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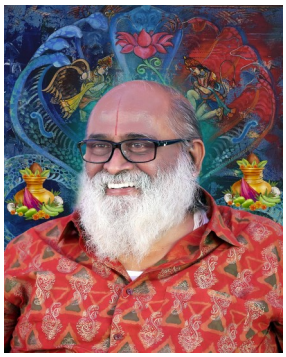

MASTER'S DIVINE WORDS

THE EGO INSIDE A PERSON MAKES HIM LONG FOR RECOGNITION.... WHEN HE IS NOT APPRECIATED, THE EGO GETS HURT.....
EGOLESS PEOPLE ARE OPPOSITE OF THIS.... WHETHER ONE APPRECIATES OR NOT, THEY LEAD A 'DON'T-BOTHER-ATTITUDE' LIFE.... THEY ARE EMPTY & HOLLOW.... THERE IS NOTHING TO GET HURT.... THEY CONTINUE TO DO SERVICE AT ALL COST WITH SAME VIGOUR & DEDICATION.....

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NEVER ONE SHOULD CRY....
SOMETIMES IN SOME HOUSES PEOPLE ALWAYS KEEP CRYING FOR ANYTHING & EVERYTHING...
TO 'CRY' IS GENERALLY EXPRESSION OF ONE'S SORROW....
IF SOME RISHI OR AKSHARA IS IN THE VICINITY AND IT SAYS 'THATTHASTHU', THE FAMILY PERENNIALLY REMAINS IN SORROW....
YOU CANNOT BUILT A TOWER OF HAPPINESS ON SOMEONE'S SORROW....
THE SORROW TOO IS CONTAGIOUS AND WILL SPOIL THE ENTIRE ENVIRONMENT...

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

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Upcoming Events

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- 8/03 & 8/17/2022 Shashti (Krithikai)
- 8/05 & 8/19/2022 Ashtami; Bhairavashtami
- 8/08 & 8/22/2022 Ekadasi
- 8/09 & 8/24/2022 Pradosham
- 8/11/2022 Pournami
- 8/15 & 8/31/2022 Sankashtahara Chaturthi
- 8/18/2022 Krithigai
- 8/25/2022 Masa Sivarathri
- 8/26/2022 Amavasya

Festivals

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- 8/11/2022 Avani Attam / Jandhyala Pournami
- 8/31/2022 Ganesh Chaturdhi
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WHEN YOU ARE UNDER EXTREME TENSION....

WHEN YOU ARE IN ANXIETY.....

WHEN YOU CANNOT AVOID THOUGHTS OF EXPECTATIONS....

WHEN YOU FEAR TO FACE REALITY....

RECITE THIS MANTRA....

'SUDARSANA MAHA JWALA KOTI SURYA SAMA PRABHA'

'AGYANA ANDHASYA ME DEVA VISHNOR MAARGA PRADARSAYA'....

A BEAUTIFUL MANTRA ON LORD SUDARSANA....

HEY SUDARSANA, THE INTENSITY OF THE FLAMES THAT EMANATE FROM YOU, IN THE FORM OF FIRE IS EQUIVALENT TO THE ENERGY PRODUCED BY CRORES OF SUNS...

THIS FLAME SHOULD BLIND THE DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE IN ME & SHOULD LEAD ME IN THE PATH OF VISHNU....

SU + DARSANA = GOOD + SIGHT.... NOT ONLY EXTERNAL GOOD SIGHT, BUT GOOD INSIGHT.... WHEN YOU HAVE A GOOD INSIGHT, YOU UNDERSTAND & ACCEPT REALITY WHOLEHEARTEDLY....

WHEN GOOD INSIGHT IS NOT PRESENT, IT LEADS TO TENSIONS, ANXIETY, EXPECTATIONS & REJECTION OF REALITY....

