

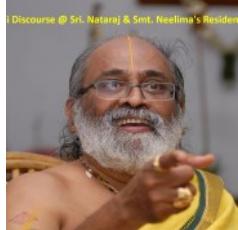


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Words of Wisdom—From our Guruji



AMRUTHA VAKKULU

The word 'Responsibility' will have a divine meaning when something is done with love. When love is absent, 'Responsibility' is more burden some. When we love doing something to whom we love any sort of 'Responsibility' be it financial or moral or social or psychological will not look burden some. When this love is absent, due to the anxiety taking over us, we feel that the 'responsibility' is very worrisome, cumbersome and burdensome. So while considering yourself being 'responsible' also look at the love factor which may help to clear your mind, to look at it with more clarity, determination, courage to live with it and perform to your optimal best.

When you are with the master you should listen to him and not hear to him. Listening should be from the

heart and not the mind. Heart is guided by utmost good faith and love where as mind is full of suspicion and doubts. Mind always will be in to comparison. Once you start getting doubts, mind has started playing tricks with you. Now to control this horse called mind is going to be extremely difficult.

It is always better to compromise in life and move forward instead of rigidly clinging on to one's own views. The life offers more for person who compromises. Some have been adamant not to compromise at the opportune moment in life and have wasted a major portion of life. I know of a girl who got delayed in getting married to a person of her choice, lamenting with others that she was feeling jealous of other married couples. Such uncompromising attitude will lead to a lot of resentment and jealousy more so when the reality hits hard on such people.

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LORD'S MERCY

&

GRACE !!!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/12/2018 Naaga Panchami
- ◆ 12/13/2018 Shashti, Baba Abhishekam
- ◆ 12/25/2018 Sankatahara Chaturthi
- ◆ 12/31/2018 New Year's Eve 9pm to midnight prayers

Sri Sai Satcharita in our daily life - Sankar Kumar



Fantastic stories about Two Goa Gentlemen. 2. Mrs. Aurangabadkar.

One day, two gentlemen from Goa came to Shirdi and bowed to Sai. Baba asked for Rs. 15 from one of them only but didn't accept dakshina from the other who willingly offered Rs. 35. When Shama inquired about the significance of this act, Baba said, 'You don't know anything Shamma. I never ask anything from anybody. I collect only what the Dwaraka Mayi asks me to do. I don't have any obligations and am free. There is no escape from debt, enmity and murder.'

Then He narrated two different stories. In one, He told of a man who promised to give his first month salary if he gets a job, which I collected. In the other, a man lost Rs.30000 and when a fakir told him to surrender to noble Fakir who can restore his lost money. He did likewise and got back his money. He wanted

to meet this Fakir and came to board a ship when a worker in the ship helped him to get a seat and he arrived at the Masjid Mayi.

Then, Baba asked them to go to Shama's place for food. Shama asked the two if they knew the significance of these two stories when both of them cried and said Baba told exactly what happened in their lives and wondered at Sai's all-knowing powers.

There was a gentleman called Sakharam Aurangabadkar who had no children for the last 27 years. His wife came to Shirdi and served Baba sincerely for two months. She pleaded with Shama to recommend to Baba of her plight. One day, after lunch, Shama asked her to be ready with a coconut and to come when he signaled her. She did so and Shama asked her to give the coconut to Baba. Baba joked about this act initially and broke the coconut but after much persuasion, He relented and assured her that she will get a child in a year. Shama proclaimed that if this didn't come true, he himself will break a

coconut on Baba's head but as Sai assured that the lady got a child within a year. All three came to Shirdi and offered Rs.500, which was used to buy the horse ShyamKarna.

BOW TO SRI SAI

PEACE BE TO ALL!!

LIFE APPLICATIONS

- * **Vows made to god and noble souls must be fulfilled faithfully.**
- * **Sai is all knowing and omniscient.**
- * **Baba's words will always come true.**
- * **Keep the faith and wait patiently. He will provide.**

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



Saiamrutham — "There are many ways leading there; there is one way also from here (Shirdi). The way is difficult. There are tigers and wolves in the jungles on the way. The guide will take you straight to your destination, avoiding wolves, tigers and ditches etc. on the way. If there be no guide, there is the danger of your being lost in the jungles or falling into ditches "

“I”

Once there was a big old Palace. In that Palace, lived a lizard. The Palace was in a very bad condition that it was almost about to collapse, but somehow it survived. Then the lizard thought, “It is good that I am holding this Palace up. If not for me, what a disaster it would have been!”

