on



Baba. He became sick. Baba came in his dream and gave some ash. He was cured. All his problems were solved. Can you believe that? As I listened to him, I was shocked. This has happened in Los Angeles, US. I told him, "yes it is possible, it is the faith which heals everything. He was only talking to me and my husband was standing next to me was worried about the traffic. Then I asked him how he knew about Baba and where he is from (because his English accent does not sound like American). He told me that he is from El Salvador and he believes that he was a Hindu in his previous life. He has read Vedas at the age of 7 and he told all the names of four Vedas. I was just staring at him



and my husband was keen to go. I was a bit hesitant to give the tip because the way he was dressed, I did not want to insult him. I was holding \$2 and finally gave it to him. He accepted and wished us safe driving. We went home. I called up my sister-in-law and told all about this. She said that it's Baba who came to us and were

lucky and blessed.

Next day morning, during puja time, I opened the Sai Baba book. I was surprised to see the page that Baba left his body and everybody was crying. Someone said that Baba is going to come back as 11 year old boy and there is an underline at that sentence written as "Satya Sai?" This is one of my greatest experiences with Sai Baba. My husband started believing in him and we visited Shirdi.



### Experience 2:

My infertility problems continued. I had a bad medical record and it was difficult for me. I have been praying and also resigned the job to relieve my stress. I tried many things but nothing worked, except our pockets were drained with medical procedures and surgeries. My husband was worried about my health and started convincing me to adopt a kid. We started investigating in that angle.

One day I had a dream. I was in Dwarakamai. Baba was sitting with a great smile on his face. Many others were sitting on the floor. Everybody was slowly going to Baba and took his blessings by doing pada-namaskar. I was the only one left in the room. I was just staring at him. Baba lifted his right hand and waved his hand indicating me to come to him. I went to him. He hugged me. I felt something inside my body. Even in my dream I felt it. And next moment he showed his hand to the line where lot of people were standing and moving in the other direction. All the people were blessed by Baba and he was asking me to join with them. As I woke up, the time was early morning 5 a.m.

Few days later, it was Telugu Ugadi festival. It was early morning and I dreamt of delivering a healthy baby boy. I insisted my husband to try one last time through medical procedure. Meanwhile I found Sai 9 Guruvar vrat book in temple. As I completed the pooja, Baba fulfilled my wishes. We were blessed with a baby boy exactly one year from the dream. I promised myself, that if everything goes on well, I will send my experience to Samarpan as Sai miracle.





# Trust in Baba and Your Prayer Shall be Answered

By: Durga Basker

I am a devotee of Shri Sai Baba and experiencing His grace continuously. Now, I would like to narrate the major three good things in my life.

I. Before marriage, I worked in a private organization in Hyderabad. Every day I used to go to Baba's temple for Shej Arati. My parents were searching for good alliance for me. They were disappointed after looking 4 or 5 matches, as nothing materialised. One day I had a dream, and as we were singing Arati in temple, Baba came towards me from his Simhasanam (chair) and kept a bunch of grapes in my hand. Next day I informed this to the temple priest. He said definitely good thing would happen. After some time, I got a suitable alliance and I got married on 09. 12. 2005.

II. My husband completed his education only up to ITI. I strongly believed that my life would definitely be good as Baba had blessed me in my dream which I have narrated above. So, I happily accepted. My husband was working in a private organization for a lower payment. I was so worried about him. I prayed Sai to give us a good life.

I forced my husband to apply for Government Jobs. Later he joined coaching class for taking up Railway job at Hyderabad. He studied for four years and wrote all the Railway Job exams (from the Group D to Assistant Loco Pilot) wherever qualification suits. He failed in all the written tests. We lost hope as he was reaching the age limit of 35, which is the edge for applying to Government Jobs. But Sai says; "He take us through seven seas if we trust in him". We always ask for things which we want but HE always gives things which we need and deserve. HE knows it more than us and he will take care of us in each and every thing of our lives. HE always says; "Trust in Him and your prayers shall be answered".

This time, "Yes, my prayers were answered." Finally, he was selected



in written exam for Assistant Loco Pilot. He cleared a series of tests and finally got appointment in Railways in 2012. With the blessings of Baba, he completed his training and successfully cleared his interview. After this, my husband became a Baba devotee.

III. Third miracle is my child; we planned to go to Shirdi after marriage. But due to several reasons, we could not go. Finally, we went to Shirdi in October 2007. As I came back, my wishes were fulfilled. Baba blessed me with a baby girl on 05. 09. 2008.



# Sai's Mantra Heals the Pain

By: Navneet Kumar

I live in Ranchi of Jharkhand. I am spiritual person since my childhood but my trust over Sai Baba has developed during last 3-4 years after getting quick remedial effect. In the year 2010 I was very much in distraught condition for almost over a month.

I was new to Ranchi, one day I shared this condition with my one of the friend of Nainital. She suggested me to visit Sai temple and worship Sai which will help in getting rid of obstacles. I did the same and on one Thursday, after visiting Sai temple, I was driving down to office by bike. During this transit, a thought came to my mind such that "Navneet forget past and now move ahead leaving all these worries behind". After that my all problems started moving out from my life.

After realizing Sai Baba's blessing, my belief transformed into trust over him. Soon after engagement with Preeti, I had to undergo serious medication due to skin problem (rashes and liaison over my whole body). Due to side effect, I was not able to concentrate on anything. Not having good sleep and sometimes no sleep during night brought me under deep depression. This period continued for almost two years.

By the blessing of Sai, I have a good wife and she always supported me which gives me confidence to fight all the obstacles. She is also a devotee of Sri Sai. So whenever I am unable to sleep or find myself with situation of sleep disorder, I start chanting "Om Sai Namoh Namah, Sri Sai Namoh Namah, Jai Sai Namoh Namah, Sadguru Sai Namoh Namah" and gradually I feel relieved from sleeping disorder problem.

On 20 December 2013, my grandfather passed away. I had to come down to my native village along with my wife. There I continuously had rich oily food for several days from which I developed the problem of hypertension and due to this, I could not sleep properly for 3-4 nights. After finishing all rituals for my grandfather we came to our nearest town and due to hypertension I was not able to sleep. I am a member of Sai Baba e-portal and I get quarterly Samarpan issue. I started reading Samarpan over my smart phone at 4 am. I read for an hour and then I



slept for some time. At 6 a.m. I went for a morning walk remembering Sri Sai and chanting Sai mantra. After coming from walk, I switched on TV and I was surprised that news of Sri Sai Baba was being broadcasted in Aaj Tak and I could get the darshan of Sai Baba. I realized that Baba listened to me and showered his blessing on me.



# When I Saw Death Near Me

By: Mrinalini Haridas

The phenomenon of deathbed visions has been known for hundreds, even thousands of years. Yet it remains unexplained simply because what happens to us after death is still a mystery. Recently I remember a tale of a neurosurgeon, who taught at Harvard Medical school, features the headline, "Heaven Is Real: A Doctor's Experience of the Afterlife," the Huffington Post reported, a true story when he was in coma for a week. Dr. Eben Alexander wanted to tell this to the world that heaven is real and afterlife exists in his new book, "Proof of Heaven ", which he published in 2012. I being a spiritual person would like to tell you a true felt death near me! It is our belief that some holy soul who acts as outstanding religious figures. They are not prophets, but are superior to us and they are closer to God.

I was hospitalized for five days, with no diagnosis, but a below range of 42,000 platelets (normal was minimum 1.5L) suspecting dengue. Though all report went negative, the doctor advised me for complete bed rest.

He wanted to see whether there is a fluctuation in the platelet count. My platelet count started increasing when I saw my child and Kudos to my husband; he made impossible to possible in few days.

I was admitted in a twin sharing room, as a single room for a common person was not available! The other patient was a small boy, who got operated after a horrible smash in his private part with a cricket ball. We both were separated with two curtains. To my surprise he peeped and I regretted later, for scolding him.

