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SABKA MALIK EK

Lord Sainath of Shirdi always use to say Sabka Malik Ek i.e. God is One. By this utterance, Baba used to convey that we should not fight for religion as the purpose of all the religions is to get God who is one. Baba never differentiated in any religion. Sai Baba was a saint who saw no difference between caste and creed and even in human beings particularly, in Hindus and Muslims.

Factually speaking, no one definitely knew whether Sai Baba Himself was a Hindu or Muslim. He celebrated Hindu festivals of Ram Navami with all due formalities and at the same time permitted the 'Sandal' procession of the Mohamedans. On Gokul Ashtami, Gopal kala ceremony used to be duly performed and on Id festival, He allowed the Mohamedans to chant their prayers (Namaz) in His masjid. If we say that He was Mohamedan His ears were pierced. If we call Him Hindu, He always lived in Masjid and called it Dwarkamai, if Mohamedan, He had always the Dhuni-

the sacred fire. 'Allah Malik' was constantly on the tip of His tongue. Yet He appeared in the garb of Rama, Krishna, Shiv or the guru of the devotee concerned.

Sai Baba's constant advise was that Ram and Rahim were one and same; there was not the slightest difference between them; then why should their devotees quarrel among themselves; Baba also used to advise that both the communities join hands; act sanely to gain the object of national unity.

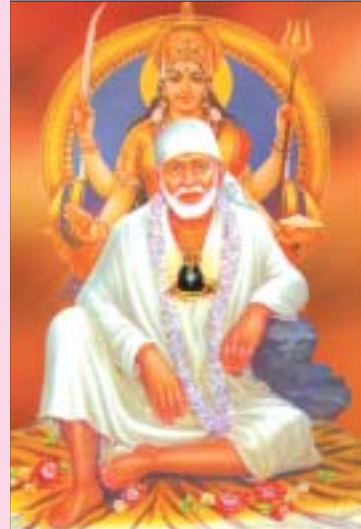
Sai Baba during His life time advised unification of Hindus and Muslims but even after leaving His mortal coil is directing His bhaktas to follow His teachings. The events in the month of October, 2008 were in consonance with the philosophy of Lord Sainath of Shirdi. As Baba always preached the unification of Hindus and Muslims, all the major festivals of Hindus (i.e. Dussehra and Diwali) and Muslims (Month of Ramzan and Id) were unified with the unifying thread of Mahasamadhi Diwas of Lord Sai Nath.

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Sai Santoshi Maata Charitable Trust To Setup Shanthi Dham In Bangalore

Sai Santoshi Maata Charitable Trust of Bangalore is planning to built a huge Sai Baba temple in F-Main, Sai Nilayam, Shanthiniketan Layout, Vysya Bank Colony, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore. Temple will be built along with prayer hall, Shri Santoshi Maata temple, Shri Manjunath Swamy temple, dining hall, kitchen, guest rooms with toilets, rock garden, park and childrens' play ground. The estimated cost of construction is Rs. 3 crores. The trust also plans to work for poor and needy by providing poor students with books, copies and study material etc.

The trust requests for your



contribution in the noble cause. You can send your cheque in favour of Sri Sai Santoshi Maata Charitable Trust and send to the president of the Committee Mr. Meda Ramakrishna Ph-

9342831588. The other trustee members are Mr. A.N. Purushotham (Ravi) Ex-Counciller, Mr. K.G. Kulkarni, Mr. Prakash Nerwani, Mr. V. Sainath, Mr. T.G. Venkateswara Gupta. The trust is awaiting IT clearance under section 80G for exemption of income tax on the donations made.

-Chanderkant Jadhav

Free Medical Camp By Shirdi Sansthan

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi, is organising free medical camp for the surgery of the patients suffering from kidney stone by the laser rays informed executive officer of the Sansthan Shri Kishor More. He further informed that free medical camps for Jaipur foot, eye problems, plastic surgery, cancer and nesel endoscopies are being organized by the sansthan. This year, Chairman of the sansthan MLA Jayant Sasane, vice chairman Shankar Rao Kolhe and board of trustees decided to conduct the free medical camp for kidney patients. The famous doctor from Ahmedabad Dr. Kiran Shukla is going to give the free medical treatment. The primary checking of the patients was done by general surgeon Dr. Ram Naik on 10th and 11th November.

