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MASTER'S DIVINE WORDS

FAITH IS THE ART OF HOLDING ON TO GOD, DESPITE YOUR MODD SWINGS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

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LIFE HAS MANY INTERSTING THINGS.
ONE SUCH THING IS 'PROBLEMS'.
LIFE WILL NOT BE SMOOTH.
IT SHOULD HAVE PROBLEMS.
IT TEACHES YOU HOW TO HANDLE IT.
ONCE A PROBLEM IS SOLVED, ANOTHER ARISES.
SO IT ADDS TO YOUR EXPERIENCE.
EXPERIENCE IS VALUABLE.
ONCE YOU ARE EXPERIENCED TOTALLY, YOU WILL START LAUGHING AT LIFE.
YOU WONT BE STRESSED

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BEING JOYOUS DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU ARE PERFECT.
IT JUST MEANS THAT YOU HAVE GROWN TO LOOK BEYOND IMPERFECTIONS.

~~~~His Holiness Sri V.V. Sridhar Guruji

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Upcoming Events

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- 09/29/2021 Ashtami
- 09/03/2021 & 09/17/2021 Ekadasi
- 09/04/2021 & 09/18/2021 Pradosham
- 09/06/2021 Amavasya
- 09/12/2021 Shasti
- 09/24/2021 Sankashtahara Chaturthi
- 09/20/2021 Pournami
- 09/25/2021 Karthigai
- 09/05/2021 Masa Sivarathri

September Festivals

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- 09/04/2021 Shani Trayodasi
- 09/10/2021 Ganesh Chaturthi
- 09/21/2021—10/06/2021 Pitru paksham
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THE VERY ATTITUDE TO BE COMPASSIONATE IS…

TO GO ALL OUT TO HELP A PERSON….

IF YOU ARE COMPASSIONATE TO SOMEONE,

YOU WILL GO ALL OUT TO HELP,

DESPITE EVERY DANGER OR CHALLENGES

IN HELPING THE PERSON…

BUT

THE COMPASSIONATE ATTITUDE OF YOURS

MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER PERSON…

IF THE OTHER PERSON REFUSES THE LOVE OFFERED,

NOTHING CAN BE DONE…..

PROBABLY YOUR LOVE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE

WITH THAT PERSON…

THE OTHER HAS A RIGHT OF CHOICE TO ACCEPT

OR

REFUSE LOVE AND THE HELP OFFERED…

~~~~His Holiness Sri V.V. Sridhar Guruji
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BABA'S HANDI (BABA COOKING AND FEEDING PEOPLE)

Different sadhanas (means of accomplishments) are prescribed in our scriptures for different ages. Tapas (Penance) is recommended in Krita aga, Jnanam (Knowledge) for Treta age, Yajna (Sacrifice) for Dwapara age, and Dana (Charity) for Kali (present) age. Of all the charities, giving food is the best one. We are much perturbed when we get no food at noon. Other beings feel similarly under similar circumstances. Knowing this, he who gives food to the poor and hungry, is the best donor or charitable person. The Taittiriya Upanishad says that is Brahma; from food all the creatures are born and having been born, by food they live, and having departed, into food again they enter. When an Athiti (uninvited guest) comes to our door at noon, it is our bounden duty to welcome him by giving him food. Other kind of charities, viz., giving away wealth, property and clothes, etc., require some discrimination, but in the matter of food, no such consideration is necessary. Let anybody come to our door at noon, he should be served forthwith; and if lame, crippled, blind and diseased paupers come, they should be served first and the able-bodied persons and our relations afterwards. The merit of feeding the former is much greater than that of feeding the latter. Other kind of charities are imperfect without this Anna dana (giving of food). Anna-dana is the best of all merits.

BABA PREPARING FOOD AND DISTRIBUTING TO OTHERS:

It has been stated before that Baba required very little food for Himself and what little He wanted, was obtained by begging from a few houses. But when He took it into His mind to distribute food to all, He made all preparations from beginning to end, Himself. He depended on nobody and troubled none in this matter. First, He went to the bazar and bought all the things, corn, flour, spices etc., for cash. He did also the grinding. In the open courtyard of the Masjid, He arranged a big hearth and after lighting a fire underneath kept a Handi over it with a proper measure of water.

BABA PREPARING FOOD AND DISTRIBUTING TO OTHERS:

There were two kinds of Handi, one small and the other big. The former provided food for 50 persons, the later for 100. Sometimes He cooked 'Mitthi Chaval' (sweet rice), and at other times 'pulav' with meat. At times in the boiling varan (soup), He let in small balls of thick or flat breads of wheat flour. He pounded the spices on a stone-slab, and put the thin pulverized spices into the cooking-pot. He took all the pains to make the dishes very palatable. He prepared 'Ambil' by boiling jawari-flour in water and mixing it with buttermilk. With the food He distributed this Ambil to all alike. To see whether the food was properly cooked or not, Baba rolled up the sleeve of His Kafni and put His bare arm in the boiling cauldron without the least fear, and churned (moved) the whole mass from side to side and up and down. There was no mark of burn on His arm, nor fear on His face.