The first night was horrible, with lot of snoring, but somehow I managed to sleep. It was 11.30 p.m., I felt a continuous deep breath in my back. For my surprise it was not that naughty boy, but from nowhere, I prayed for moksha for the soul, then there was a bout of people in my dream. I prayed to Lord Vishnu, I hope he granted, as they vanished immediately.



The first day before admitting to the hospital, I informed my sister that I am going to prepare my wish list and please take care of my child's future. She scolded me and asked me to have a good sleep. I was expecting my Krishna or his angels who will come to me for my rescue. But alas! It was Jesus with a bright light near my bed, and I saw people from Church along with Father coming to my home. Even the black chariot also started. I thought it was the end!

I still don't understand why Jesus, though I am a strong believer of Lord Krishna and Maa Durga & Sai. To conclude what I feel, it's time to consider one World, one Lord and one Positive Power as Sai says!

Budha says in his four truths: suffering is there then– find out the ways of suffering – find out the cessation of suffering – and finally the ways to cessation. Yes, there is a positive energy around you. Activate it!



# Baba as a Teacher Corrected

## My Papers

By: Akshaya Murugan

I am a devotee of Baba for more than 10 years who has helped me a lot. As I grew my mother taught me the way, to pray and develop spirituality in one self. Now I could realize how Baba helped me in my studies when I was in 10<sup>th</sup> class. I will never pass in my monthly exams, quarterly exams, whatever exam might be I used to fail at least in one subject. I was worried. How will I pass my board exam? I used to work hard and pray to Baba daily with lots of faith. If I fail what will happen? What people will talk about me and my parents? I should not make my parents feel why I was born for them.

All exams went on well except for my biology exam which was very tough. I have not written any exam well. My parents asked me how well did I do in the exams. How many marks will you score? I said all my exams were good but do not know how many marks will I score.

My heart questioned me, how am I going to manage this situation as I have not written any exam well. During my vacation, I started writing Om Sri Sai Ram, till my results were declared. I had great faith in Baba that he will clear my exam. On the previous night, I could not sleep, as the results are going to be declared the next day. I was tensed and hugged my mother and told her that he has not done well in exam. Next day morning my sister called me and said that he has scored 70% marks in the board exam. I realized that Baba has helped me to pass. Baba as a teacher corrected my papers.

I completed my B.Com and pursuing MBA through correspondence. Presently I am working as a research executive in Coimbatore. I would have not achieved heights without having faith in Baba.

Surrender all your feelings. He will take care of it.



# Family

By: Siva Govind

I have always missed my grandfather, from my father's as well as mother's sides. I have been jealous of my elder sisters who would talk about my maternal grandfather. The greatest grandfather of all is Baba and I never realized that while I was missing my grandfather's physical presence, Baba made his way into my family to safeguard us against tough times. Sometimes I feel that Baba entered our lives in form of our pet dog who we loved so much. Baba is in every form and He can come to us in any way He likes.



About four years ago, my family was going through a difficult time. We had been victim of black-magic that was done by some of our relatives without our knowledge. They tried to harm us in every possible way. It was surprising to believe that our trust was betrayed as we never imagined that something like this would ever happen to us. However, we all the time relied

on God and knew that when we had God with us, who could be against us.

When we needed Baba the most, He came through my sister's friend. My sister's friend introduced us to an old man very fondly called baba. And through him we came closer to Sai-Baba. Baba entered as image and as statue into our house through that old man. The old man and his family stood by us during our tough times when we had none of our relatives helping us out. It is said that when a person has a lot of troubles to handle; God sends someone to help us.

Many miracles have happened in my life by believing in Baba. A book would not be enough to detail all the

miracles which I have experienced





in my life. The only thing that we would like to say to Baba is thank you, without you we would not have been here alive. I would like to dedicate a poem written by my sister to you, dear Baba. Love you always, Baba.

Baba a simple four letter word,  
But honestly an extraordinary man,  
The smile behind my sorrows,  
The reason I still hope, trust n wish for things,  
No words to explain about his greatness,  
The only one who stands by my side no matter how bad the situation is,  
He who answers to all my silly questions,  
He who gives His shoulders for me to cry on and cries with me,  
He who makes me to laugh no matter how sad I am,  
Truthfully, He is the biggest miracle in my life that I do not want to lose,  
Because without Him, I can never live this life here all alone!  
Honestly, we are just so lucky to have your presence in our lives!  
Thank you, Baba.



# Faith & Trust

By: NS

I am happily married since November 2010. My husband and I decided to postpone our child by two years so that we could be financially stable in order to could give good upbringing to our child and take good care of my in-laws as well. After a year of marriage, friends and relatives started asking us to have child. We also thought about that before time ran out, so we made up our mind on having a child, however, luck was not on our side and I did not conceive for one year. I and my husband both went through several medical tests; though all reports looked okay, we were still waiting. I kept praying Sai Baba to help us.

Meanwhile I decided to change my job for better finances. I found a new job in an MNC by end of August 2013. I would be completing three years of marriage in November. My company sent me for medical tests and i visited a nearby reputed hospital in October end. I had blood test, ECG etc. Ultrasound and urine tests were pending. While examining me, the physician asked me if I was married and if I was planning for baby. I told yes and he surprised me saying that I might be pregnant and he asked me to get pregnancy tests done next morning. The doctor looked like Baba to me and it felt as if he was fulfilling my wish.

I came out with mixed reaction and called my husband. He was happy and we visited Sai Mandir to thank Baba. On 13<sup>th</sup> November I got to know that the child in my womb would be of two months and I felt blessed when I could see my child's heart beating. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, I went to doctor for a scan and got to know that my child was dead in the womb without any heartbeat. It was very hard on me to know that as my happiness did not last even a month. My husband and my family helped me overcome the tough time. After couple of months, in February, I was once again confirmed positive for pregnancy and this time I am taking care of everything to ensure that I don't make any mistake at my end. I also trust that Baba would be there to help me; I have surrendered all concerns to Baba. My family is happy and circumspect simultaneously; it is faith in Baba which would help us sail this and I am sure Baba will take care of his child. We have full faith in Baba.



# Why Fear When Baba is There

By: Sarada Balasundaram

I was staying in a Ladies Hostel and I underwent lots of troubles there. The hostel used to provide food only in the night and that too at a high price, so I shifted to a rented house. This house was locked for a long time and there was a cremation ground nearby. However, as I needed to move out of hostel, I decided to stay in this house. I wanted to restore my physical health.

On the first day I felt scared at the thought of staying close to a cremation ground. I prayed to God and went to sleep. On some days I used to feel as if someone else was in the room and the atmosphere of the room used to become heavier by night. Sometimes I thought I heard sounds of footsteps as if someone was walking in the room or standing by my bedside. I used to have trouble sleeping because of such things.

My days used to start with a heavy feeling as during nights I stayed awake most of the time. One day I thought my bed shook like a jhoola as if there was an earthquake and I also heard someone's peculiar voice. But it was only my bed which moved and nothing else. I called up my sister who lives in Chennai and she came to visit me after couple of months. She stayed with me and felt that the vibrations of the house were not good and it appeared like a haunted house.

One day she placed Sai Sat Charitra book on the bed and Vibhuti on my forehead. From that day onwards, I never had any kind of fear and never had any weird experience. Because of Sai Baba's presence I am safe and happy there as long as I stay there. Baba is always there with every one of us and helps all those who seek refuge in Him.