There was a tall and old temple in a village. One day a bunch of mosquitoes went and sat on the temple tower. Exactly at the same time the temple tower happened to collapse. The mosquitoes thought, “Oh, how strong we are! We are able to bring a big temple down!”

The Great Guru Sri. Gnanananda SwamigaL used to say this to explain how foolish the Ego is. He says this is very similar to people saying, “I did this”, and “I did that”, and taking credit for everything that is happening.

Sri Ramakrishna says that it is very difficult to get rid of one’s ego. So he says we should try to have the “I” as a devotee, as in “I am the child of the Divine Mother”, “I am the servant of Lord Krishna”, instead of having the dangerous “I”.

When we truly realize Divine is Everything, we will automatically know “I” is nothing.

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

What Mantra you used on us? What Tantra you have on us?

With which Astra you had tide us? With which Sastra you surrounded us?

When will we realise us? And when will we realease us?

We are now “immovable” totally forgetting about our “immovables”,

We have become “valuable” forgetting about our “valuables”,

We are totally transformed as “children’s forgetting about our childrens,

Oh! Our Bhagwan, What miracle you do on us....

Don’t realease us from this ecstasy

Don’t realease us from your bond

Don’t realease from your clutches.

For we are always at your feet !!!

*** PRANAMS PRANAMS PRANAMS ***

PANCHATANTRA TALES - Sathya Ramkumar

THE STORY OF A POTTER

Yudhistra was a poor potter. Whatever he earned during the day, he used to drink during the night and thus remained poor. One day, when he drank a little bit too much, fell and broke his pots. His head hit on a big piece of broken pot and cut his forehead a deep gash. He bled profusely, but slept without bothering to even clean up. He woke up next day, noticed the mess but went on his day. The big wound left a huge scar on his forehead as days progressed.

After some months, his village was hit by famine and he decided to leave the village when everyone else did. His entourage ended up working in the royal household. One day, the King noticed his scar and thought him to be a warrior and without any enquiry promoted Yudhistra to serve as a warrior. His friends from the village all knew him too well and were seething with anger but could not talk against this injustice to the King.

Soon after a battle ensued and the King summoned all his warriors and gave an encouraging speech and showered them with gifts. When the King came near the potter, he enquired about the scar and in which battle he had acquired it. The potter was terrified about the proposition of going into battle and was very nervous and blabbered the truth about the scar.

The King was angry at himself for promoting the potter earlier, but immediately dismissed him from the army. Potter was sad and requested the King to allow himself to serve in the army. But the King took his stance and told Yudhistra that he being not a real warrior, other soldiers will ridicule him and he will be killed eventually by his own army men.

The potter understood the situation and returned to his pottery business.

MORAL OF THE STORY

Be genuine: pretending to be not what you are will always end up in misery.

SRIDHARAAMRITHAM

When one is assertive, they will also know humility. They will know the art of being humble and yet assertive. An arrogant person seldom knows of humbleness.

SERVICES IN THE TEMPLE

Priest's services like Yantra Puja, Gruha Pravesham, Satyanarayana Vratam, Pitru Karma, Seemantham, Upanayanam, 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.

For more details please visit our website:

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* 32 Forms of Lord Ganapathi (Dwimukha Ganapathi & Trimukha Ganapathi) *

DWIMUKHA GANAPATHI



TRIMUKHA GANAPATHI



Dwimukha Ganapathi is the twenty seventh form of the 32 forms of Lord Ganapathi.

Appereance of Dwimukha Ganapathi

In this form, the lord is seen with two faces and four arms which symbolically represents that the lord sees in all the directions. He wears a bejeweled crown and holds a noose, goad, his tusk and a pot of gems. He is called as the Janus by the romans because of his two faced image.

Dwimukha Ganapathi Dhyanam

Svadamtapashamkusharatnapatram
Karairdadhano Harinilagatrah
Ratnamshuko Ratnakiritamali
Bhutyai Sada Bhavate Me Dwimuko Ganeshah

Worship

There are no particular temples attached to this form of Lord Ganapathi. However the paintings of 32 forms of Lord Ganapathi can be seen in the temples of Thiruvanathapuram in South India. Also the temples in Chamarajanagar and Nanjangud in Mysore have all the 32 forms of Ganesha Sculptures.

Trimukha Ganapathi is the twenty eighth among the 32 forms of Ganesha.

