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Words of Wisdom—From our Guruji



AMRUTHA VAKKULU

In life, we all dance to the tunes of God. Some times it is romance, some times it is villainy, some other times it is humour etc., He plays many different tunes and makes you dance. He has made you as a source of his entertainment. You were born to entertain him. That's why life is choiceless. He determines whether to oblige by, what you choose or not. Hence you have no choice in life, except to dance to his tunes. Learn to accept life as it comes, to be JOYOUS!!!

To stick on to a principle and be principled in life needs a lot of conviction. Some only are capable of boasting with arrogance, about sticking on to principles. They would have antagonized others with their short sighted behaviour. Over a period of time, they realize how weak they are, and try send signals to others. But by the time realisation dawns, they would have shattered the trust of those whom they antagonised. Winning them back becomes an uphill task. So know your limitations and be level headed at all times.

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LORD'S MERCY

&

GRACE !!!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 05/15/2018
Amavasya
(Prathyamgira
Abhishekam)
- ◆ 05/26/2018
Shani Pradosham /
iCAPS Program
- ◆ 05/28/2018
Memorial Day
- ◆ 06/02/2018
-Akanda Satcharitra
Paraayanam(9am)
- iCAPS Music &
Dance festival
- ◆ 06/13/2018
Amavasya
(Prathyamgira
Abhishekam)

Sri Sai Satcharita in our daily life - Sankar Kumar



Chana Leela, Sudhama, Anna Chinchanikar, Moushi Bhai

When we surrender our ego at Baba's lotus feet, we will succeed in all our endeavors. By listening to these stories we will be rewarded with material and spiritual happiness.

Chana Leela

Sundays are fair days at Shirdi. Lots of people will gather to buy things from the fair. One Sunday, when Hemadpant was doing seva to Baba, one Mr. Vaman Rao noticed a few chana grains rolling from Hemadpant's coat sleeve. Baba jokingly said that Hemadpant used to go to the fair, buy chana and eat alone to which Hemadpant refuted saying he never goes to the fair. Baba reminded him whether he offers every time he eats, to offer it to Baba, even in His absence. Thus He taught everyone present there a noble lesson to offer everything to Baba first.

Sudhama

There is a parallel story in Mahabharat. In His younger days when Lord Krishna was studying at Guru Sandipani's Gurukul, one day guru's wife asked them to go to forest

to fetch some wood for cooking. Krishna went ahead and his friend Sudhama started after Him, when the Guru's wife gave Sudhama, some peanuts to be shared with Krishna. But Sudhama waited till Krishna to fall asleep and then started eating it alone. Krishna woke up and asked Sudhama about it to which the friend replied that he is not eating anything. Krishna smiled and went back to sleep. For lying to the Lord, Sudhama became very poor in his later years and his difficulties got over when he offered poha to Lord Krishna.

Anna Chinchanikar

One day Baba was lying down and Anna Chinchanikar and a lady known as Moushi Bhai were doing seva to Baba. Once, Anna's head came very near to Moushi Bhai and she joked that despite getting old, Anna comes to kiss her. Anna got very angry and prepared to start a fight with her. Baba diffused the situation by saying, there is nothing wrong in kissing one's mother!

Moushi Bhai

Another time, when Moushi Bhai was massaging Baba's stomach very forcibly, everyone was afraid that it might hurt Baba. Baba got angry and stood up against a pillar with His msadka pressing his stomach. All feared that it is going to pierce Baba's stomach. Then, Baba became calmer and sat down. Thus He demonstrated that no one should come in

between another devotee's seva to Baba.

BOW TO SRI SAI

PEACE BE TO ALL!!

LIFE APPLICATIONS

- * Surrender your ego at Baba's lotus feet to get salvation.
- * Offer whatever you do or eat to Baba all the time.
- * By offering first to god, the food we eat gets purified.
- * Treat women as your mother.
- * Never interfere with another devotee's seva activity.

**Sri Satchidananda Sadguru
Sainath Maharaj Ki Jai !**



Saiamrutham — *"There is a wall of separation between you and others and between you and me. Destroy this wall!"*

Wedding of a Mouse

There was a beautiful hermitage along the banks of Ganges where Guru Yagnavalkya lived with other sages and disciples. They had a rigorous discipline and lived and prayed for the welfare of the masses.

One day when Guru Yagnavalkya was taking bath in the morning, a hawk which was flying above with its prey, a mouse, dropped it and the mouse fell right in the hands of the Guru. The Guru decided to save the mouse's life and changed the mouse into a beautiful girl. He brought the girl to his wife and they decided to bring her up themselves.