# Impossible Never Exists in Sai's Dictionary

By: Bishwamohan Prasad

This is the story of my daughter for her entrance examination of Christ Law College Bangalore. Five years back she had to appear for the entrance exam. The center of exam was Kolkata. We live in Bachra in Jharkhand. We took a train to reach Kolkata which arrives at 5 a.m. to Kolkata. The exam was scheduled at 10 a.m. in the morning. Usually the train reaches on time, however, on that trip the train got delayed and it reached by 10:30 a.m. and by the time we rushed to examination center, it was 11 a.m. The examination supervisor did not allow my daughter to enter the hall. We were shocked and very nervous. My daughter who prays to Baba always, started remembering Baba and asked for his help. We made repeated requests to the supervisor who after several requests allowed my daughter to attend the exam with the condition that she will not be given extra time to compensate for her late entrance to the hall. We had no choice but to accept that. We were not very hopeful about her qualifying for the college. And would you believe that she indeed qualified the written test and followed up with good performance in group discussion also. Eventually she got selected for the college and she completed her course of five years and has joined Titan Company in Bangalore as "law officer".

It is only Baba's grace that she managed to qualify in spite of losing one hour in written test while she was competing against people from all over India. It is only Baba who can make impossible things possible and I am truly grateful to Baba. My entire family is blessed by Baba and we pray to Him regularly.



# Invisible Hands of Baba Blessing Us

By: B. Lekshmi

I am delighted to share Baba's presence in my life ever after one of my friends took me to Baba's temple in Lodhi Road. Baba is bestowing his kindness whenever I am facing hurdles in my life though I am not able to live a life as he taught.

Almost of 6 years back my mother was having symptoms of cancer. She was not willing to take treatment in Delhi and I had to take her to our hometown in Kerala. The Doctor there confirmed the disease and we were waiting for biopsy report to decide on the course of treatment. We all were praying for her. I prayed to Baba that nothing should happen to her and the biopsy report should be ok. To our delight, the result of the test was negative. Doctor was also surprised and he said such things happen very rarely that all symptoms are there, but it is not that disease. He rechecked the reports with the lab for assurance and finally confirmed that she is fine. I knew that it was only Baba's blessing and nothing else could do such wonders. Pranam to my Baba.

Another important incident happened two years back when my son was appearing for 12<sup>th</sup> Board Exams. Though he was a brilliant student, he was not able to do well in exams. One month prior to the Board Exams, the principal advised us that it would be better if he drop that year and appear as a private candidate next year to which my son refused. I consulted everybody including famous astrologers to find a solution, but without any success. I lost all hope when the astrologers said that his horoscope does not show any progress on educational front. I did not know what to do. Then I realized that I was wasting my time going everywhere but to the Almighty. I took Sai Vrat and prayed to Baba to help my son to pass the exam. He appeared for the exams and when the exam result came, to everybody's surprise, he passed the exam with a good average. Baba again proved that he is there to help. I am thankful to Baba from the bottom of my heart for all kindness He is showering on my son who is doing architecture now.



Third incident happened very recently. Last July, my husband had suddenly developed some medical complication and he was suspected of cancer. We were very tense and I was praying to Baba to have mercy on us and vowed to take Sai Vrat. This time also He showered his blessings on us and the reports were negative. I have completed nine Thursday's Vrat as I vowed to Baba.

These all taught me that if you pray with your heart Baba is there for you. Thank you Baba for coming to my life and pray that be with me for the rest of my life!



# Baba Keeps my Reputation Intact

By: Ashok Vasudev Bhat

I have been an ardent devotee of SaiBaba for many years now and He has always been behind me wherever I go. At present I am away from India across the seven seas, but can still feel his presence around me whenever I am tensed or in some difficulty. A few weeks ago, I was in a great difficulty due to errors done by my sub-ordinates at office. It was then that I resorted to praying to my Lord hoping for the crisis to pass away. And you wouldn't believe the crisis was averted without any tarnish to my name or my company's. This was the latest example of SaiBaba showering his blessings on me. He has always been blessing me in one way or the other showing his presence all around the world to his devotees.



# Bhajans & Poems





# Sai Maine Tujse Pyar Kiya

By: Sandhya Yadav

साईं मैंने तुझसे प्यार किया किया  
तूने मुझको जीना सीखा दिया

साईं मैंने एक ही तो कदम बढ़ाया था  
तूने तो अपना ही मुझे बना लिया

साईं मैंने तो गम में तुझको याद किया  
तूने तो बिना फरमाइश मुझको अपना लिया

साईं भटका हुआ था मैं कहीं-कहीं  
तूने थामा हाथ अपनी राह पे चलना सीखा दिया

मैंने तो माँगी हिम्मत इस जुग में जीने की  
तूने तो इस जुग को ही मेरा बना दिया

मैंने दिल से दुआ माँगी तेरे चर्चों की  
तूने अपने ही दिल में बसा लिया

मैंने तो रो-रो के तुझसे बस माँगा था  
तूने मेरे अस्खो के मोती पारो के सिने से मुझको लगा लिया

और मैं क्या माँगू!! कि मिले मुझे कोई खुदा...  
तू सामने था मेरा खुदा, खुदा में मुझे माँ से मिला दिया

मेरे साईं तूने मुझे जीना सीखा दिया, मुझे जीना सीखा दिया



# Sai ki Diwani

By: Neeta Dhamanskar

साई की जे जे कार बोलो, मेरे साई की जे जे कार  
 साई के बिना जग है सूना, जग है सूना साई बिना  
 मेरा साई सब से महान, सारे जग का है पालनहार  
 साई की जे जे कार बोलो, मेरे साई की जे जे कार  
 साई सब को दे आशा, साई सब के मन का दिलषा  
 सब की इच्छा पूरी करे, मेरे साई सब को दे आशीर्वाद  
 साई की जे जे कार बोलो, मेरे साई की जे जे कार  
 दिल से जो याद करे साई को, साई पूरी कारे उसकी हर आश  
 सुबह शाम जपो मेरे भाई, साई राम साई श्याम  
 साई की जे जे कार बोलो, मेरे साई की जे जे कार  
 साई नाम से दुख दूर हो जाए, सुख की गंगा बहे हर रह  
 साई लीला सुनकर हो गयी, मैं तो साई दीवानी  
 साई की जे जे कार बोलो, मेरे साई की जे जे कार  
 साई बिना कुछ नहीं भाए, चारो तरफ सिर्फ साई दिखाए  
 साई साई साई साई मन मे सिर्फ साई साई  
 साई की जे जे कार बोलो, मेरे साई की जे जे कार



# बाबा का दरबार

By: Archana Madan

मैंने अपने को रंग लिया है बाबा के प्यार में  
 नहीं माँगती साथ किसी का सिर्फ इनका ही सहारा संसार में  
 अपने आस्तित्व को दफन किया मैंने इस परिवार में  
 ईश के हाथ को थामा मैंने पा गई खुशियाँ संसार में  
 बाबा के सान्निध्य से बढ कर नहीं अनमोल कोई उपहार  
 अपना सब कुछ समर्पित कर जोडे मैंने इनसे तार  
 कभी कृष्ण की मुरली बजा के कभी हनुमान की गदा हिला  
 कभी साई के अवतार में देता हमको राह दिखा  
 माँ बाप की छत्र छाया में सबको अपने से देता मिला  
 उनकी सेवा करने के बीज सबके दिल में देता बिछा  
 रिश्तों में यह भाई बहन को नहीं कभी भी करता जुदा  
 ऐसे जोडे इनके दिलों को कर दें जो इक दूजे पे फिदा  
 हर मुश्किल का होता अंत जहाँ  
 सबके दुख कटते और खुशहाली बसती जहाँ  
 मन की शांति और चंचलता  
 जैसे धूप में है गंगा की शीतलता  
 सुख का सागर चैन की गागर  
 कितनी भागों भरी है यह डगर  
 अपनी मंजिल को कहाँ भरी दुनिया में ढूँढते हो  
 बाबा तो हर पल हर दम सबके साथ हैं क्यों दर दर की ठोकरें खा भटकते हो  
 अपने जीवन की उलझनों में उलझे हो क्यों जीवन की सच्चाइयों से मुँह फेर रहे हो  
 दूसरों के पीछे भाग अपनी खुशियाँ ढूँढ रहे हो  
 मेरे बाबा की लग्न लगाओ



अपने मन में प्यार भर लाओ  
हॉ यही सच्चा प्यार है  
देखो यही तो मेरे बाबा का दरबार है



# The Glory of Sai Baba in my Life

By: Teena Sehgal

In my life, glory of baba is like a sun  
Which shines and makes me bright. .