SUDARSANA CHAKRA IN THE HANDS OF ALL POWERFUL NARAYANA, AS IT SPINS CREATES LOTS OF ENERGY COMPARABLE TO MANY CRORES OF SUN ACROSS THE COSMOS.... WHEN PRAYED OR MEDITATED UPON THIS IMMEASURABLE COSMIC ENERGY, IT WILL DISPEL THE DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE IN OUR MINDS.... IT WILL ILLUMINATE THE PATH TOWARDS LORD VISHNU....

~~~~His Holiness Sri V.V. Sridhar Guruji
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Baba always keeps up promises given by Him

Baba can take any form and go to functions at His devotees houses, if the devotee invites with earnest zeal and devotion. Here's an example of such a situation, where Baba attended the religious ceremony in B. V. Deo's home, in the form of a Sanyasi and participated in dinner.

Mrs. Deo's Udyapan Ceremony

Mr.B.V.Deo mother had observed 25 or 30 different religious vows (vraths) and a Udyapan (concluding) ceremony in connection therewith was to be performed. This ceremony included the feeding of 100 or 200 Brahmins. Mr.Deo fixed a date for the ceremony and wrote a letter to Bapusaheb Jog asking him to request Sai Baba on his behalf to attend the dinner of the ceremony, as without His attendance the ceremony would not be duly completed. Bapusaheb Jog read out the letter to Baba. Baba noted carefully the pure-hearted invitation and said, "I always think of him who remembers Me. I require no conveyance, carriage, tanga, nor train nor airplane. I run and manifest myself to him who lovingly calls me." Write to him a pleasing reply that three of us (the trio), Myself, yourself and a third will go and attend it. Mr. Jog informed Mr. Deo of what Baba said. The latter was much pleased, but he knew that Baba never went to any place except Rahata, Rui and Nimgaon in person. He also thought that nothing was impossible to Baba as He was all-pervading and that He might suddenly come, in any form He likes and fulfil His words.

A few days before this, a Sannyasi with Bengali dress and professing to work for the cause of the protection of the cows, came to the stationmaster at Dahanu to collect subscriptions. The latter told him to go into the town and see the Mamlatdar (Mr. Deo) and with his help collect funds. Just then the Mamlatdar happened to come there. The stationmaster then introduced the Sannyasi to him. Both sat talking on the platform. Mr. Deo told him that a subscription-list for some other charitable cause had already been opened by the leading citizen Rao Saheb Narottam Shetty and so it was not good to start another subscription-list and that it would be better if he would visit the place after 2 or 4 months. Hearing this, the Sannyasi left the place.

SAI BABA'S MOTHERLY LOVE

About a month afterwards, the Sanyasi came in a tanga and stopped in front of Mr. Deo's house at about 10 a.m. Deo thought that he came for subscriptions. Seeing him busy with the preparations of the ceremony, the Sanyasi said that he had come not for money but for meals. Deo said - very glad, you are welcome, the house is yours. The Sanyasi told there are two lads with me. Deo said, very well, please bring them with you. As there was time (2 hours) for dinner, Deo enquired where he should send for them. Sanyasi said that it was not necessary as he would come himself at the appointed time. Deo asked him to come at noon.

Exactly at twelve noon, the Trio came and joined the dinner party and after feeding themselves went away. After the ceremony was finished, Deo wrote a letter to Bapusaheb Jog complaining of Baba's breach of promise. Jog went to Baba with the letter, but before it was opened Baba spoke - he says that I promised him to come but deceived him. Inform him that I did attend his dinner with two others, but he failed to recognize Me. Then why did he call me at all? Tell him that he thought that the Sanyasi came to ask for subscription money; did I not remove his doubt in that respect, and did I not say that I would come with two others, and did not the Trio come in time and take their meals? See, to keep My words I would sacrifice my life, I would never be untrue to My words.