When the girl was of marriageable age, Guru Yagnavalkya asked the girl's opinion about marriage and suggested she get married to the Sun God. But the girl was terrified and said the Sun is very hot and angry and he cannot be a good husband. So, the Guru summoned the Sun God and asked him who is better than him. The Sun replied that the king of Clouds is better than him, because he can hide the might of the Sun itself.

But the girl was not ready to marry the king of the Cloud and said he is dark, wet and a wanderer and will not be a good husband. Yagnavalkya summoned the Cloud King and asked who is better than him. The king of the Clouds replied that the King of the Wind is mightier than him as he can move the clouds all the time.

The girl was aghast and said that the Wind King would not be suitable for her as he is very fast, moves all the time in any direction and said so. Then the Guru summoned the King of the Wind and asked who might be mightier than him. The King of the Winds replied that the king of the Mountain might be better than him, as he has the strength to stop him.

When the Girl was asked this time, she is not happy and said the Mountain King is too hard, rigid and immovable. The Guru approached the Mountain King and asked who might be mightier than him. The King of Mountain replied that the King of Mice would be mightier than him because the mice will poke holes in the mountain all the time and make them weaker.

When the King of Mice was summoned, the girl could not say anything negative and was very happy. Then Guru Yagnavalkya changed her back into a mouse and married her off to the King of Mice.

MORAL OF THE STORY

However people might appear on the outside, in born qualities never change.

SRIDHARAAMRITHAM

When unconditional love flows it results in freedom and joy. When love is conditional, it cannot be called "Love", because it restricts freedom and consequentially the joy.

SERVICES IN THE TEMPLE

Priest's services like Yantra Puja, Gruha Pravesham, Satyanarayana Vratam, Pitru Karma Seemantham, Upanayanm, Vahana Puja etc., are available which will be performed at devotees homes for their good health and prosperity. We also do archanas, abhishekams for all our deities.

Seva (Volunteering) opportunities are also available at the temple.

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services/ or contact the
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SURRENDER

We hear a lot about “surrender” in the spiritual path. What is it, and how do we achieve it? Sri Krishna said, “Do your duty, leave the rest to God”. That is surrender in the simplest words. We must do our duty, giving our 100% sincere efforts, but leave how it turns out in God’s hands. Once we get attached to the results, once we want the results to be in a certain way, that is where the expectation starts and the disappointment and suffering begins.

Surrender is nothing but letting go. It is about taking life as it comes, without any complaints. It is about cherishing all the goodness we receive, and learning the right lessons from all the experiences we get. It is about putting our trust in God that even the worst that happens is for a good reason. It is about remaining calm and collected even when things seem to make it impossible.

Pondicherry Mother said the quiet confidence even under the worst of circumstances is the most important quality of a spiritual seeker. Only when we do not have such confidence, even a little thing would worry us and keep us off balance. She said, “All suffering is the sign that the surrender is not total.” Let us strive to achieve the state total surrender, so that it will help us spiritually and also in everyday life.

***** GOD BLESS *****

EXPECTATIONS EXPECTATIONS EXPECTATIONS !!!

When will one learn to do away with them and the associated frustrations!

What is it that we are looking for , that we thrive for others perceptions, When we have so many of our own, for our own satisfaction!!

Why look up to others knowing that it is their road, their destinations!

Ours are different, means are different, our own passions!!

Do we seek them often in people whom we consider close to our hearts and feel bad in desperation? !

Or is it just human nature to be craving for others appreciation? !!

The only path to adopt is renunciation!

With the complete understanding that no one knows better than one's own "inner self", the "cause and effect" of all creation !!

***Existence of the Lord* - Shankar Narayanan**

Existence of the Lords from TEN to ONE !!!

He manifested as 'NARAYAN' in all the 'TEN' avatars!

He is directing all the 'NINE' planets!

He is as a vast expanse in all the 'EIGHT' directions!

He is those mellifluous 'SEVEN' swaras of music!

His ways of existence are 'SIX' as saiva, vaishnava..et all!

His existence are of 'FIVE' as air, earth, ether, fire and water!

His words are there in the 'FOUR' vedas!

His name is 'TEEN MOORTHI' - Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma!

He dwells in every creature in 'TWO' forms as Male and Female!

**And we call him 'BRAHMAM OKKADE', the 'ONE' and we see him as the
'ONE' as our 'GURU MAHARAJ'!**

JAI GURUBHYO NAMAH!!!

MAHA GANAPATHI

Maha Ganapathi is the thirteenth form of the 32 forms of Lord Ganapathi.

Appereance of Maha Ganapathi

The Lord appears with ten hands and is red in complexion and seen with his consort seated on the left thigh. On his hand holds his tusk, a pomegranate, a sugarcane bow, chakra (discuss), noose, a blue lily, a sprig of paddy, a lotus, a mace and ratnakumbha (pot containing gems).