His glory is like a moon  
Which shows me the way and takes my darkness away. . .

It is like a star  
Which twinkles like diamond and enlightens my heart. . .

In my life, the glory of Baba is like water  
His blessings flow all the way to take my miseries away. . .

His glory is like a flower  
Which refreshes my soul and makes me blossom. . .

It is like the wind  
Which blows his presence to dust away my sins. . .

In my life, the glory of Baba is like a song  
Which touches my soul and makes me feel its bliss . . .

His glory is like a mirror  
Which reveals my true self to correct my flaws. . .

It is like a mother  
Which cares and pampers me and loves me unconditionally. . .

Thank you baba from the Bottom of my heart, you make my life so precious.



# A Poem

By: Madhavi Devkule

कभी हसना, तो कभी मुस्कराना  
 कभी रोना, तो कभी सताना  
 कभी रूठना, तो कभी मनाना  
 कभी रठकरचले जाना,  
 तो कभी पास लेकर बाहों में सिमट लेना,  
 कभी दूर चले जाना, तो कभी गले से लगा लेना  
 फिर भी न जाने क्यूं ये दिल माँग रहा है,  
 तेरा साथ तेरा बाबा सिर्फ तेरा साथ तेरा ?

जब पहली बार तेरे दर पे आए,  
 तो यह भी मालूम ना था की, "साई है क्या"?  
 जब मालूम हुआ तो, यह पाया की,  
 "सबका मलिक एक" और "मेरी आत्मा" है बाबा  
 जिसका हाथ पकड़कर आई तेरे द्वार,  
 आज दिल की यही तमन्ना है,  
 उसके साथ ही आउ बार बार तेरे द्वार,  
 कर दो अब मेरी ये आस, सुनलो मेरी पुकार  
 क्योंकि इस टूटे दिल का एक तुम ही हो सहारा,  
 इसीलिए ये दिल माँग रहा है,  
 तेरा साथ तेरा साई तेरा साथ तेरा २

जीवन के जिस मोड़पर मिला अंधकार और अकेलापन,  
 मिटा दिए तूने साई सारे, हमे अपने गले लगाकर,  
 आँधिया जब उठी, छाया घनघोर अंधेरा,  
 तूने ही साई सामने आकर, लाया नया सवेरा,  
 और कहा, " निराश न हो ए साई के मुसाफिर,  
 साई, खुद तेरी मंज़िल बनकर आएगा"  
 इसीलिए ये दिल थमकर माँग रहा है,



तेरा साथ तेरा बाबा तेरा साथ तेरा ३

साथ में जीना, साथ में मरना,  
साथ में हसना, साथ में रोना,  
साथ में रुठना, साथ में मनाना,  
साथ कभी छूटे तो, पलटकर साथ में ले जाना,  
धड़कन कभी थम जाए, साँस कभी रुक जाए,  
जब दिल रोए और आँख से पानी भी न आए,  
तो समझ लेना की, यह दिल याद दिला रहा है,  
साथ साथ तेरा बाबा साथ साथ तेरा ४

जीवन के इस सफ़र में,  
न जाने कहाँ छूट गया है साथ तेरा,  
की ये कम ना हो रहा है अंधेरा,  
दिन-रात ये दिल बस कह रहा है,  
साथ साथ तेरा,  
बस और क्या, साथ साथ तेरा ५

अब तो आओ साईं मेरे, पूरा कर दो अपना वचन,  
तोड़ दो सारे भवबंधन, और कह दो की,  
"तेरी किस्मत का लिखा, तुझसे कोई नहीं ले जा सकता,  
वो तो तुझे वो भी देगा, जो तेरा कभी हो नहीं सकता"  
शायद जी रही हूँ इसी आशा की किरण में,  
की भर दो हमारी भी झोली और देदो सवेरा,  
और कह दो की,  
साईं, तेरे साथ था, हूँ और हमेशा रहेगा ६

डोली तो रोज उठती है मन के इस मंदिरसे,  
पर न जाने क्यों रुकती है, हवा के इक झोके से,  
यही हवा कह जाती है, तोड़ा नाम ले सबूरी से,  
श्रद्धा का दीपक दिनरात आपके चरणों में रखा है जलाकर,  
यही दीपक आज कह रहा है,



आज करेंगे बाबा अपना वचन पूरा,  
वाह, श्रध्दासबूरी का यह मंत्र है बड़ा न्यारा,  
वह उठउठकर कह रहा है, तेरा साथ तेरा साई तेरा साथ तेरा,  
और क्या बाबा, बस तेरा साथ तेरा साई तेरा साथ तेरा ७





# बाबा का प्यार

आरती सहगल

गिला ना करना,  
रुतवा ना करना,  
बाबा की रहमतो पर शिक्वा ना करना,  
उनकी किरपा अपरंपार है,  
उनकी हर दुआ का मुझे एहसास है,  
वो चुपके से आते है,  
मेरे सारे दर्द मिटाते है,  
मुझे प्यार से गले लगाते है,  
मेरी सासो पर उनका नाम है,  
मेरी ज़िन्दगी उन्ही का पेगाम है,  
वो प्यार से मुस्कुराते है,  
और मुझे जीने का एहसास दिलाते है,  
मुझे अपनी ज़िंदगी से कोई शिकायत नही,  
क्योकि साईराम उसे चलाते है |



# An ode to Sai

By: Gayathri Sivaraman

Sai ram Sai ram Sai ram  
Chanting Sai our sorrows vanish  
Mere thought of your presence in our mind  
Makes us feel confident.

Sai Sai sai  
You are the epitome of patience  
You wash away our sins  
You make us feel blessed.

Sai Sai sai  
You are a true friend  
You take my burden  
There is always a shoulder to lean on.



# Sadguru

By ArkajyotiSamanta

Whole world sleeps, One is awake  
Within you, beyond you, wide awake  
Two loving eyes; pierce within  
The caring pat, life divine...

The truth is like a kiss of death  
Beyond a point, inconvenient  
To drag you from transitory path  
Emerged, Sadguru, the God incarnate...

The foot on earth, mind traverses  
Flesh the fetish, riches the avarice  
To tell, bubbles are far from truth  
Benign presence, Omniscient, The Sadguru....

His loving eyes, all compassion  
Go from birth to death and beyond  
Cleansing the sin, rescue from the gutter  
Omnipresent, Omnipotent, the Sadguru...



# Sab ka Malik Ek- God is One

By ArkajyotiSamanta

Rugged cloth covered, divinely showered  
Confined to one place, eyes over the world  
Utterance was, " Allah Malik", Fakir said it all  
Sab ka Malik Ek, God is One, God for one and all...  
That heart is open, can only feel fountain of love  
In every particle, saw God, became God adored!  
A place become pilgrimage, nothing to wonder  
With love, compassion and care  
A Fakir rose to the stature of God.....  
Faith and Patience are such chariots  
Unto Guru, the path led to God  
Simplicity, always a divine contour  
In silent penance, merged with divine  
With one Mantra, Sab ka Malik Ek, God is One!