Appereance of Trimukha Ganapathi

In this form the lord is depicted as having three faces and sits on a golden lotus, holding a noose, goad and a vessel of nectar. He gestures protection with a right hand and blessings with the left.

Trimukha Ganapathi Dhyanam

Shrumattikshna Shikamkushaksha
Varadandakshe Dadhanah Karaih
Pashamcamruta Purnakumbhamabhayam
Vame Dadhano Muda
Pithe Svarnamayaravimda
Vilasatsatkarnika Bhasure
Svasinastrimukah Palasharuciro
Nagananah Patu Nah

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HAPPY DECEMBER - Sai Varanasi

The month of December, though cold and makes us quiver,
 It brings a lot of warmth, as we get together,
 To ring in great times for us to remember!

Snow flakes flurry, as if in a hurry,
 To bring great tidings to make our lives,
 Oh! So merry!

The mistletoe brings in the magic of the season,
 Loving and giving being the underlying reason!

The Christmas bells jingle,
 Kids in frenzy, giggle,
 Writing to Santa to drop the gifts down the chimney on the mantle!

It is a season to show that we care,
 It creates a reason for mankind's welfare,
 It shows the magic in the gift of giving,
 It proves that "real" happiness lies in caring and sharing!

*****HAPPY DECEMBER...HAPPY HOLIDAYS*****

*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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ONCE SUYEN ASKED...

Once Su Yen and I had a conversation as follows,

Su Yen: My dear boy, you have a lot of reverence for me?

Me: Yes, Master

Su Yen: My dear boy, you have a lot of love for me?

Me: Yes, Master

Su Yen: OK, if I ask you to give up everything for me, will you?

