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Words of Wisdom – From our Guruji



AMRUTHA VAKKULU

You prostrate your parents for your well being. You prostrate your teachers to obtain 'Gnana'. You prostrate the elders for your life to be on scaling. You prostrate a guru to remove your 'Agnana'. Whoever it is, if your prostrations are 'ego less', you may attain enlightenment. If you hold this divine feet, you are the 'enlightenment'.

To Me love is also authenticity. Love is authentic. It's no non sense. Flower blooms on account of love. It's an authentic message the flower conveys. Birds chirp on account of love. It's an authentic message from the birds. Unfortunately most of the humans are not authentic in love. Authenticity in love is possible when you are in love always without any reasoning. Man always searches for a reason. Even if it is love, he needs to be convinced. He must know whether it is secured or not. Man always wants to be practical. This practicality is the main culprit as far as love is

concerned. Practicality is closely connected with security. When you feel security to be the basis of love, then no love can exist and it will be drudgery in the name of love. Conditionality in love spoils love. Love has to be unconditional. Then you can say love is authentic. When you are authentic in love, you will be at peace with yourself first and then with others. You will be at peace with the whole existence. That's why nature's love is authentic. It's non expectational. It just exists. Lord just loves you for what you are. That's why existence is very authentic. Anything that happens in the nature is on account of love and is beyond reasoning and justification. Be authentic in love.

God has his own ways of answering your prayers. He has his own timing, his own agenda and his own scheme of things. Total unqualified surrender is the key. Have that unquestionable faith. Accept his will and decision as an answer to your prayers. He is supreme and he knows which is better and good for you. Faith should lead to your accepting his decision whole heartedly. Only his grace can make you that courageous to live a life of choiceless awareness.

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LORD'S MERCY

&

GRACE !!!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 04/19/2019
Chitra Pournami/
Hanuman Jayanthi
- ◆ 04/22/2019
Sankatahara Chaturti
- ◆ 04/29/2019
Varaha Jayanthi
- ◆ 05/04/2019
Amavasya
- ◆ 05/07/2019
Akshaya Tiritiya
- ◆ 05/09/2019
Adi Sankara Jayanthi
- ◆ 05/10/2019
Shasti
- ◆ 05/17/2019
Nrisumha Jayanthi
- ◆ 05/19/2019
Maha Periyava
Jayanthi

Sai Amrutha Jyothi



Blessing devotees with Vishnu Sahasranamam, Srimad Bhagavat etc., Vittal darshan to Dixit, Gita Rahasya & Kaparde's family.

Bathing in sea bestows all the benefits of bathing in various rivers as they all submerge in the sea. Similarly, bowing at Sri Guru's feet bestows all the boons of worshiping various gods. Lets us all hear Baba's stories and pray to Him to bless us.

Blessing sacred texts:

Some devotees want their daily reading sacred texts to be blessed by Baba. One day Kaka Mahajani brought Eknath's Bhagwat to Baba's durbar to be blessed by Baba. Baba got the book and after turning some pages gave it to Shama and asked him to keep it. Later, Kakaji brought another copy and got it blessed by Baba.

Shama & Vishnu Sahasranamam:

One day Baba decided to bless Shama by giving him a copy of Vishnu Sahasranamam. He tricked a Ramdasi staying in the masjid, who had a copy of this text, to go to the market to get Him

some medicine for stomach ache. After the Ramdasi left, Baba took his sahasranamam copy and gave it to Shama. Shama refused to accept knowing the short tempered nature of the Ramdasi but Baba insisted on Shama to keep it and read daily one nama as it would be very beneficial to him. When the Ramdasi returned he came to know about this and got enraged and prepared to fight with Shama, Baba called him and advised him against getting angry and explained that He only gave the book to Shama. In return, Shama agreed to give a copy of Pancharatni Gita. Thus the fight came to an end and later, Shama became very proficient in that text so as to explain the meaning to even more educated souls.

Vittal Darshan:

We have already seen Baba's leela of blessing Kakasaheb Dixit with Vittal darshan in chapter 4, earlier.

Gita Rahasya:

Baba gave Bapu Saheb Jog a copy of Gita Rahasya, written by Tilak and asked him to read it daily for more benefits.

Kaparde Family:

A learned gentleman knows as Dada Saheb Kaparde came with his family and stayed at Shirdi for a few months. He will just sit quietly in front of Baba. Everyday, his wife would bring lunch for Baba and insist on Him to eat it all. Baba wanted to show her greatness to others and would wait for her to bring food and would eat them

eagerly. When Shama questioned Baba on this favoritism shown by Baba to her, Sai explained that she has been related to Him from several births and hence His show of love for her. After lunch, she would press Baba's feet affectionately and Baba also would press her hands softly. He also gave her a mantra diksha and asked her to chant 'Rajarama' daily. This may look odd to others but this is called 'Sakti-Path' where the Guru transfers His power to His disciple. Others should not doubt or question the motive in this, as Guru and Sishya are one and the same.