# A Poem

By: Ravinder Goel

जब भक्तों को साईं , शिर्डी बुलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं

जिनकी अंधेरों में , नाव नहीं चलती  
और भटक रहे जग में , मंजिल नहीं मिलती  
उनकी राहों में , साईं दीप जलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं  
जब भक्तों को साईं , शिर्डी बुलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं

जब याद करें उनको , जीवन संवर जाये  
पतवार बिन नैया ,तब पार लग जाये  
रोते हुआं को भी , साईं आप हँसाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं  
जब भक्तों को साईं , शिर्डी बुलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं

जो कष्टों के मारे हैं , हालात के मारे हैं  
साईं जी हैं उनके , साईं के दुलारे हैं  
साईं उनको सुख के , झूले झुलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं  
जब भक्तों को साईं , शिर्डी बुलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं



जिनका नहीं कोई , उनके तो साईं हैं  
साईं ही मात पिता , साईं ही भाई हैं  
दीनों को भी साईं , गले से लगाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं  
जब भक्तों को साईं , शिर्डी बुलाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं

जिन पर ये जग वाले, पत्थर बरसाते हैं  
नफरत करते उनसे, और दूर भगाते हैं  
मेरे साईं उन पर भी , ममता लुटाते हैं  
मन मंदिर तब वो, डेरा लगाते हैं  
जब भक्तों को साईं , शिर्डी बुलाते हैं  
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# साई सत्चारित्र जीवन में



## साई सत्चरित्र जीवन में

मेरे प्यारे भाइयों और बहनों, समर्पण के द्वारा हम साई-सत्चरित्र के किसी भी एक अध्याय को छापेंगे और हम आप सभी के विचार आमंत्रित करेंगे. आप हमें ये बता सकते हैं कि इस अध्याय से आपको क्या शिक्षा मिली और अगर आपका कोई अनोखा दृष्टिकोण है जो आप बांटना चाहते हैं तो आप हमें जरूर लिखें. हम सभी अच्छे लेख/विचारों को अगले संस्करण में छापेंगे. आप हिंदी या इंग्लिश में अपने लेख/विचार भेज सकते हैं. इसे पढ़ें और हमें लिखें. भगवन बाबा आप पर अपनी कृपा बनाये रखें. ॐ साई राम!

**अध्याय 2 - ग्रन्थ लेखन का ध्येय, कार्यारम्भ में असमर्थता और साहस, गरमागरम बहस, अर्थपूर्ण उपाधि हेमाडपन्त, गुरु की आवश्यकता ।**

गत अध्याय में ग्रन्थकार ने अपने मौलिक ग्रन्थ श्री साई सत्चरित्र (मराठी भाषा) में उन कारणों पर प्रकाश डाला था, जिनके द्वारा उन्हें ग्रन्थरतना के कार्य को आरम्भ करने की प्रेरणा मिली । अब वे ग्रन्थ पठन के योग्य अधिकारियों तथा अन्य विषयों का इस अध्याय में विवेचन करते हैं ।

### ग्रन्थ लेखन का हेतु

किस प्रकार विषूचिका (हैजा) के रोग के प्रकोप को आटा पिसवाकर तथा उसको ग्राम के बाहर फेमककर रोका तथा उसका उन्मूलन किया, बाबा की इस लीला का प्रथम अध्याय में वर्णन किया जा चुका है । मैंने और भी लीलाएँ सुनी, जिनसे मेरे हृदय को अति आनंद हुआ और यही आनंद का स्रोत काव्य (कविता) रूप में प्रकट हुआ । मैंने यह भी सोचा कि इन महान् आश्चर्ययुक्त लीलाओं का वर्णन बाबा के भक्तों के लिये मनोरंजक एवं शिक्षाप्रद सिद्ध होगा तथा उनके पाप समूल नष्ट हो जायेंगे । इसलिये मैंने बाबा की पवित्र गाथा और मधुर उपदेशों का लेखन प्रारम्भ कर दिया । श्री साई की जीवनी न तो उलझनपूर्ण और न संकीर्ण ही है, वरन् सत्य और आध्यात्मिक मार्ग का वास्तविक दिग्दर्शन कराती है ।

### कार्य आरम्भ करने में असमर्थता और साहस

श्री हेमाडपन्त को यह विचार आया कि मैं इस कार्य के लिये उपयुक्त पात्र नहीं हूँ । मैं तो अपने परम मित्र की जीनी से भी भली भाँति परिचित नहीं हूँ और न ही अपनी प्रकृति से । तब फिर मुझ सरीखा मूढमति भला एक महान् संतपुरुष की जीवनी लिखने का दुस्साहस कैसे कर सकता है । अवतारों की प्रकृति के वर्णन में वेद भी अपनी असमर्थता प्रगट करते हैं । किसी सन्त का चरित्र समझने के लिये स्वयं को पहले सन्त होना नितांत आवश्यक है । फिर मैं तो उनका गुणगान





करने के सर्वथा अयोगमय ही हूँ। संत की जीवनी लिखना एक महान् कठिन कार्य है, जिसकी तुलना में सातों समुद्र की गहराई नापना और आकाश को वस्त्र से ढकना भी सहज है। यह मुझे भली भरणति ज्ञात था कि इस कार्य का आरम्भ करनेके लिये महान् साहस की आवश्यकता है और कहीं ऐसा न हो कि चार लोगों के समक्ष हास्य का पात्र बनना पड़े, इसीलिये श्री साई बाबा की कृपा प्राप्त करने के लिये मैं ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करने लगा।

महाराष्ट्र के संतश्रेष्ठ श्री ज्ञानेश्वर महाराज के कथन है कि संतचरित्र के रचयिता से परमात्मा अति प्रसन्न होता है। तुलसीदास जी ने भी कहा है कि-साधुचरित शुभ सरिस कपासू। निरस विषद गुणमय फल जासू ॥ जो सहि दुःख पर छिद्र दुरावा। वंदनीय जेहि जग जस पावा ॥ भक्तों को भी संतों की सेवा करने की इच्छा बनी रहती है। संतों की कार्य पूर्ण करा लेने की प्रणाली भी विचित्र ही है। यथार्थ प्रेरणा तो संत ही किया करते हैं, भक्त तो निमित्त मात्र, या कहिये कि कार्य पूर्ति के लिये एक यंत्र मात्र है। उदाहरणार्थ शक सं. 1700 में कवि महीपति को संत थरित्र लेखन की प्रेरणा हुई। संतों ने अंतःप्रेरणा की और कार्य पूर्ण हो गया। इसी प्रकार शक सं. 1800 में श्री दासगणू की सेवा स्वीकार हुई। महीपति ने चार काव्य रचे – भक्तविजय, संतविजय, भक्तलीलामृत और संतलीलामृत और दासगणू ने केवल दो – भक्तलीलामृत और संतकथामृत – जिसमें आधुनिक संतों के चरित्रों का वर्णन है। भक्तलीलामृत के अध्याय 31, 32, और 33 तथा संत कथामृत के 57 वें अध्याय में श्री साई बाबा की मधुर जीवनी तथा अमूल्य उपदेशों का वर्णन सुन्दर एवं रोचक ढंग से किया गया है। पाठकों से इनके पठन का अनुरोध है। इसी प्रकार श्री साई बाबा की अद्भुत लीलाओं का वर्णन एक बहुत सुन्दर छोटी सी पुस्तिका - श्री साई बाबा भजनमाला में किया गया है। इसकी रचना बान्द्रा की श्रीमती सावित्रीबाई रघुनाथ तेंडुलकर ने की है।

श्री दासगणू महाराज ने भी श्री साई बाबा पर कई मधुर कविताओं की रचना की है। एक और भक्त अमीदास भवानी मेहता ने भी बाबा की कुथ कथाओ को गुजराती में प्रकाशित किया है। साई प्रभा नामक पत्रिका में भी कुछ लीलाएँ शिरडी के दक्षिणा भिक्षा संस्थान द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई है। अब प्रश्न यह उठता है कि जब श्री साईनाथ महाराज के जीवन पर प्रकाश डालने वाला इतना साहित्य उपलब्ध है, फिर और एक ग्रन्थ साई सचचरित्र रचने की आवश्यकता ही कहाँ पैदा होती है। इसका उत्तर केवल यही है कि श्री साई बाबा की जीवनी सागर के सदृश अगाध, विस्तृत और अथाह है। यति ुसमें गहरे गोता लगाया जाय तो ज्ञान एवं भक्ति रुपी अमूल्य रत्नों की सहज ही प्राप्ति हो सकती है, जिनसे मुमुक्षुओं को बहुत लाभ होगा। श्री साई बाबा की जीवनी, उनके दृष्टान्त एवं उपदेश महान् आश्चर्य से परिपूर्ण है। दुःख और दुर्भाग्यग्रस्त मानवों को इनसे शान्ति और सुख प्राप्त होगा तथा लोक व परलोक मे निःश्रेयस् की प्राप्ति होगी। यदि श्री साई बाबा के उपदेशो का, जो वैदिक शिक्षा के समान ही मनोरंजक और शिक्षाप्रद है, ध्यानपूर्वक श्रवण एवं मनन किया जाये तो भक्तों को अपने मनोवांछित फल की प्राप्ति हो जायेगी, अर्थात् ब्रह्म से अभिन्नता, अष्टांग योग की सरलता से हो जायेगी। यह सोचकर ही