When the cooking was over, Baba got the pots into the Majid, and had them duly consecrated by the Moulvi. First, He sent part of the food as prasad to Mahalasapati and Tatya Patil, and then He served the remaining contents with His own hand to all the poor and helpless people to their hearts' content. Really blessed and fortunate must be those people who got food prepared by Baba and served by Him.

Somebody may raise a doubt here and ask - Baba distributed vegetable and non-vegetarian food as prasad alike to all His devotees? The answer is plain and simple. Those who were accustomed to (take) animal food were given food from the Handi as prasad and those who were not so accustomed, were not allowed even to touch it. He never created in them any wish or desire to indulge in this food. There is a well established principle that, ‘when a Guru himself gives anything as prasad, the disciple who thinks and doubts whether it is acceptable or otherwise, goes to perdition.’ Really no saint or guru will ever force his orthodox disciple to eat forbidden food and defile himself thereby.

The Handi business went on for some time till 1910 and was stopped thereafter.

With or Without Identity?

We land on earth with nothing in our hands.

Walk on earth picking things small and grand.

End it with the elements, can't carry even a strand!!

Opinions and conclusions floating all around.

Assumptions and presumptions invariably surround,

Those with identities and possessions lost and found.

Looking beyond the body and the mind,

Nothing is lost and nowhere to find.

Prejudices and criticism existentially left far behind.

I am not this body, I am not even the mind!!

Patanjali Yoga Sutra – "Samadhi Pada"

9 (continuation from August issue)

In the last issue, we were looking at a story where Sage Vyasa sends his son Sage Sukha, to King Janaka, who was a JivanMukta. He wanted Sage Sukha to be the King's disciple. Sage Sukha meets King Janaka, and asks him, how can a King, the most materialistic person in the world, could be a Guru for a Sage. King Janaka gives him a cup filled to the brim with milk, and tells him to carry it around the City, while watching the festivities. At the same time, he warns the Sage that he will be beheaded if even a single drop falls on the ground.

So the Sage accepts the challenge and started going around the City, with the soldiers by his side. There are so many fun things arranged just for him all over the City. Lots and lots of cultural programs, debates, sports, games, and so on. However, Sage Sukha is not able to enjoy any of this, because of the cup in his hand. All of his attention is on the milk in the cup and all of his energy is spent in watching the milk and making sure that not even a drop escapes the cup.

Finally, the strange City tour is over and the Sage returns to where he started, and he is in front of the King again. King asks the Sage how he enjoyed the City and the festivities. The Sage says, "How can I enjoy anything when you gave me such a task, with soldiers on my side ready to behead me? But at least I completed my task successfully. I still have my head on me!"

The King laughed and said, "Do you realize what you just said! That is the answer to your question! Even with so many things going around you, your focus was only on the milk in the cup. Likewise, even though I am a King, even though all kinds of life are going on around me, my focus is only on the Atman. "

Sage Sukha was surprised and pleased with the King's reply and wholeheartedly became his disciple.

(To be continued…)

Reference: "The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali" by Swami Sachidananda.

Just for Fun—Tejaswi Dasari

Crossword Puzzle Solution

Down:
1. the elephant.
2. the ram.
4. the peacock.
6. the lion.

Across:
3. the owl.
5. seven swans.
7. seven horses.
8. the mouse.

Kolam—Sangeetha Sridhar

Do you want to know how to make this beautiful Kolam in the picture?

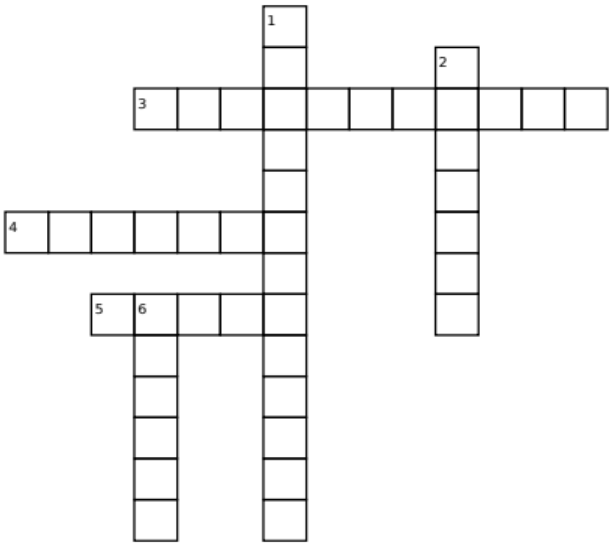
You can watch the process of making this Kolam on our Youtube page Sai Amrutha Jyothi or you can use this following link:

https://youtu.be/CrjVeWISPWA

Please like, share and subscribe to our Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvcLCGOv_5IAUYxA2vA4eqQ