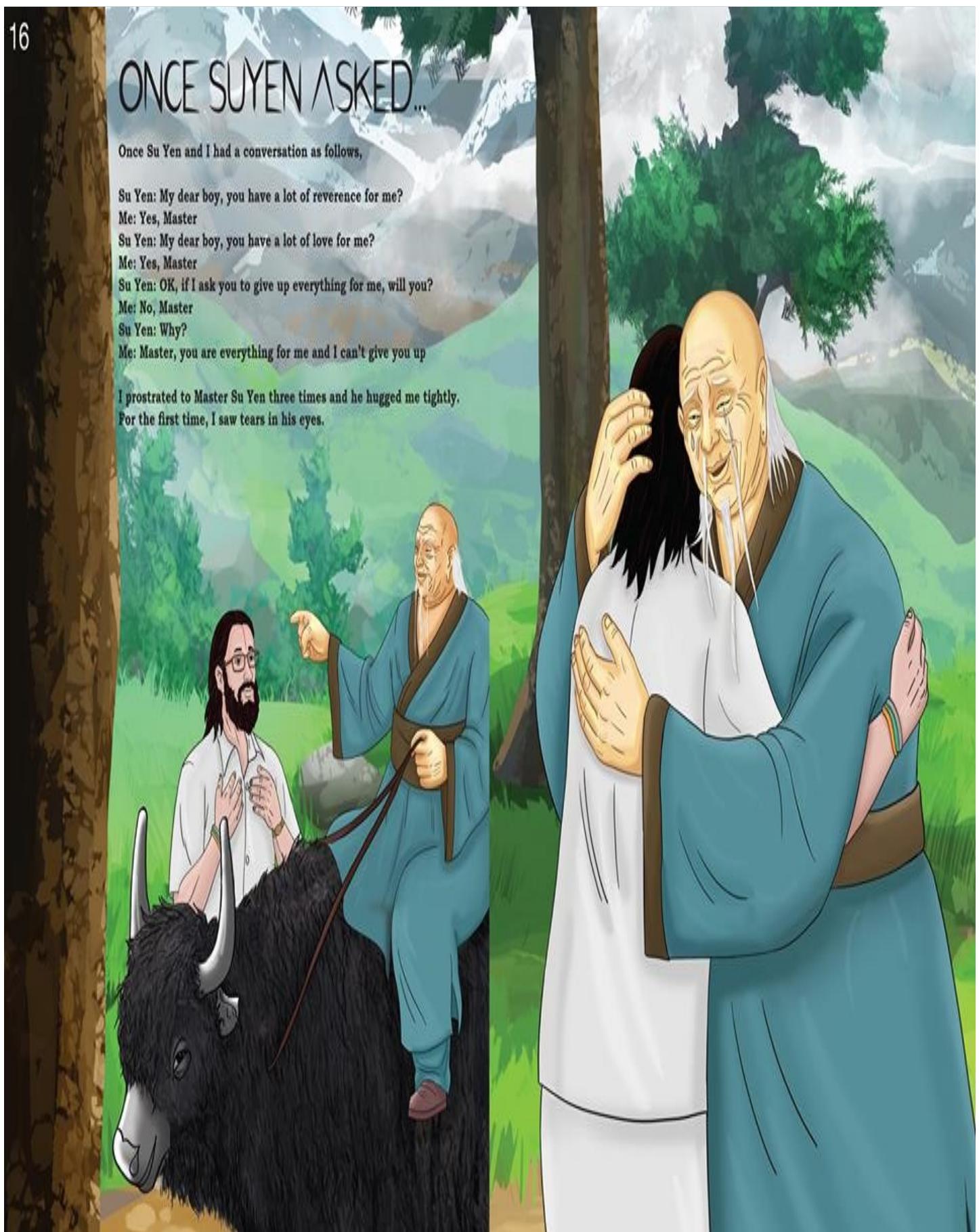
Me: No, Master

Su Yen: Why?

Me: Master, you are everything for me and I can't give you up

I prostrated to Master Su Yen three times and he hugged me tightly.

For the first time, I saw tears in his eyes.



*** PRAYOGI PARAYANAM ***

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CONVERSATIONS WITH MASTER SU YEN

Master Su Yen asked me one day,

Su Yen: What is our path? What is our way?

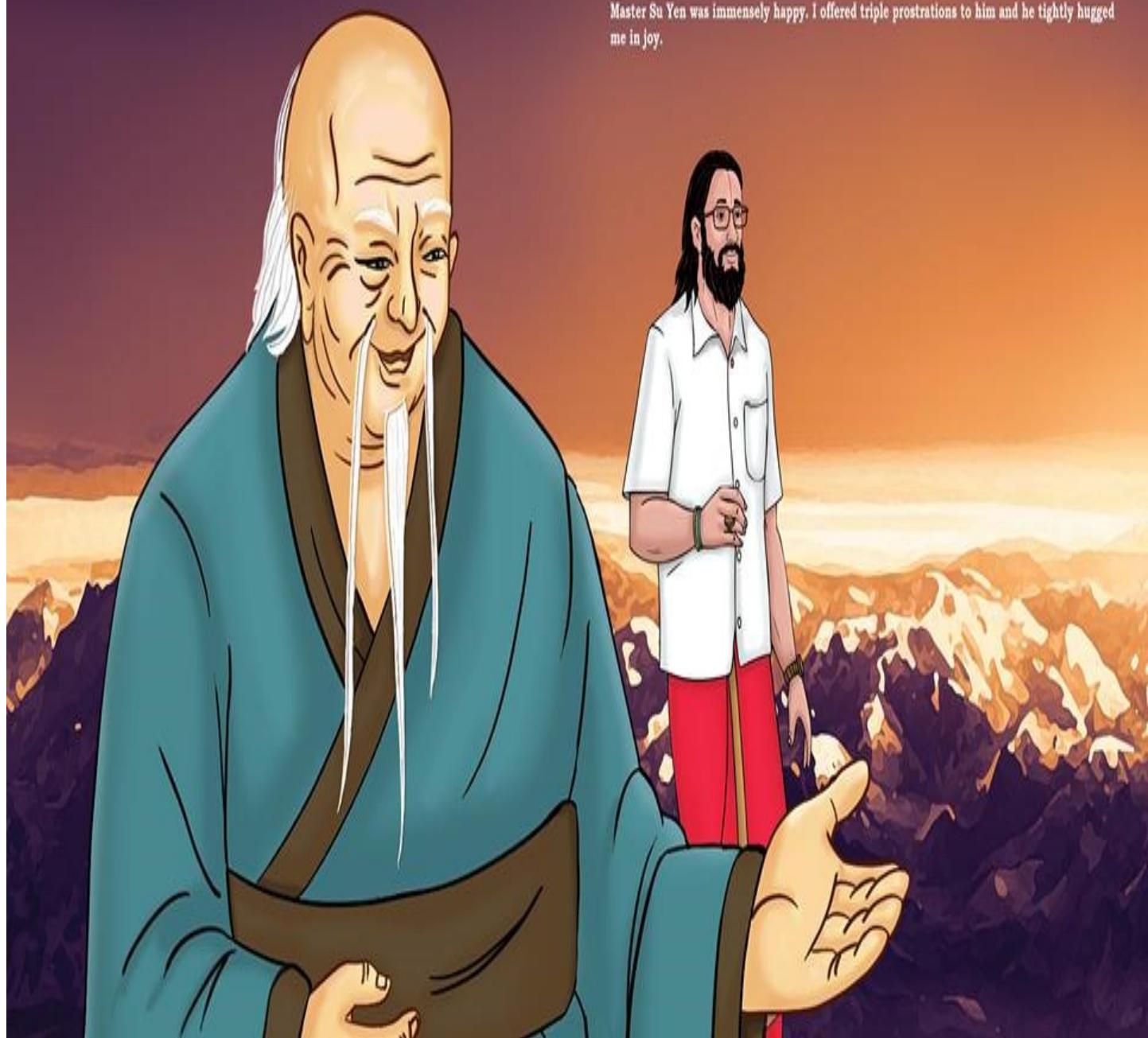
Me: Master with due respects to you and your vast expanse of wisdom, I stand nowhere before you.