सिद्धि और समाधि आनन्द आदि की प्राप्ति  
मैंने चरित्र की कथाओं को संकलित



करना प्रारम्भ कर दिया । साथ ही यह विचार भी आया कि मेरे लिये सबसे उत्तम साधना भी केवल यही है । जो भोले-भाले प्राणी श्री साई बाबा के दर्शनों से अपने नेत्र सफल करने के सौभाग्य से वंचित रहे हैं, उन्हें यह चरित्र अति आनन्ददायक प्रतीत होगा । अतः मैंने श्री साई बाबा के उपदेश और दृष्टान्तों की खोज प्रारम्भ कर दी, जो कि उनकी असीम सहज प्राप्त आत्मानिभूतियों का निचोड़ था । मुझे बाबा ने प्रेरणा दी और मैंने भी अपना अहंकार उनके श्री चरणों पर न्योछावर कर दिया । मैंने सोचा कि अब मेरा पथ अति सुगम हो गया है और बाबा मुझे इहलोक और परलोक में सुखी बना देंगे ।

मैं स्वयं बाब की आज्ञा प्राप्त करने का साहस नहीं कर सकता था । अतः मैंने श्री माधवराव उपनाम शामा से, जो कि बाब के अंतरंग भक्तों में से थे, इस हेतु प्रार्थना की । उन्होंने इस कार्य के निमित्त श्री साई बाबा से विनम्र शब्दों में इस प्रकार प्रार्थना की कि ये अण्णासाहेब आपकी जीवनी लिखने के लिये अति उत्सुक हैं । परन्तु आप कृपया ऐसा न कहना कि मैं तो एक फकीर हूँ तथा मेरी जीवनी लिखने की आवश्यकता ही क्या है । आपकी केवल कृपा और अनुमति से ही ये लिख सकेंगे, अथवा आपके श्री चरणों का पुण्यप्रताप ही इस कार्य को सफल बना देगा । आपकी अनुमति तथा आशीर्वाद के अभाव में कोई भी कर्य यशस्वी नहीं हो सकता । यह प्रार्थना सुनकर बाबा को दया आ गई । उन्होंने आश्वासन और उदी देकर अपना वरद-हस्त मेरे मस्तक पर रखा और कहने लगे कि इन्हें जीवनी और दृष्टान्तों को एकत्रित कर लिपिबद्ध करने दो, मैं इनकी सहायता करूँगा । मैं स्वयं ही अपनी जीवनी लिखकर भक्तों की इच्छा पूर्ण करूँगा । परंतु इनको अपना अहं त्यागकर मेरी शरण में आना चाहिये । जो अपने जीलन में इस प्रकार आचरण करता है, उसकी मैं अत्यधिक सहायता करता हूँ । मेरी जीवन-कथाओं की बात तो हज है, मैं तो इन्हें घर बैठे अनेक प्रकार से सहायता पहुँचाता हूँ । जब इनका अहं पूर्णताः नष्ट हो जायेगा और खोजनेपर लेशमात्र भी न मिलेगा, तब मैं इनके अन्तःकरण में प्रगट होकर स्वयं ही अपनी जीवनी लिखूँगा । मेरे चरित्र और उपदेशों के श्रवण मात्र से ही भक्तों के हृदय में श्रद्धा जागृत होकर सरलतापूर्वक आत्मानुभूति एवं परमानंद की प्राप्ति हो जायेगी । ग्रन्थ में अपने मत का प्रतिपादन और दूसरो का खमडन तथा अन्य किसी विषय के पक्ष या विपक्ष में व्यर्थ के वादविवाद की कुचेष्टा नहीं होनी चाहिये ।

### अर्थपूर्ण उपाधि हेमाडपंत

वादविवाद शब्द से हमको स्मरण हो आया कि मैंने पाठको को वचन दिया है कि हेमाडपंत उपाधि किस प्रकार प्राप्त हुई, इसका वर्णन करूँगा । अब मैं उसका वर्णन करता हूँ ।

श्री काकासाहेब दीक्षित व नानासाहेब चांदोरकर मेरे अति घनिष्ठ मित्रों में से थे । उन्होंने मुझसे शिरडी जाकर श्री साई बाबा के दर्शने का लाभ उठाने का अनुरोध किया । मैंने उन्हें वचन दिया, परन्तु कुछ बाधा आ जाने के कारण मेरी छिरडी-यात्रा स्थगित हो गई । मेरे एक घनिष्ठ मित्र का पुत्र लोनावला में रोगग्रस्त हो गया था । उन्होंने सभी सम्भव आधिभौतिक और आध्यात्मिक उपचार किये, परन्तु सभी प्रत्यन निष्फल हुए और ज्वर किसी प्रकार भी कम न हुआ । अन्त में उन्होंने अपने गुरुदेव को उसके सिरहाने ज्वर बिठलाया, परंतु परिणैस पूर्ववत् ही हुआ । यह घटना देखकर मुझे विचार