BOW TO SRI SAI

PEACE BE TO ALL!!

LIFE APPLICATIONS

- * Listening to Sai stories would bring happiness in daily life.
- * Sacred texts when blessed by one's Guru, would bring more benefits.
- * Reading at least one name from Vishnu Sahasranama is very beneficial.
- * Never doubt a Guru—Sishya relationship.
- * Guru's motives are unfathomable.



Saiamrutham — “Consider yourself a seeker or merchant of truth and be anxious and eager like him to collect or cultivate the nine types of devotion. Then you will be able to attain stability and peace of mind.”

THE PRICE OF EGO

There was a poor cart maker in a village. Due to paucity of new orders, he was becoming poorer and decided to move to a new village and try his luck.

He was travelling through a jungle with his family and spotted a female camel in labour and struggling.

They took pity on it and brought water and grass and tendered to the animal. Shortly the camel gave birth to a female camel. The cart maker decided to bring both the animals to his home and take care of them. So, the family returned home with the animals in tow.

After a while, the cart maker was able to sell the mother camel's milk and earn money. He then decided to go the jungle and get more camels. He asked his wife to take care of the animals in his absence, especially the young female camel as he was very fond of the same. He tied a bell around its neck and treated it as a special one. He went to the jungle and brought couple more camels and soon his farm grew.

He even employed servants and gifted them young camels at the end of the year. Their camels used to wander on their own in the nearby grass and come back on their own to the farm. All the camels will follow their crowd, while the belled camel will trail behind and come on its own time. All the other camels used to advice the belled one to be a part of the group and come with them. But, as he was treated with more love and special care by the owner, he didn't want to listen to them.

One day, when the wandering camels were returning home, the belled camel was as usual trailing behind and praying around. The sound of the bells attracted a lion in the jungle nearby and it pounced on the camel at the right time. The other camels were too far away to come to its help and the belled camel met its fate.

MORAL OF THE STORY

Ego coupled with indiscretion, always ends up in misery.

SRIDHARAAMRITHAM

Life mellows down the rigidity of a person. Life creates the balance in the person. People who are imbalanced do not like this and try to fight with life i.e., with the true self. They will ultimately lose the battle. Life makes such people to bend low, bow low and compromise eventually.

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:

<http://www.sriamruthasai.org/services/> or contact the temple at 804-708-0867.

STAY CLOSE TO THE PEG !

Sri Ramakrishna says that worldly people are like silkworms. They can come out of the cocoon and free themselves, if they want to. But they have made them with so much effort that they do not want to let go of it. They are like trapped fish. Even though they know that they are trapped, they still accept it and even start enjoying it. Only one or two manage to swim out, and they are the liberated souls.

In the Sai Sat Charitha, the very first chapter is about Sri Sai grinding the wheat flour, thus grinding the sins, the mental and physical afflictions and the miseries of His innumerable devotees. He says the two stones of His mill consisted of Karma and Bhakti, the former being the lower and the latter the upper one. The handle with which Baba worked the mill consisted of Jnana. It was the firm conviction of Baba that Knowledge or Self-realization is not possible, unless there is the prior act of grinding of all our impulses, desires, sins; and of the three gunas, viz. Sattva, Raja and Tama; and the Ahankara, which is so subtle and therefore so difficult to be got rid of.

Sri Ramakrishna says something very similar, that the worldly life of men is like the life of the grains that get caught in the millstone. Once between the two stones, there is no way out for the grains. They have to get crushed. Only the ones that stay near the Peg, get saved. Sri Ramakrishna says, likewise, we need to surrender to the lotus feet of God and hold onto him tightly. He is the Peg. We are the grains. As long as we are close to Him, we will not get crushed in this worldly life.

Let us stay close to him!!!

SAIRAM !!!

LEI PENG

Once, I was in a thick forest in Kerala. There I found a person trapped among a few tigers and leopards. He was not in a position to move, I could understand that he was not an ordinary person. If he was an ordinary person, the tigers would have pounced on him and devoured him by the time I found him; so I did a small Prayogam (a spiritual exercise as per Prayoga Sastra). Immediately, the wild beasts moved away and he could emerge out.

He was Lei Peng - the famous Lama from Tibet.

"What is it that I can do for you?" He asked me with a smile, after the introductions were over.

'If possible, make me a Lama,' I replied.

He accepted my request gladly and trained me in the Tantrik practices of Lamas. Later, I realised that he came far south to Kerala, only to initiate me into Lama techniques.

Was his getting trapped among tigers and leopards, a ruse to attract my attention? May be, I don't know.

