

Shirdi Sai Baba, The Practical Guru



Compiled from the speeches of
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Baba did not possess parents. The Intellectuals may not accept this. Why should we care them? Baba created His own body on the day of Sri Rama Navami (the birthday of Lord Sri Rama). I don't care whether you all believe these words or not; My faith is not reliable on your belief. - Sadguru Sri Nannagaru

Sri Nannagaru's experience in Shirdi

Shirdi Sai Baba is worshipped in three forms. Some people worship him as Srirama, few others adore him as Dattatreya and some people worship him as Hanuman. When I visited Shirdi, I had a dream in which I could see the child form of Hanuman. I was thinking why is Hanuman visible and why not Baba. Then Baba appeared and said: "Do you want the Utsava vigraha ie the idol used for procession or the Mula virat ie the idol that is worshipped in the temple." ie., Baba referred Himself to the utsava vigraha and referred to Hanuman as Mula virat thereby confirming that He is the very embodiment of Hanuman. So Baba's idol always reminds me of child Hanuman and so I always adore him as Hanuman.

'I feel as if I am that which exists forever'

As per life history, Baba took birth in 1832 and left his mortal frame in 1918. People say that Baba was born to a Brahmin couple but grew up in a Muslim family. Some people even say that He did not come out of a Mother's womb. But Baba never revealed any of such details. Rather He used to say: "My Mother states that I am born to her. *However I don't remember taking birth. I feel as if I am that which exists forever.* How can that which remains forever (ie., in all the times and in all the places) take birth?." Nobody knew his place of birth, his mother's name, his father's name, whether he is a Hindu or a Muslim; Nobody knew anything about him. How can they know when His body has been created by GOD.



'YAA SAI BABA'- WELCOME TO YOU SAI BABA



Baba never differentiated on the basis of religion, caste and region. Baba also never differentiated between gods.

Baba visited Shirdi for the first time in 1854. But he stayed only for 3 months and went back for unknown reasons. He again came to Shirdi in the year 1858. Baba lived in Shirdi for 60 years though Shirdi was not his native place. Baba

used to spend most of his time under the trees in forests before coming to Shirdi.

Once he sat under a tree which was 30 miles away from Shirdi. Some people used to run away taking Baba as a devil when they saw Baba all alone. Moreover he used to tie a cloth over his head which he never removed except at the time of taking bath which strengthened their belief. At such a point of time when Baba was sitting under a tree in a nearby forest, a villager nearby Shirdi lost his horse. In his search for the horse, he came across Baba.

He told Baba that his livelihood depended solely upon his horse which was currently missing. Then Baba replied him that his horse was eating grass at a particular place and that he can take back his horse. He found his horse exactly in the same place as pointed out by

Baba. He came back to Baba along with his horse and invited Baba to his house. Baba promised that he would come the next day. Accordingly Baba went there and stayed for 2 days. A marriage was fixed at that point of time for which Baba was invited. The Bridegroom's village was the place where the horse was found and where Baba was invited to stay. The Bride's place was Shirdi. When Baba was invited for the marriage, Baba consented for the same. Baba travelled to Shirdi in a bullock cart.

Before this Baba did not have any name or village or parents. Even Veda Vyasa had parents but Shirdi Sai Baba did not have parents. There was an ancient temple of Vishnu in Shirdi. The bullock carts of the marriage party stopped near the temple. Baba did not get his name as BABA yet. He was just called as fakir. The priest

of the temple saw Baba getting down from the cart. The priest observed: the cloth over Baba's head, His eyes, His nose, His very soft skin, His long hands and feet, His star like shining peaceful eyes, His Divine smile, His wonderful Compassion, His unending Love for the Humanity. Looking at all these features, the priest approached and called thus: "YAA *SAI BABA*" which implies "*WELCOME TO YOU OH SAI BABA*". Baba thus got his name. Until then he was only called as a Fakir. Now Baba has become world famous with the name which came out of the priest. The priest requested Baba to stay in Shirdi forever. Baba consented for the same. Baba was aware of previous births. As His Guru's Samadhi existed in Shirdi, Baba settled down in Shirdi.

The leaves of the Neem tree turned sweet

Baba never knew as to what is meant by fear. He never feared any animal or human in his entire life. Baba never used any blanket however cold it used to be. He very naturally tolerated the heat



and cold. Whether it was summer or winter, he always sat under the same Neem tree. *The leaves of that tree which were bitter turned sweet.* Baba performed such miracles. He used to talk very limitedly if anybody visited Him in the day time. However in the nights, He used to stay all alone. The Neem tree under which Baba sat is now called as Guru stanam (The place of Guru). It is only the great fortune of Shirdi that Baba came to Shirdi. Shirdi became a pilgrimage center only after the advent of Baba.