आया कि जब गुरु एक बालक के प्राणों की भी रक्षा करने में असमर्थ है, तब उनकी उपयोगिता ही क्या है। और जब उनमें कोई सामर्थ्य ही नहीं, तब फिर शिरडी जाने से क्या प्रयोजन। ऐसा सोचकर मैंने अपनी यात्रा स्थगित कर दी। परंतु जो होनहार है, वह तो होकर ही पहेगा और वह इस प्रकार हुआ। प्रामताधिकारी नानासाहेब चांदोरकर बसई को दौरेपर जा रहे थे। वे ठाणा से दादर पहुँचे तथा बसई जाने वाली गाड़ी की प्रतीक्षा कर रहे थे। उसी समय बांद्रा लोकल आ पहुँची, जिसमें बैठकर वे बांद्रा पहुँचे तथा शिरडीयात्रा स्थगित करने के लिये मुझे आड़े हाथों लिया। नानासाहेब का तर्क मुझे उचित तथा सुखदायी प्रतीत हुआ और इसके फलस्वरूप मैंने उसी रात्रि शिरडी जाने का निश्चय किया और सामान बाँधकर शिरडी को प्रस्थान कर दिया। मैंने सीधे दादर जाकर वहाँ से मनमाड की गाड़ी पकड़ने का कार्यक्रम बनाया। इस निश्चय के अनुसार मैंने दादर जाने वाली गाड़ी के डिब्बे में प्रवेश किया। गाड़ी छूटने ही वाली थी कि इतने में एक यवन मेरे डिब्बे में आया और मेरा सामान देखकर मुझसे मेरा गन्तव्य स्थान पूछने लगा। मैंने अपना कार्यक्रम उसे बतला दिया। उसने मुझसे कहा कि मनमाड की गाड़ी दादर पर खड़ी नहीं होता, इसलिये सीधे बोरीबन्दर से होकर जाओ। यदि यह एक साधारण सी घटना घटित न हुई होती तो मैं अपने कार्यक्रम के अनुसार दूसरे दिन शिरडी न पहुँच सकने के कारण अनेक प्रकार की शंका-कुशंकाओं से घिर जाता। परंतु ऐसा घटना न था। भाग्य ने साथ दिया और दूसरे दिन 9-10 बजे के पूर्वही मैं शिरडी पहुँच गया। यह सन् 1910 की बात है, जब प्रवासी भक्तों के ठहरने के लिये साठेवाड़ा ही एकमात्र स्थान था। ताँगे से उतरने पर मैं साईबाबा के दर्शनों के लिये बड़ा लालायित था। उसी समय भक्तप्रवर श्री तात्यासाहेब नूलकर मसजिद से लौटे ही थे। उन्होंने बतलाया कि इस समय श्री साईबाबा मसजिद की मॉडपर ही हैं। अभी केवल उनका प्रारम्भिक दर्शन ही कर लो और फिर स्नानादि से निवृत्त होने के पश्चात्, सुविधा से भेंट करने जाना। यह सुनते ही मैं दौड़कर गया और बाबा की चरणवन्दना की। मेरी प्रसन्नता का पारावार न रहा। मुझे क्या नहीं मिल गया था। मेरा शरीर उल्लसित सा हो गया। क्षुधा और तृषा की सुधि जाती रही। जिस क्षण से उनके भवविनरशक चरणों का स्पर्श प्रार्त हुआ, मेरे जीवन के दर्शनार्थ परेरणग, प्रोत्साहन और सहायता पहुँचाई, उनके प्रति मेरा हृदय बारम्बार कृतज्ञता अनुभव करने लगा। मैं उनका सदैव के लिये ऋणी हो गया। उनका यह उपकार मैं कभी भूल न सकूँगा। यथार्थ में वे ही मेरे कुटुम्बी हैं और उनके ऋण से मैं कभी भी मुक्त न हो सकूँगा। मैं सदा उनका स्मरण कर उन्हें मानसिक प्रणाम किया करता हूँ। जैसा कि मेरे अनुभव में आया कि साई के दर्शन में ही यह विशेषता है कि वितार परिवर्तन तथा पिछले कर्मों का प्रभाव शीघ्र मंद पड़ने लगता है और शनैः शनैः अनासक्ति और सांसारिक भोगों से वैराग्य बढ़ता जाता है। केवल गत जन्मों के अनेक शुभ संस्कार एकत्रित होनेपर ही ऐसा दर्शन प्राप्त होना सुलभ हो सकता है। पाठको, मैं आपसे शपथपूर्वक कहता हूँ कि यदि आप श्री साईबाबा को एक दृष्टि भरकर देख लेंगे तो आपको सम्पूर्ण विश्व ही साईमय दिखलाई पड़ेगा।

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शिरडी पहुंचने के प्रथम दिन ही बालासाहेब तथा मेरे बीच गुरु की आवश्यकता पर वादविवाद छिड़ गया। मेरा मत था कि स्वतंत्रता त्यागकर पराधीन क्यों होना चाहिये तथा जब कर्म करना ही पड़ता है, तब गुरु की आवश्यकता ही कहां रही। प्रत्येक को पूर्ण प्रयत्न कर स्वयं को आगे बढ़ाना चाहिये। गुरु शिष्य के लिये करता ही क्या है। वह तो सुख से निद्रा का आनंद लेता है। इस प्रकार मैंने स्वतंत्रता का पक्ष लिया और बालासाहेब ने प्रारब्ध का। उन्होंने कहा कि जो विधि-लिखित है, वह घटित होकर रहेगा, इसमें उच्च कोटि के महापुरुष भी असफल हो गये हैं। कहावत है – मेरे मन कछु और है, धाता के कछु और। फिर परामर्शयुक्त शब्दों में बोले भाई साहब, यह निरी विद्वता छोड़ दो। यह अहंकार तुम्हारी कुछ भी सहायता न कर सकेगा। इस प्रकार दोनों पक्षों के खंडन-मंडन में लगभग एक घंटा व्यतीत हो गया और सदैव की भाँति कोई निष्कर्ष न निकल सका। इसीलिये तंग और विवश होकर विवाद स्थगित करनग पड़ा। इसका परिणाम यह हुआ कि मेरी मानसिक शांति भंग हो गई तथा मुझे अनुभव हुआ कि जब तक घोर दैहिक बुद्धि और अहंकार न हो, तब तक विवाद संभव नहीं। वस्तुतः यह अहंकार ही विवाद की जड़ है।

जब अन्य लोगों के साथ मैं मसजिद गया, तब बाबा ने काकासाहेब को संबोधित कर प्रश्न किया कि साठेबाड़ा में क्या चल रहा है। किस विषय में विवाद था। फिर मेरी ओर दृष्टिपात कर बोले कि इन हेमाडपंत ले क्या कहा। ये शब्द सुनकर मुझे अधिक अचम्भा हुआ। साठेबाड़ा और मसजिद में पर्याप्त अन्तर था। सर्वज्ञ या अंतर्ग्रामि हुए बिना बाबा को विवाद का ज्ञान कैसे हो सकता था।

मैं सोचने लगा कि बाबा हेमाडपंत के नाम से मुझे क्यों सम्बोधित करते हैं। यह शब्द तो हेमाद्रिपंत का अपभ्रंश है। हेमाद्रिपंत देवगिरि के यादव राजवंशी महाराजा महादेव और रामदेव के विख्यात मंत्री थे। वे उच्च कोटि के विद्वान्, उत्तम प्रकृति और चतुर्वर्ग चिंतामणि (जिसमें आध्यात्मिक विषयों का विवेचन है) और राजप्रशस्ति जैसे उत्तम काव्यों के रचयिता थे। उन्होंने ही हिसाब-किताब रखने की नवीन प्रणाली को जन्म दिया था और कहाँ मैं इसके विपरीत एक अज्ञानी, मूर्ख और मंदमति हूँ। अतः मेरी समझ में यह न आ सका कि मुझे इस विशेष उपाधि से विभूषित करने का क्या तात्पर्य है। गहन विचार करने पर मैं इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुँचा कि कही मेरे अहंकार को चूर्ण करने के लिये ही तो बाबा ने इस अस्त्र का प्रयोग नहीं किया है, ताकि मैं भविष्य में सदैव के लिए निरभिमानी एवं विनम्र हो जाऊँ, अथवा कहीं यह मेरे वाक्रचातुर्य के उपलक्ष में मेरी प्रशंसा तो नहीं है।

भविष्य पर दृष्टिपात करने से प्रतीत होता है कि बाबा के द्वारा हेमाडपंत की उपाधि से विभूषित करना कितना अर्थपूर्ण और भविष्यगोचर था। सर्वविदित है कि कालान्तर में दाभोलकर ने श्री साईबाबा संस्थान का प्रबन्ध कितने सुचारु एवं विद्वतापूर्ण ढंग से किया था। हिसाब-किताब आदि कितने उत्तम प्रकार से रखे तथा साथ ही साथ महाकाव्य साई सच्चरित्र की रचना भी की। इस ग्रन्थ में महत्त्वपूर्ण और आध्यात्मिक विषयों जैसे ज्ञान, भक्ति वैराग्य, शरणागति व आत्मनिवेदन आदि का समावेश है।

### गुरु की आवश्यकता

इस विषय में बाबा ने क्या उद्गार प्रकट

किये, इस पर हेमाडपंत द्वारा लिखित कोई



लेख या स्मृतिपत्र प्राप्त नहीं है। परंतु काकासाहेब दीक्षित ने इस विषय पर उनके लेख प्रकाशित किये हैं। बाबा से भेंट करने के दूसरे दिन हेमाडपंत और काकासाहेब ने मसजिद में जाकर गृह लौटने की अनुमति माँगी। बाबा ने स्वीकृति दे दी।

किसी ने प्रश्न किया – बाबा, कहाँ जायें। उत्तर मिला – ऊपर जाओ। प्रश्न – मार्ग कैसा है।

बाबा – अनेक पंथ है। यहाँ से भी एक मार्ग है। परंतु यह मार्ग दुर्गम है तथा सिंह और भेड़िये भी मिलते हैं।