You test me always to bring the best out of me. Is there anything like 'our path' or 'our way'?

Su Yen roared in laughter and said, "OK, OK. What is the path? What is the way?"

Me: Oh revered Master, the way, the path, as a bird flies across the sky, leaving no trail of a path or a way.

Master Su Yen was immensely happy. I offered triple prostrations to him and he tightly hugged me in joy.



* PRAYOGI PARAYANAM *

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Master Su Yen: You were with many masters. Can you express in one line what you learnt from them?

Me: I am neither the doer nor reaper of consequences and that I am always free

Master Su Yen: Then who are you?

Me: Righteousness and unrighteousness, pleasure and pain are purely of the mind and are of no concern to me

Master Su Yen: How to achieve that stage?

Me: There is nothing to achieve. There is nothing to surpass. There is nothing to win over.

My pure self is just as perfect as it is

Master Su Yen: Then what is the purpose of being born with physique and mind?

Me: Just to realise that perishable elements perish and the imperishable stands out

Master Su Yen: Where this leads to?

Me: The imperishable being a witness to all actions of perishable

Master Su Yen: What do you think made you this way?

Me: Grace Master, Grace !

Master Su Yen: We are proud of you. You have arrived. Nothing more needs to be taught, you are in the state of Sthitha Pragna. We see ourselves in you, my son

Master Su Yen hugged me.

Master Su Yen: What is faith?

Me: Faith is just faith. Faith is more from heart. Faith in something and knowing that to be cent per cent true even though your mind cannot find answers, there is total absence of mind.

Master Su Yen: What is trust?