Shri Sai Sumiran Times & Servants of Shirdi Sai (SOS)

are organising Seminar on experiences of Sai devotees on 14th December, 2008 at Delhi Karnataka Sangh Auditorium, Sec-12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi, at 6.00 PM. The topic of the Seminar is **MUJHE SADA JEEVIT HI JAANO ANUBHAV KARO SATYA PEHCHANO**

Shirdi Sai Devotees desirous of participating in the seminar, may kindly send there name, address, contact number along with the experience in short, to be shared with sai devotees at the following addresses.

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Miracles In Sai Amritwani

I would like to share my experience and the miracles we witnessed with our eyes in today's Amritvani recital.

My husband and I had the good fortune of attending Sai Amritvani at LA, California on 13th November 2008 and get the blessings of Shirdi Sai Baba.

Devotees started coming much before 11 am and everyone carried bhog, flowers etc which were placed in front of Baba. We had carried some bhog and a small statue of Baba, requested Veena Ma to place it among the other idols in the puja. Prior to start of Amritvani, Veena Ma gave instructions to the group on how to recite, and seek Baba's blessings. Amritvani started exactly at 11am and the entire group joined in singing. All those present felt positive vibrations during the entire Amritvani session. After Amritvani was over, Veena Ma read out messages given by Baba in Sai Satcharitra. By this time, Veena ma's saree folds were filled with Udi and she

collected it which was later distributed to all devotees. Udi was also found on Baba's photos and statues. Baba not only stopped with Udi, He had taken a bite of almost all the fruits and bhog. Aum was formed on a Burfi brought by a devotee, and Baba left a bite on Burfi, Bananas, Guavas, Mangos and Apples brought by various devotees. Veena Ma distributed all these to the devotees present.

I was praying for a personal miracle in some form to signify Baba's blessings on our family. And that is when we noticed that our Baba's idol, placed by Veena Ma earlier in the Puja was covered by Udi. I have no words to describe how I felt after witnessing this miracle. As a member of this group, I have read experiences of many devotees who were blessed in a similar way and longed for one such experience. Today my wish was also fulfilled by Baba!

-Subhashri
Badrienarayanan

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The events of October, 2008 clearly indicate that Sai Baba even after 90 years of his leaving the mortal coil (15th October, 1918) has baffled His devotees, the way He used to baffle them during His life time, about the fact whether He is Hindu or Yavan. It appears that Baba in very clear terms is reiterating His message to shed our differences as Diwali contains the name of 'Ali' and Ramzan contains the name of 'Ram'. The Devotees of Lord Sainath of Shirdi must grab the message given by Baba through the events of October, 2008 and shed the discrimination on the basis of Religion, Caste and Creed. The true Devotee of Lord Sainath of Shirdi has nothing to do with any question of Cast creed and Religion, rather he /she must act sanely for the betterment of the human beings and to gain the object of National Unity.

By Premendra Ojha

Miracles In My Life

Shri Sainath ji have done lots of miracles in my life and I want to share it with all Sai devotees.

When we where in Chennai once my father came to Chennai and I took him to Injambakkam at Shirdi Saibaba's temple. There was one wish fulfilling tree and my father prayed and he bought ropes to tie around the tree asking Sai Baba for some wishes to be fulfilled. One of his wish was that I should have one more male child along with my daughter and he told me about that. Then I told him that Pooja is already 8 years old and I have no idea

of having one more baby boy. vAfter 2 years my husband got a job in Chandigarh and we came to Chandigarh. After 5 months I had some problem and we went to doctor. After check-up the doctor told me that I had conceived. I was very much surprised and I was wondering that it was found to be a baby boy in the 6th month.

Now my son Sai Akshay is one year old and we are eagerly waiting to visit Shirdi to get Sai's blessings.