काकासाहेब – यदि पथ प्रदर्शक भी साथ हो तो।

बाबा – तब कोई कष्ट न होगा। मार्ग-प्रदर्शक तुम्हारी सिंह और भेड़िये और खन्दकों से रक्षा कर तुम्हें सीधे निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर पहुँचा देगा। परंतु उसके अभाव में जंगल में मार्ग भूलने या गड्ढे में गिर जाने की सम्भावना है। दाभोलकर भी उपर्युक्त प्रसंग के अवसर पर वहाँ उपस्थित थे। उन्होंने सोचा कि जो कुछ बाबा कह रहे हैं, वह गुरु की आवश्यकता क्यों है। इस प्रश्न का उत्तर है (साईलीला भाग 1, संख्या 5 व पृष्ठ 47 के अनुसार)। उन्होंने सदा के लिये मन में यह गाँठ बाँध ली कि अब कभी इस विषय पर वादविवाद नहीं करेंगे कि स्वतंत्र या परतंत्र व्यक्ति आध्यात्मिक विषयों के लिये कैसा सिद्ध होगा। प्रत्युत इसके विपरीत यथार्थ में परमार्थ-लाभ केवल गुरु के उरदेश में किया गया है, जिसमें लिखा है कि राम और कृष्ण महान् अवतारी होते हुए भी आत्मानुभूति के लिये राम को अपने गुरु वसिष्ठ और कृष्ण को अपने गुरु सांदीपनि की शरण में जाना पड़ा था। इस मार्ग में उन्नति प्राप्त करने के लिये केवल श्रद्धा और धैर्य-ये ही दो गुण सहायक हैं।

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# *Spiritual Articles*



# God is Everywhere

By: Kavita Kaul

The atheists say, "Prove God." The agnostic says, "Show me God." The believer says, "I just believe even though I cannot prove it or show you God." The irony is that there is one answer to all of them. "Look at yourself in the mirror, to know, see and prove that God is real."

We are all made of thousands of cells; each by itself is endowed with cosmic intelligence and energy. Each cell is matter itself made of atoms. However the atoms in each of the cells do not have the same function and structure. They all have a different cosmic design preordained by the cosmic intelligence via cosmic energy. Nobody programmes each cell or directs them to do their specific duties, however the functions are carried out relentlessly - day in and day out which in and of itself is proof of the existence of God. Science of the universe can only be proven using all of the signs of God around us.

The same intelligence that helps the tree grow straight up towards the sun is also in the roots that grow downwards. The same intelligence that makes an apple fall down is also in the airplane that flies high in the air. The same intelligence that is in the river flowing downstream is also in the Salmon that is swimming upstream to lay its eggs. The same intelligence that gives life is also in the moment that ceases life. The same intelligence in a tall skyscraper standing tall is also in the flat pavements and sidewalks on the side of the road. The same intelligence that divides the cell in the womb to create man is also in the cell that creates a woman. So every living and non-living thing, plant and animal, you and I have the same cosmic energy, and intelligence working within at all times until it is time for the force to be withdrawn at the sole will of this cosmic power- God.

Then when we pray to God, or think of God, or invoke God to help us in all our trials and tribulations why do we only imagine an external God to be our guide? Should we not also think of our own internal self to feel the same God



we are trying to implore? It is the same God holding your hand, or giving you a hug when in need as much as it is the same God within you that gives you the strength to come out of difficult situations. So when we do help someone in need, it is the same God within you that gives you the inspiration to do so, as much as when you are able to solve difficult situations by yourselves, or when wonderful ideas just cross your mind resulting in great world discoveries and inventions. It is the same intelligence that orchestrates one's lives to serendipitously find the perfect job, or the perfect soul mate, or win the lottery ticket unexpectedly.

Then by the same token, why do we feel such satisfaction within ourselves when we are vengeful, when we say something hurtful to someone because we have been hurt? Do we forget that the same God is within all of us so when we hurt another we inadvertently hurt ourselves? One receives as much as he is ready to receive depending on what one is deserving of based on the actions and reactions in the past. The closer one gets to God within, the greater the chances of appropriateness of actions and reactions of the body. So why do we forget that God is everywhere including within us? To believe, see, know, and prove God, Sai Baba of Shirdi explains the 9 ways of devotion. In all forms of devotion invoking the Omnipresent God within and without is imminent.

Baba said there are nine forms of Bhakti or Devotion:

1. Shravana – Hearing about God
2. Keertana- Praying to God
3. Smarana– Remembering God- Meditating
4. Padasevana - Resorting to Feet of God- unconditional respect and dedication
5. Archana – Worshipping God
6. Namaskara - Bowing to God
7. Dasya - All Service dedicated to God
8. Sakhya – All Friendships dedicated to God
9. Atmanivedana – Surrender of the Self to God.

If any of these is faithfully followed, Lord will be pleased and manifest Himself in the home of the devotee.





# Live & Let Live

By: Ashok Jain

All of us in the Universe want to live our lives happily. Each one of us has a developed consciousness and we call ourselves humans living a hierarchal existence. We trust that we are intelligent and powerful thereby dictate terms in this world and living a life we choose to. We allow no restraint in our living methods oblivious to the pain and hurt we cause to some per se. We adorn ourselves with ornamentation and we delight our taste buds with blood and skin of other living beings constantly, overlooking their pain.

I don't want to be in pain, I would take every medicine to be free from pain and so would you. You would not like to be forced upon to work/toil beyond your wish, you would not like to be dealt with unjustly, and you would not like to be separated from your loved ones, your family. You and I mourn the death of our near and dear ones, we remember them, we miss them, we feel the pain; yet we forget the complicated relationship which other species have within their members. Our family, my needs, your needs are the only things which we can think of while forgetting everything else. You would not want to return late to your home after your day at work; you would be scared and stressed if there is curfew in your city; you would call your family the moment you hear news of disaster in some place.

Think for a moment how much pain we could be giving to animal species who bond with each other, who form associations like you and me, who feel pain/pleasure like you and me with our family. The pain felt by dying animals, the curse of the soul which could not fulfil its destiny in the world and became somebody's coat or a plate of food, would make your food filled with negative vibrations, darker than anything which you would certainly not like if you could see those vibrations and feel them. At a fundamental level every matter is in a vibrational state, our thoughts/our deeds create vibrations, create karmic forces/bindings on us with or without our knowledge. Immaterial of our awareness, we have to reap everything which we sow. While we do acts laughingly, we reap them despairingly. Nothing lasts forever in this world, our position, our power, our youth, our intelligence and our arrogance; nothing can help overcome natural laws, nothing can block karmic fruition. We can choose to



keep our eyes closed; but reality would not turn its face away. Time is running out, life is precious; life is invaluable in fact. Billions of souls want to occupy the body which you have now; billions of souls want to be born in this earth; human life is so precious and yet so wasted. Meaningless pursuits, false beliefs, bubble like pleasures all the while being diabolical; self-centered, cruel and with double standards.

Our behaviour excels while our character erodes every day. Life is so short, every moment we are closer to death than previous moment; yet we do not realize the importance of time and this life. I wish and pray that may everyone align their life for the real purpose for which they took birth; every birth is to learn, to understand the importance of eternal values, to pay debt, to do our part, to chisel our self while creating it new. Seek God, seek self; cry that God realization is still far away. Ramakrishna had said that the joy of God is million times better than happiness obtained from trinkets of the world. There is only one place in this universe where you can change the course of your soul journey and that is this earth and in human life. While you are in heaven/hell or in earth as another species; you have no degree of freedom to work out your karmas. Human life is the only available opportunity to steer our lives. Can we start aligning our life as per natural laws, as per divine principles; can we not be a little more helpful, a little more forbearing, a little less indulgent, a little less cruel, a little less of rage, a little more of hope, a little less of greed and hoarding. We can certainly live without killing other species, we can certainly live with lesser greed and more open heart. If we try to align ourselves by the higher self we will always find our destination. Peace and love to all of you. Sai Ram.



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