Dhuni indicates that ultimately you are turned into ashes



Dhuni/Vibhuti implies the ashes generated by burning the wood. The Dhuni is lit for all the 24hrs in Shirdi. Baba uses the Dhuni to burn away the tendencies that obstruct the Self Realization of the devotees. Through Dhuni, Baba tried to tell us:

“Don’t become proud of your wealth or power or position or beauty.

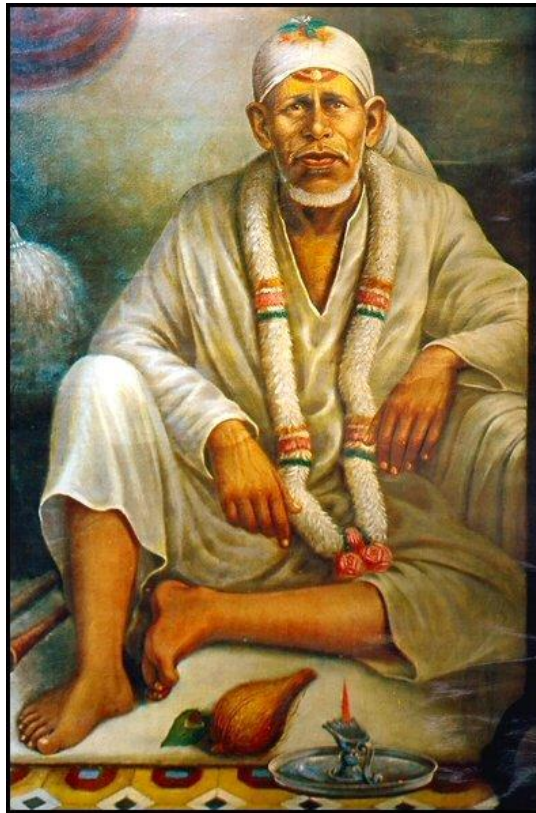
Ultimately you are turned into ashes."

Baba's boundless Love for devotees made Him very popular



There are many Self realized saints in India similar to Baba. But *Baba's boundless Love for devotees made Him very popular*. When any of the devotees expired, even Baba went to the burial ground, put flowers on the corpse and cried as if any of the devotee's relatives would cry.

Baba enacted as a spiritual aspirant



Though we don't possess Self Knowledge, we enact as if we possess the same. But the greatest quality of Baba is that in spite of being omnipresent, the indweller and a great Jnani, Baba *enacted as if he was a spiritual aspirant*. He sang songs, did japa, cried as well as laughed along with the devotees.

Baba always shared His food and never craved for taste

The epics state that GOD looks after his devotees in the same manner as He looks after His body.



This is very evident in the life of Baba. Normally saints like Ramana and Buddha had a principle that they would go out for begging only once or twice in a day. But Baba did not possess any such principle.

He went out for begging even for 10 times in a day. Baba used to bring all the begged food to the Masjid (his residence) where He mixed all the varieties of food and kept it in a pot. He distributed the same among the animals



(dogs, cats etc.,) that visited Him and then ate that which was left out after distribution.

Normally we don't touch the food tasted by a dog. But Baba willingly shared his food with the dogs. At that point of time, the devotees stayed far away from Baba. It is because they cannot take the food tasted by dog as well as cannot reject the food given by Baba.

Baba never craved for taste. It is not just 99% but *it is 100% true that Baba transcended the tongue* ie., the craving for taste.

God is My religion and God is My caste

Once a thief was brought to a Magistrate for stealing some ornaments. The thief told the Magistrate: "I did not steal these ornaments. It is Shirdi Sai Baba who gave me these ornaments."

Baba was not a hypocrite. If any rich people gave him money, He accepted them and distributed it among the poor. Baba did not possess any bank account. Suppose He got a donation of Rs 1000 throughout the day, he would not hoard the same but would distribute it by the end of the day.

The Magistrate ordered summons to be sent to Baba. The officials said that Baba was not an ordinary man to be brought to the court and hence recommended the appointment of a receiver (who would visit Baba representing the

Magistrate/court). The Receiver first put the following questions:

Receiver: What is your name?

Baba: This body is called as Sai Baba.
(What name can exist for Self/God?)

Receiver: What is your Father's name?

Baba: My Father's name is Sai Baba. (It is because Sai Baba Himself created His own body).

Receiver: What is your religion?