Kavitha

Courtesy- Sai Vichaar

Baba Comes In The Form Of a Dog

In Shri Sai Satcharita Chapter 3, Baba says, 'Do not repulse or reject anyone contemptuously, be it a dog, pig or common fly. No one comes to us without some special bond from previous births.'

Once a sickly bitch came close to Mhalsapathy, wagging her tail. She looked very ill and was drooling from the mouth. He threw a stone at her and drove her away. She ran away yelping. Later he went for Baba's darshan. Baba, turning to him said, "I went with a great deal of hope to Bhakta (Baba used to call Mhalsapathy Bhakta or Bhagat) hoping for some food, but all I got was a stone thrown at me."

These Leelas were to teach the devotees about the impact of speech. Baba often said, "Don't speak disparagingly and say *budd budd or chidd chidd* to anybody. If a cat, dog or a person comes to you they do so because of some connection (rinanubadh). If anybody comes to your home don't be listless and never ignore them." Baba didn't give lectures needlessly. With his unique leelas be brought into practice what he taught.

Two hours after Baba said

this, Kaka and his friends were sitting near the wada. A dog came and sat on the steps nearby. He drove it away. The dog ran and sat on the steps in front of him. There he was pelted with stones. The dog went away shrieking with pain. Suddenly Kaka was reminded of Baba's words. Kaka with a twinge of sadness thought, if I had not driven the dog away, but had given him a piece of bhakari, he would have gone away without being hurt.'

That very evening Das Ganu did Kirtan. The story sung there in was about Namdev. Once a dog came and took a bhakari from the food offering (Naivedya) that Namdev had placed before the idol of Vitthal. Namdev said, 'Deva! don't eat dry bhakari, apply ghee (clarified butter) on it.' Namdev, then ran after the dog with a bowl of ghee.

That very night Madhavrao Adkar was reading aloud the *Bhakta Leelamrut* in the Maruti Mandir. The portion being read was about Namdev and the dog. In this way Baba reinforced what he had taught in the morning.

Courtesy-

Baba's Vaani

by Vinny Chitluri

The Miraculous Udi Of Sai Baba

OM SRI SAI RAM, I would like to share my recent experience with Sai Devotees about how Shri Sai pulled my friend from a very critical health condition.

It was in the month of April 2000, I called my friend's home in Canada to know that he is in intensive care Unit (for two months) with a massive third heart attack followed with multiple ailments. Doctors had not given any hope and were waiting to pass the critical period. I rushed to their house with Sai's picture and Udi (sacred ash) in my pocket. I went to hospital with his spouse and two little kids. I silently prayed within my heart that Sai if you are here, You must Help to revive the condition of this patient.

I took out Sai Baba's picture and Udi from my pocket, which was then mailed from one of the ardent Sai devotee in New Jersey,

USA I requested the ailing patient's spouse to place the Sai Picture on his chest and sincerely pray to Lord Sai "Please recover the condition of my husband and I shall be ever indebted to you". The lady did prayers and took a pinch of Udi and put it in his mouth. The patient was on intravenous and Oxygen pipes then with closed eyes. I prayed in the heart of mine "O Lord Sai, please shower your richest blessings on this traumatic and depressed family. Reassure your faith and miracles on this patient. Doctors are still waiting.

Trust me, the miracle of Sai happened on the next day, the patient was able to move and open his eyes slightly, which gave everyone a ray of hope for his survival. Doctors declared that critical moment is over now. He should revive in a couple of days. Since then I kept on

inquiring about the condition of the patient, One week later I could directly speak to the patient in hospital over the phone and was glad to hear his voice once again, "Ravi I am improving now."

If BABA had not showered his Blessings, the whole family would have been in distress, but now the patient is at home and living a normal life with slight care and supervision on and off from the specialists. However, those moments are unforgettable for me in the hospital.

I pray to Sai that His blessings be with all Sai devotees forever.

-Ravinder Thota

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The Omnipresent Baba

For a long time Raoji B. Upasani suffered from asthma. Upon the advice of Kaka Dixit, he went to Shirdi, in 1913 for Baba's darshan. On seeing him, Baba said He was glad that he came, and gave him Udi with His blessings. From then on, Raoji started feeling better and returned home.