Mahabharatha Characters



Down:
1. The blind king
2. Kaurava's uncle
6. Also known as Partha

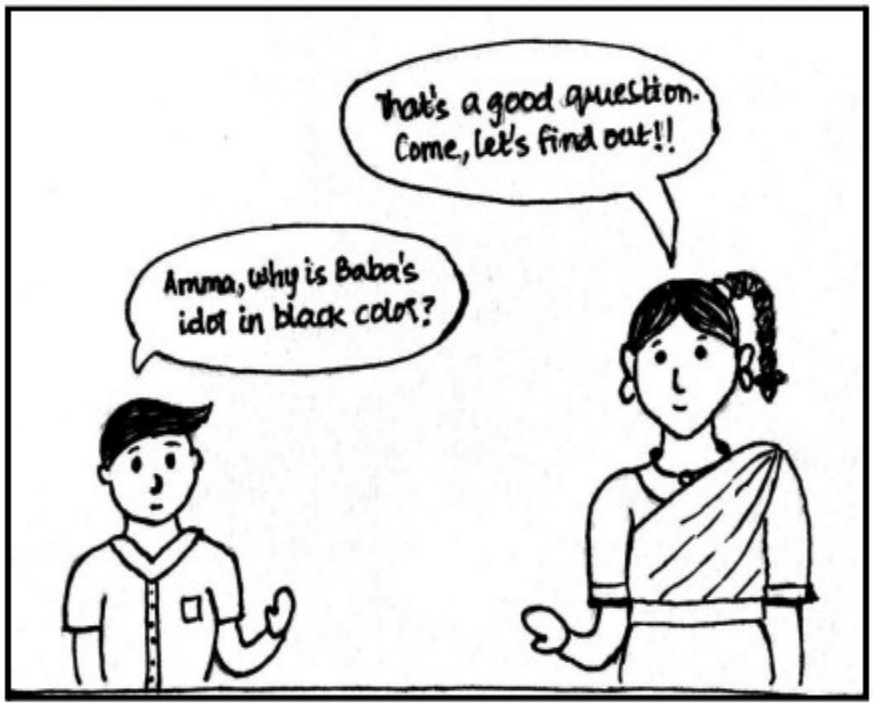
Across:
3. Kaurava's eldest
4. The charioteer
5. King of Anga

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Spot 6 differences between the 2 pictures

DID YOU KNOW?

WHY BABA'S IDOL IS IN BLACK COLOR?



Our temple's main deity Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana's idol is made out of Black Stone. The Prana Pratishta of the idol was performed with the unique rituals of Prayoga Sastra, in the process of which the energies of both Sri Sai Baba and Sri Amrutha Narayana (a form of Lord Vishnu) were invoked into the idol. A regular white marble idol cannot withstand this powerful combination of energies. Hence the idol was sculpted using black stone.

People of the western world are known to possess all the materialistic joys but lack peace of mind to enjoy it to the fullest. Amrutha Narayana also Dhanvantri (the God of medicines), instilled in Baba's idol cures any sickness, provides good health, and peace of mind in abundance to all the devotees who visit/pray to him.

Mahalaya Paksham

Mahalaya Paksham is the time of the year when we pray for all the departed souls. We seek blessings from our forefathers to continue their journey safely and bless our children with success and joy. In the present times, it is even more important that we all pray together at the Vriksha Bhairava Kshetram for all humanity. A lot of people around the globe who died of COVID-19 couldn't get the last rites done as per their scriptures. Let us all join hands to pray for all and to our Pitrus in particular for blessing us all with solace...

Pitru Paksham from September 21st through October 6th...

Aradhana at Vriksha Bhairava Kshetram is an extraordinary way of paying respects and showing our gratitude to all our JIVA PITRUS...

All can perform these prayers in this Kshetram..

Daily Saligrama Aradhana with Vriksha Bhairava Abhishekam at the Vriksha Bhairava Kshetram....

Call Mama at 804-708-3007 or Sarada at 804-868-5751 to schedule the Puja

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations

On September 10,2021

We will be celebrating this Ganesh Chaturthi on Sept 10, 2021 with special abhishekams for Maha Ganapathi, Runa Vimochana Ganapathi and Eeshana Yagna Raksha Ganapathi.

Prayers to Ganapathi will provide you with a lot of material prosperity and fulfilment of any wishes.

Full Event Sponsors	**$1,116**
Abhishekam Sponsorship	**$116**
Archana	**$21**

Special Archanas will be performed throughout the day.

All devotees are welcome to take part in this auspicious festival and take the divine blessings of Sri Maha Ganapathy

Please contact Sarada Jammi at 804-868-5751 to sponsor the event