Baba: *God is my Religion.*

Nobody knows the caste or religion or the birth place of Baba. When anyone asked him about His religion, Baba used to state that He belonged to Kabir's religion (neither Hindu nor Muslim).



Receiver: What is your caste?

Baba: *God is my caste.*

Receiver: What is your age?

Baba: I am 500 years old.(implying infinity ie He exists forever)

Receiver: Have you given those ornaments to the thief?

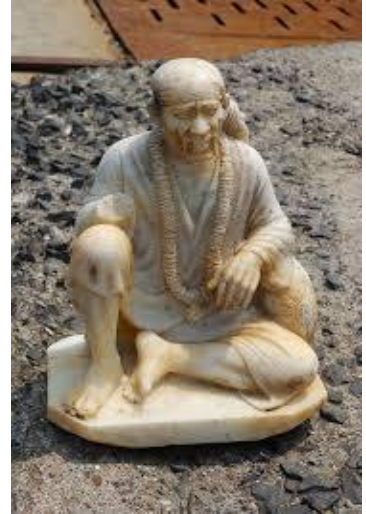
Baba: What is this distraction? What relation do I have with this?

The Receiver left after noting down this.



'I perform Miracles only to increase your faith'

Once Baba told His devotees that He would leave his body and come back after 3 days. Accordingly Baba returned after 3 days. Baba then said: *"I am performing miracles only to increase your faith.* But miracles don't constitute the ultimate goal. I am fulfilling your desires through miracles so that one day all of you will desire that which I want you all to desire (ie., liberation)." Hence Baba turned many people towards the right path. He created in them an intense yearning for Self Knowledge and thereby bestowed them with peace.



‘Why do you need 10 births? I will remove your pain within 10 days!’



Baba not only cared for the spiritual growth of His devotees but also looked after their progress in material life. He even cured the diseases of His devotees.

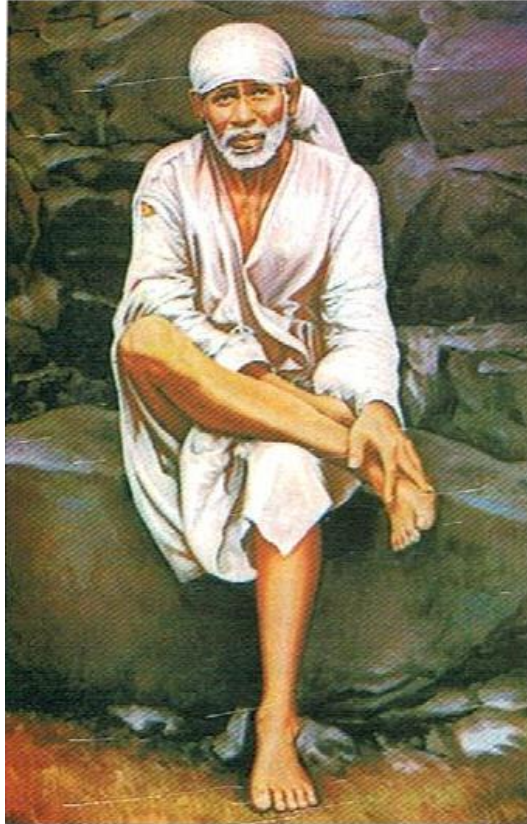
Once a devotee was suffering from an intense pain due to an abscess. His pain was so intense

that he could not tolerate it anymore. He approached Baba and asked: "I am experiencing this pain due to the sins incurred in my previous lives. I must experience the fruit of my bad deeds for it cannot be avoided. I can no more tolerate this pain. I won't ask you to remove my pain, rather I would request you to distribute this pain for future 10 births. I can't tolerate so much pain in one single birth."

Baba replied: "*Why do you need 10 births? I will remove your pain within 10 days.*"