Maha Ganapathi Dhyanam

Hasteemdranana Minduchuda Marunachayam
Trinetram Rasah Dashilishtam Priyaya Sa
Padmakaraya Svankashtayah Santatam
Beejapooraa Gadekshu Karmuka Laschhakrabja
Pashotapala Vreehagra Svavishaana
Ratna Kalasham Hastaih Vahantam bhaje

Worship

Pushya Nakshatra is associated with this form of Ganesha. It is believed that worshipping this form of Ganapati will give prosperity to his devotees. In the temple of Dwaraka, it is believed that Lord Krishna is offering prayer to Ganapati.

VIJAYA GANAPATHI

Vijaya Ganapathi is the fourteenth among the 32 forms of Ganesha.

Appereance of Vijaya Ganapathi

In this form the Lord appears in a red hue with four hands sitting on a Mooshika Vahana (rat) which depicted in proportionate size. On his main right hand holds his favorite fruit golden mango and upper right hand the noose. On the main left hand holds his tusk and upper left hand an elephant goad. The word 'Vijaya' means the 'The Victorious'.

Vijaya Ganapathi Dhyanam

Pashankusha Svadhantamra Phalavan
Akhuvahanah Vighnam Nihantu Nah
Sarvam Raktavarno Vinayakah

Worship

Ashlesha Nakshatra is associated with this form of Ganapati. It is believed that worshipping this form of Ganapati brings success to devotees in all their ventures.

*** KARMA MOSS * - Priya Iyer**

**Each one a Karma Moss,
Some in awareness, others in oblivion!**

**Disguised in choices and personalities,
Gallantly strolling limitations!**

**Crusty layers of identities,
Clouds of memories and fascinations!**

**Repeat and recycle, repeat and recycle,
All over again, replenish and recycle!**

**Until one day, I explode in you,
Nothing remains, not even a mildew!**

**Scaffold it is, always anew,
Glossy truth, beheld by few!**

**Each one a Karma moss,
Some in awareness, others in oblivion!**

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ITS OUR FRIEND "SARAH"



Once, on a totally pitch dark Amavasya day, in heavy rains, I was carrying my Master Maharishi Rajar on my shoulders and walking.

*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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A long plastic sheet covered his head and it was hanging till the ground.

Suddenly due to a gust of wind, the plastic sheet blew away. Then my Master said, "Let us halt somewhere and then go after the rain reduces."



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*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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So, we just stopped below a tree. But the rains continued to lash and there were sudden flash floods, the water level all around started rising. So I just took my master on my shoulders and started walking in the flood waters. The force of the water currents was very high, all of a sudden, we realised we were drawn into a big river and it was in spite.

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Then, a miracle happened. Though I was not walking at all and just standing, we were still moving; slowly at first and then at a considerable speed.

*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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Maharshi Rajar whispered in my ears, "Hey, what a speed! When did you learn such tricks? I never taught you this."

I said, "I don't know what is happening Master. I am not moving an inch. But something below my feet is just taking us ahead."

Even in the inclement situation and pouring rain, Maharshi Rajar laughed uproariously and it thundered across the forest.

Then he said, "Nothing to worry, it's our friend Sarah."

Soon we reached the other side just as the dawning morning light was dispelling the darkness. Maharshi Rajar got down from my shoulders and went to Sarah and patted her on the head. Sarah was a crocodile of the Mugger variety, an Indian crocodile. Whenever I see her today, I always remember this incident.



*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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During the days prior to his Samadhi, whenever I visited Maharshi Rajar, we used to sit for long hours chatting or sit for long hours in meditation. While chatting, sometimes, he would lie with his head on my lap.

Sometimes, even while meditating I would be sitting and meditating and he would keep his head on my lap and meditate.

When we used to go from place to place, he would sit on my shoulders, with both his legs hanging down by my arms and catching onto my head for a better grip. Those were unique and unforgettable moments.

I once asked Maharshi Rajar about his age. He said it was 278 years. Then he laughed and added that he was more than 600 years old. He was not joking. Souls like Maharshi Rajar assume the human form and enter this world for a purpose. As they are totally free from attachments and selfishness, they have none to favour and nothing to fear. Recently, Maharshi Rajar left his physical body as the purpose for which he had come into the world was fulfilled.

Maharshi Rajar was an incarnation of Agni Bhagawaan (fire God) himself in human form. He used to wear a "U" shaped Naamam with a 5 angled star in the center. He also used to wear such Naamams on his forehands.



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*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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 SARVA TANTRA SWATANTRA SAARVA BHOWMA
 CHAITANYA MAHA PURUSHA SRI TANTRAAGNI SWAROOPA
 SRI PARAMAHAMSA PRAYOGA RAJA SRI SATCHINANDA SWAROOPA
SRI SRI SRI RAJAR MAHARAJ