In March of 1913 his son fell ill. For six days he had relentless high fever, continuous and unabating and the doctors gave up hope. The doctor and Upasani sat near his bed as they thought that his end was near. At 2 A.M. the exhausted father went out and sat in the varandah. He dozed off for a short time and he dreamt of Baba. He saw Baba applying Udi to his son's fore-head, then Baba standing before Upasani said "Don't worry. He will perspire after two hours and his condition will improve. After he gets well bring him to Shirdi for My darshan". Upasani woke up and so it happened exactly as Baba said. After two hours his son did perspire and felt better. The doctor was surprised at his recovery.

Three days later Upasani received a letter from Shyama saying "I had not

written to you so far as I had no direction from Baba to do so. Now upon Baba's orders I am stating what Baba told me "I have been to your friends place in Dhulia." When I asked Him who that friend was? Baba answered "Upasani Balakrishna Raoji" Then Baba added "I go to his place often. Write to him". Hence this letter from me.

Fifteen days later Upasani, his wife and son went for Baba's darshan. Early in the morning they got down at Kopergaon and bathed in the Godavari river, hoping to attend the Aarti. However the tongawala was late and Upasani was doubtful of reaching Shirdi in time for the Aarti. Here at Shirdi Baba said "Shama, stop the Aarti for a little while, your friend Raoji is on his way. He has set his heart on attending the Aarti". As soon as the family stepped into the Dwarakamai, the Aarti started. Baba called the son and asked him whether he recognized Him from his vision, when he was ill with fever. Raoji and his son immediately prostrated before Baba and thanked Him for His timely help.

Courtesy-
Ambrosia in Shirdi

Baba Helped Find The Misplaced Record

A devotee clerk in the custom office once got into a fix when some custom bills once seen and checked by the custom office were recalled and could not be found in the office inspite of all-round searches he made for these.

The clerk therefore, feared not only for his superiors reprimands but also dismissal from service and prosecution as well. A day passed away and though the bill bundle could not be found.

Somehow or the other his superiors forgot this matter

and made no inquiry on that day, naturally the clerk was worried and so he prayed Baba to save him.

The next morning, when he went to the office, he found the required bundle of bill on his table. The clerk was very much surprised for this, as he was always the first to attend office and the last to leave office. Who could have kept it after the office was closed? But Baba, he rightly thought. He therefore thanked Baba from the bottom of his heart for saving him.

Courtesy-
Sai Vichar

Baba Restored The Lost Property To The Doctor

In the days of Shri Shirdi Sai Baba in 1914, Sakarwadi (near Shirdi) Sugar Mill doctor Shri. M.R.Tagare was proceeding to Kopergaon Post office in bullock cart to encash his own war bonds of Rs.2500/- while he was talking busily with a fellow passenger, the bag containing war bonds slipped down from the cart unnoticed by the doctor. As soon as he noticed that the bag had dropped on the way, leaving the cart helter and shelter a mile or two in search of it, but without success. Uneasiness on account of this loss allowed him no sleep till about midnight when he thought of sitting near Sai Baba's photo he had in his house and praying, he seemed to hear some one calling him "cease worrying".

This brought him peace of mind and he could then sleep. Next morning, he had to attend upon an ill friend at a nearby village, so he went there, examined his friend gave him medicine and casually talked to him about the loss of bag containing the said war bonds. A girl who standing near by listening sympathetically to the doctor's talk, ran at once and returned with a bag saying that it was found lying on the road the previous day. Looking up the bag, the doctor found that the papers had all been disturbed and turned up and down, the finder found nothing in the bag and that the war bonds were intact. The doctor was over pleased and heartily thanked Baba for His favour and grace.

SAI BABA STOPS PLASTIC BAG

It was on June 05th this year, I requested to editor of Shri Sai Sumiran Times to seek blessings of Sai Baba by publishing Stop Plastic Bags slogan in the paper. All readers must learn on compaign awareness cell to STOP plastic Bag in Sai Sumiran Times wef 05 Jun 2008. As prayed by me, 07 Aug 2008, the High count ordered BAN on Plastic Bag



with disclosure to Delhi Govt. Delhi & Chandigarh have implemented to Ban on Plastic Bags. It was all due to Aashirwad of SAI BABA that my campaign started 10 year back Materialised in Delhi. With co-operation of all, Sai Baba, the BAN on Plastic Bag will find its way.