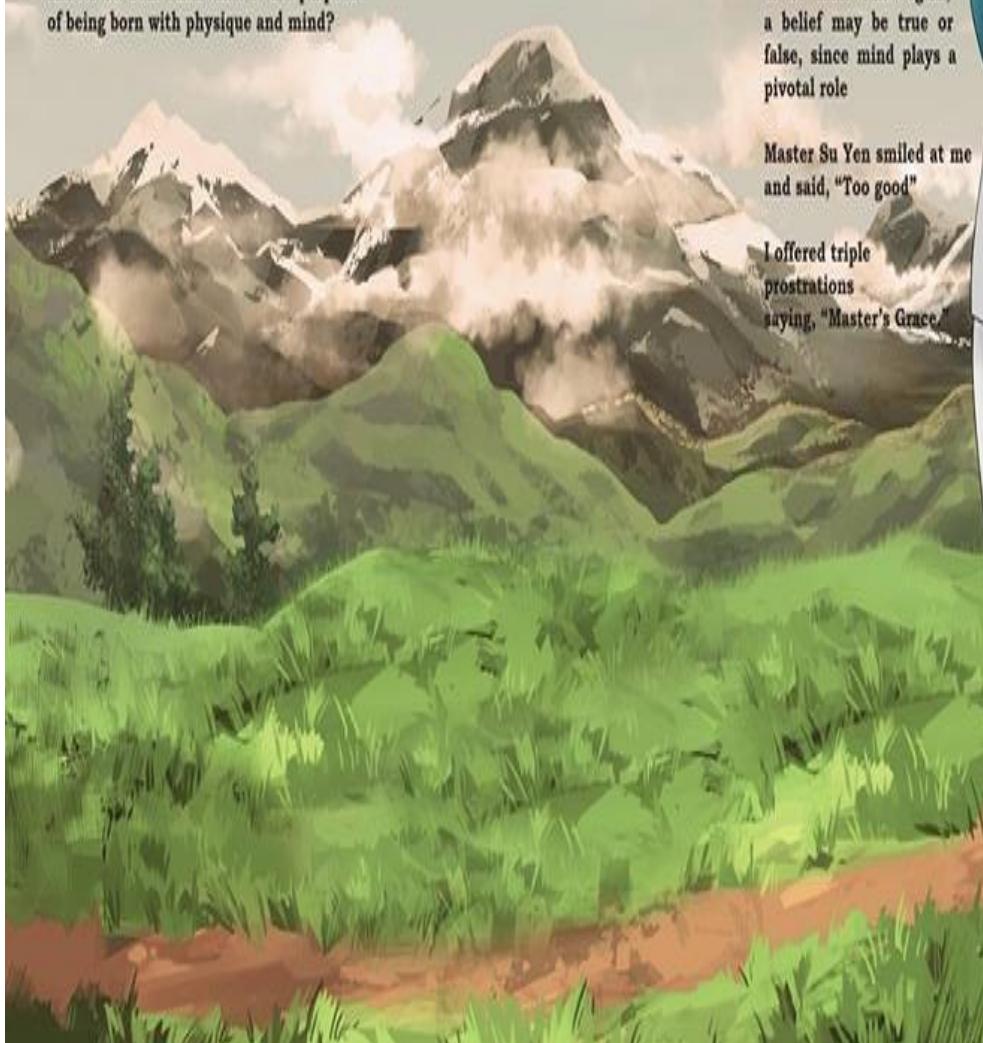
Me: A mediocre form of belief which we take to be true and apply vis-a-vis others. Trust is more a presumption which may be true or false. Trust is more of the mind and not the heart.

Master Su Yen: What is belief?

Me: When we keep observing certain things, we conclude on them and we form an opinion and believe it to be true. Once again, a belief may be true or false, since mind plays a pivotal role

Master Su Yen smiled at me and said, "Too good"

I offered triple prostrations saying, "Master's Grace."



* PRAYOGI PARAYANAM *

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Master Su Yen: What is your opinion about intellect?

Me: Master, I will be blessed to hear from you.

Master Su Yen: You have heard enough from me on this. I would like to know what you have gathered from all that I said

Me: Master, intellect is the basis of one's conditioning. It is tutored, it is doctored, and it is administered into the other person. It's just voicing the opinion of others without any real knowledge of one's own self on the subject. Some times it's just based on information collected from books. Intellectual people cannot think out of box, their thinking is just structured. It's not a natural river but a built canal. The level of intellect depends on the level of assimilation of the subject - told or read. Intellect is not based on real time situations, intellects are not balanced. Intellect fuels fierce competition and is basically driven by one's ambitions and goals. Intellect looks for short cuts. Intellect can also be deceitful. Intellect can easily be understood and can be documented. Intellect is more organised. Intellect fuels slavery. To me, intellect is just one more source blessed to demonstrate one's ego. It also sees to it that it hurts others. In fact, instead of being intellectual, it's better to be blessed with ignorance, since it may not hurt others.

Master Su Yen: Excellent. What about intelligence?

Me: Master, intelligence is grace. A very intelligent man is dangerous for an intellectual man, since the intelligent man cannot be conditioned. An intelligent person cannot be enslaved; intelligence is the source of balance. Intelligence never compares, it just understands. It drops things then and there and moves on. Intelligence is natural, more like a flowing river. A very intelligent person wonders about all the elements of nature and is certainly not on an ego trip. Intelligence converts maladies into melodies. It doesn't demonstrate, it makes every being joyous and its one with nature.

Master Su Yen: Certainly understood beautifully. Are you an intellectual person or an intelligent person?

Me: Master, I can't judge myself. A person who is interested in the case cannot be the judge of the case, so I cannot reply.

Master Su Yen: That's good. Being non-judgmental about one's own self will also truly develop a person to reach better heights since we are not the doers. The questions of comparison, targets, goals, achievements, judgment... come only when we act as though we are the doers. Misery is fuelled because of one's ego, claims of supremacy and ambitions.

That's why today's world is full of misery and embarking on greed.

To me you are certainly intelligent. You love nature and Mother Nature loves you. Be joyous.