This reply gladdened Jog's heart and he communicated the whole of the reply to Deo. As soon as he read it, Deo burst into tears of joy, but he took himself to task mentally for vainly blaming Baba. He wondered how he was deceived by the Sanyasi's prior visit and his coming to him for subscriptions, how he also failed to catch the significance of the Sanyasi's words that he would come with two others for meals. This story clearly shows that when the devotees surrender themselves completely to their Sad-guru, He sees that the religious functions in their houses are duly executed and complied with all the necessary formalities.

!!! Om Sairam!!

(Based on Sai Satcharita, compiled by Babu Jammi)

Know your temple

Do you know—About the opening day of the temple? It was a miracle

Guruji asked us to open the temple on Ratha Saptami which was on Monday Feb 2, 2009. Although the building was completed by Jan 10th, 2009, the local County did not give us the occupation permit. The County required asphalt road and parking lot to be laid out before giving the final opening permit. However, the prevailing winter cold temperatures prevented the contractor from laying the road. The weather forecast projected gloomy cold temperatures for many days to come.

The opening day was coming close and uncertainty loomed. All of us prayed sincerely for days, and did Sai Satcharita parayanam, seeking help of Baba. God has a way to take care of His abode. Divine intervention was witnessed!!

Just, two days before the weekend, suddenly the skies cleared, and a 60-degree weather window opened up. The asphalt contractor was mobilized within a momentary notice. Surrendering to the Lord, the contractor's terms were accepted unconditionally, and the work began. Finally, the inspections were completed and a permit was granted a few hours before start of the weekend. Miraculously the weather stayed warm only until the road was cured completely and then a cold wave arrived and brought snow.

Temple was opened seamlessly on the auspicious day, only with all the Gods and elements coming together to make it happen!

Looping Thoughts

Why do some thoughts loop?
Come, let's together snoop.

Is it the fear of failure?
Or a concern for family and even those familiar.

May be it is about what others think.
Oh, it will fade when eyes blink.

Could it be an insecurity?
Or is it about tomorrow's uncertainty.

Your relationships are a cross you bear?
I see a deep longing for it to be a feather you wear.

Now, hold this loop a little away.
Just BE with your Guru even a moment a day.
Thoughts in loops at Sadhguru's feet.

It is calm and still, ah how neat!!
But, here comes another loop.

It will, because of the lousy karmic soup.
It's fine, let it pass through the awareness hoop.

Slowly one day, loops will disappear.
And the mind will play Sadhguru's cheer!!

~ By Mahalakshmi Iyer

One on the accomplishment made her shine like a pearl.

Little did she know that the obstacles on the path would make her roll,

Sometimes like the cluster of thoughts which could be put on a poll,

And at other times the persistence of which had taken a toll.

Albeit, never did she give up hustling

Although it was a storm quite baffling,

For she knew it was a battle worth fighting,

The miraculous vision of victory that kept her going.

~ By Mandakini

Samadhi Pada

In the last issue, we saw who a Jivanmuktha is. Nothing will excite a Jivanmuktha. In the Universe, many things may happen, but the liberated ones do not worry about them. They will just take the golden present, they will do what they can, guided by the Higher will, and move on. No impressions or no old thoughts can bring them back to ordinary life. Although they may appear normal, all their mental impressions are totally burnt out and they always live in an unattached state. However, even with the rtambhara prajna, the subtle mind is still present. Wisdom, and the owner of the wisdom are still different. Even the thought of "I have realized God" should not be there. When one realizes this state, then he attains nirbija samadhi. There is no more birth and death cycle after this. Sage Patanjali's book on "Samadhi Pada" ends here.

The second book is, "Sadhana Pada", which essentially talks about practice of Yoga. He provides different practices to control different kinds of thought forms, and different kinds of subconscious experiences culminating in the highest experience of nirbija samadhi, the seedless contemplation. Since it is not easy to attain this state, Sage Patanjali tells the student to prepare himself or herself by laying the proper foundation, and gradually build on it to reach the ultimate state. For this, he gives a number of different directions. We will start looking into the "Sadhana Pada" from the next issue.