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Healing Touch

My mother Sitalakshmi aged 69 years was suffering from all the problems that pld age brings in. She had severe backache and was suffering from slip disc as well, since long. Belt had become her second skin. By the Grace of Shri Jagtap Baba ji from Chennai, came in her life in the form of divine intervention and Shri Sai Baba healed her and others in our family. My mother's backache and pain in her knee vanished in a matter of few minutes. This service towards humanity and his intention to heal people of their problems/sicknesses by the means of healing touch and chanting om Sai Rama-Baba's name 9 times is really very good. It washes off all the

karmas that kills you in form of ailments. I pray to Om Sai Rama to keep Shri Jagtap ji fit as a fiddle and you have many more to heal through him Baba.

If any devotee wants to contact Shri Jagtap Baba ji for healing service may call him on mob. 09841586849
Mrs.Seethalakshmi,
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Our Saviour Sai Baba

Forgive me "O Lord Sai"
for the bad deeds
I may have done
you are a saviour
Inspire in me the light
of spiritual power
I am caught in
whirlpool
of sorrows
I pray you Lord Sai,
rescue me
with your power
My life and prestige
is at stake
Help me overcame it
with patience and faith
My Sai, you helped
and consoled me
in times of need
Let me pay
my gratitude
with consists of
my devotion and faith
Om Sai Ram

-Sunita Bali
Nagda, M.P.

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Start your day
with Sai's pray,
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You all have to say
Now go to temple
change his dress,
Get his blessings,
he will be impress
Listen to His music
have some dance
enjoy like mad,
do not miss the chance
Don't look back
just go straight
He will do all your work.
if you have faith
He only blesses you
with good relations
He is the creator
of every creation
So always help others
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Sai loves those person
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Do His simran
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Shri Sai Samiti Noida

The year was 1989. A small determined group of Sai devotees commenced promoting Sai awareness, house to house in Noida.

In 1991 Shri Sai Samiti was formed & registered under the Society Act. In March 1995 a plot measuring 1100 sq. mtrs. was allotted by Noida Authority and was registered in favour of Shri Sai Samiti Noida. In the year 2000 four-and-a-half floors of building structure were completed.

Presently functional areas are ground floor, main Sai Baba temple i.e. Sanctum Sanctorum and a large hall, Gurusthan, Dhunimai (Agni Kund as at Shirdi), with Baba's silver framed portrait stands in full grace at the entrance.

There is conference hall, library etc. at first floor. First Floor is presently housing the primary school for the under-privileged. At Mezzanine floor there is a quiet and peaceful meditation centre with a large portrait of Shirdi Sai Baba. At lower-ground floor free of cost diagnosis and medicines at Sai Dharmarth Chikitsalaya'. Pathological Laboratory, X-Ray and Ultrasound services are offered free to needy and at nominal charges to others.

There is a Prasadalaya for bulk cooking, there is arrangement of public conveniences such as drinking water, toilets, washing area, footwear area, Pathological lab etc. Lift facility is available for all floors.

Shri Sai Samiti is committed to provide a peaceful, serene and soul stirring atmosphere to thousands of ardent devotees who throng the temple every day to realize their religious emotional and spiritual self at His Lotus Feet.

Anna-daan': program provides food to the needy

and the less privileged. Donations in cash and kind are accepted to provide 'Annadan' and 'Bhandara'. Surplus food material like 'Atta' is distributed to charitable organisations and needy school in the neighbourhood.

The education and vocational training is given to the under privileged. Free medical services to the sick and needy. Presently about 250 students from poor families are getting basic education from KG to class IV in Sai Vidya Niketan-charitable school, functioning on the first floor of the temple premises. The school has been recognised by the UP Education Department up to primary level.

Free Medical Services are provided to the less privileged on all days except Sundays.

There are allopathic and Homeopathic doctors including lady doctors and a pathologist. Medicines are provided free of cost. Pathological tests are provided on a subsidized cost. At present about 150 patients are given free medical advice and medicines daily.

There is a Library with reading room facility for spreading Baba's teachings and philosophy. The books would largely cater to spiritual aspirations and self development of all devotees and visitors. Those wishing to help spread Baba's teachings may offer a helping hand financially or by donating books.

Mini-Bus Service is being provided to devotees living in distant localities on thursdays, festival days and selected holidays. It is used for school excursions too. Sundays and on various other occasions appx. 8 to 10000 devotees come to seek Sri Sai Baba's blessings on thursdays.

The Story of Grinding Wheat and Its Philosophical Significance.

"It was sometimes after 1910 A.D. that I went, one fine morning, to the Masjid in Shirdi for getting a darshan of Sai Baba. I was wonder-struck to see the following phenomenon.

After washing His mouth and face, Sai Baba began to make preparations for grinding wheat. He spread a sack on the floor; and thereon set a hand-mill. He took some quantity of wheat in a winnowing fan, and then drawing up the sleeves of His Kafni (robe); and taking hold of the peg of the hand-mill, started grinding the wheat by putting a few handfuls of wheat in the upper opening of the mill and rotated it. I thought 'what business Baba had with the grinding of wheat, when He possessed nothing and stored nothing, and as He lived on alms!' Some people who had come there thought likewise, but none had the courage to ask baba what He was doing. Immediately, this news of Baba's grinding wheat spread into the village, and at once men and women ran to the Masjid and flocked there to see Baba's act. Four bold women, from the crowd, forced their way up and pushing Baba aside, took forcibly the peg or handle into their hands, and, singing Baba's Leelas, started grinding. At first Baba was enraged, but on seeing the women's love and devotion, He was much pleased and began to smile. While they were grinding, they began to think that Baba had no house, no property, no children, none to look after, and He lived on alms, He did not require any wheat-flour for making bread or roti, what will He do with this big quantity of flour?

Perhaps as Baba is very kind, He will distribute the flour amongst us. Thinking in this way while singing, they finished the grinding and after putting the hand-mill aside, they divided the flour into four portions and began to take them one per head. Baba, Who was calm and quiet till now, got wild and started abusing them saying, "Ladies, are you gone mad? Whose father's property are you looting away? Have I borrowed any wheat from you, so that you can safely take the flour? Now please do this. Take the flour and throw it on the village border limits." On hearing this, the women felt abashed and whispering amongst themselves, went away to the outskirts of the village and spread the flour as directed by Baba.

I asked the Shirdi people - "What was this that Baba did?" They replied that as the Cholera Epidemic was spreading in the village and this was Baba's remedy against the same; it was not wheat that was grinded but the Cholera itself was grinded to pieces and pushed out of the village. From this time onward, the Cholera Epidemic subsided and the people of the village were happy. I was much pleased to know all this; but at the same time my curiosity was also aroused. I began to ask myself - What earthly connection was there between wheat flour and Cholera? What was the casual relation between the two? And how to reconcile them? The incident seems to be inexplicable. I should write something on this and sing to my heart's content Baba's sweet Leelas.

Thinking in this way about this Leela, my heart was filled with joy and I was thus inspired to write Baba's Life - The Sai Satcharita.

And as we know, with Baba's grace and blessings this work was successfully accomplished.

Apart from the meaning that the people of Shirdi put on this incident of grinding wheat, there is philosophical significance of grinding. Sai Baba lived in Shirdi for about sixty years and during this long period He did the grinding of wheat almost every day - not, however, the wheat alone but the sins, the mental and physical afflictions and the miseries of His innumerable devotees. 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 get rid of.

This reminds us of a similar story of Kabir who seeing a woman grinding corn said to his Guru, Nipathiranjana, "I am weeping because I feel the agony of being crushed in this wheel of worldly existence like the corn in the hand-mill." Nipathiranjana replied, "Do not be afraid; hold fast to the handle of knowledge of this mill, as I do, and do not wander far away from the same but turn inward to the Center, and you are sure to be saved."

Bow to Shri Sai — Peace be to all.

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