(To be continued…)

Reference: "The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali" by Swami Satchidananda

~ By Kavinaya

Just for Fun—Anusha Nukala

WordSearch Puzzle Solution

KARMA	MOKSHA	DHARMA	PUJA
RITUALS	YAGNAM	VEDAS	GURU
UPANISHADS	SHLOKAS	SACRED	YOGI

Kolam—Sangeetha Sridhar

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WORD SCRAMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE FOLLOWING HINDU GODS AND GODDESSES

SHAEGN _____

KMLISHA _____

SAHIKRN _____

VHUSNI _____

UGARDA _____

ALKI _____

NAHNMUA _____

NGAGA _____

HVSIA _____

TAAARIWSS _____

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Spot 6 differences between the 2 pictures

VISA ISSUE STUCK FOR MONTHS MOVED WITHIN HOURS OF PRAYING TO RUNA VIMOCHANA GANAPATI (RVG)

(DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE EXPERIENCE THE DEVOTEE'S NAME IS ANONYMOUS)

OM SRI SAIRAM!

I work in the US and have always been an ardent devotee of the Sri Amrutha Sai Narayana temple in Richmond since the moment I arrived in this country. I find my source of strength and solace here, irrespective of where I live. Recently I have been faced with unexpected immigration issues. I have been waiting for my work permit which is typically an extremely smooth process. you apply and wait for a period and the permit arrives. However, one fine day when I checked USCIS website (Immigration website) I saw that I had an RFE (Request for Further Evidence). This threw me off-guard because it was quite unexpected. It derailed all my plans and many other plans fell into-limbo. So, I worked with the concerned personnel, submitted the evidence they requested and then my wait started. As days went by, I was getting anxious as there was no movement in my status and my visa validity has already expired. I didn't know if they received it, reviewed it or if there were further issues.

In the meantime, I had an opportunity to visit the Richmond temple. I jumped at the opportunity and drove for 9 hrs to reach the temple. That day Sarada aunty asked me to pray to Runa Vimochana Ganapathy and perform abhishekam with sankalpam. She said that my issue will be resolved.
On june 19th morning, we performed the Abhishekam and went on with my life as usual. When I checked my status after a few days on 29th June, it said that my case was approved on 20th June!!! It is nothing but a miracle! a true testament to the power of the temple and our own Runa Vimochana Ganapathi.

Until now I have heard stories about this Ganapathi and how he removes the obstacles (especially for immigration, travel issues). But when an issue hit close to home and I saw it get solved as it was always told to be, my faithand my belief in the power of Runa Vimochana Ganapathi grew stronger . **I hope everyone gets a chance to visit the temple, pray to Ganapati and be blessed especially on Ganesh Chaturthi!!**

Guruji's visit—JULY 2022

Guruji visited our temple last month, on 30th Jul, performed the Sudarshana Yantra Puja, and blessed all the devotees

Guruji's visit

During the visit hundreds of devotees travelled from far off places to listen to the discourses and participate in the Puja

Guruji's visit

Devotees got a chance to light the lamp in the Sudarshana Yantram and get the blessings and paadanamaskaram from Guruji.

Ganesh Chaturthi Flyer

Sri Sai Amrutha Narayana Temple

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GANESH CHATURTHI

Wednesday, August 31st, 2022

Runa Vimochana Ganapathi

Sri Maha Ganapathi

Eeshana Yagna Raksha Ganapathi

Maha Ganapathi Abhishekam

Vriksha Bhairava Ganapathi

We will be celebrating this Ganesh Chaturthi on Aug 31st 2022 with special Abhishekams for Maha Ganapathi, Runa Vimochana Ganapathi Eeshana Yagna Raksha Ganapathi and Vriksha Bhairava Ganapathi.

Prayers to Ganapathi will remove all obstacles and helps you achieve your goals and fulfill your wishes, leading to material prosperity and all-round success.

Full Event Sponsorship	**$1116**
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Archana	**$21**

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

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