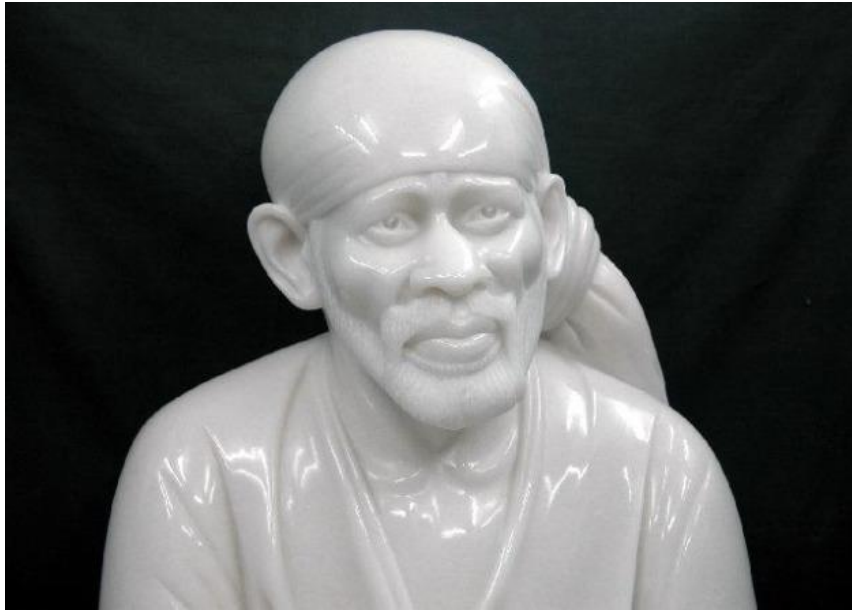
It happened that the sweeper in the Masjid accidentally put his leg on the abscess and the entire puss and worms within the abscess came out. Though it was very painful initially, the entire pain subsided within 10 days. Hence Baba enabled the devotee to experience the pain of 10 births in 10 days.

Baba was aware of the previous births



Once Baba told a devotee that He knows her since 600 years. The devotee got confused as her age was merely 30 yrs. What Baba implied here was that *He knew all her previous births* and their relationship during that time frame.

Baba, the Practical Guru



Baba was a practical man. Many people say that Baba never preached but only performed miracles. There are some Gurus who always keep the Gita or Brahmasutras or any other scriptures with them and try to preach as done in any educational institute. But Baba neither kept any scriptures with Him nor quoted from them. He only preached as per the situation. Not that He completely avoided preaching.

Guru is aware of everything (worthwhile)

Once Baba received a money order of 2 Rs. One of the devotees collected the money and used it for his personal purpose. Even Baba did not ask him about the same. The devotee thought that Baba is not aware of this. However after 4 months the devotee came to Baba and told:

"Baba, somebody has stolen 200Rs from my house." Then Baba replied: " You are sad that you lost your 200 Rs, even I am equally sad that I lost my 2Rs." Until then the devotee did not realize that Baba is aware of his stealing the money.



Guru is aware of everything (worthwhile).

'I just wanted to see how much anger you possess'.

Once a devotee gave a book (1000 names of Vishnu) to Baba and asked Him to take care of it till he returned from the market. By the time the devotee returned back, Baba gave that book to another devotee. When the owner of the book returned back and found that his book has been given to someone else, he burst out saying: "Baba, how can you give my book to someone else?".



Then Baba said: " Not that the other devotee cannot purchase the book; *I just wanted to see how much anger you possess.*"

Baba asked for money only to get rid of the devotee's miserliness



When a devotee possessed 100 Rs and another devotee possessed 5 Rs, Baba used to ask the devotee possessing 5 Rs to give him money and not the devotee possessing 100Rs. In fact Baba used to tell aloud the amount of money that was in the pocket of the devotee and demanded money from him. The reason being,

Baba recognized the devotee to be a miser and wanted to teach him the art of giving. Baba used to distribute such money to the needy people. Baba asked money only from those devotees who were very rich but hoarded money. Baba used to know the amount that devotee possessed in his pocket and accordingly asked him the money. He did this only to get rid of the devotee's miserliness. In fact Baba is an emperor. Baba is placed on a throne and adored with a crown as an emperor. Not only now, even when He was alive, devotees adored Him with a crown. Still *Baba asked for money only to get rid of the devotee's miserliness.*

If you possess enmity, it will continue in future births



One may criticize others but one should not have enmity. *If one possesses enmity, it will continue even for future births.*

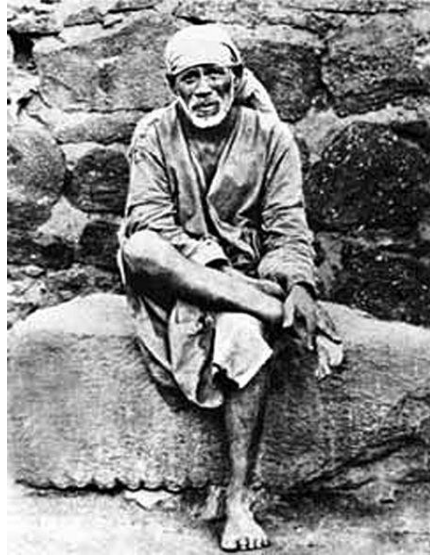
Once when Baba was smoking hookah, a devotee came running to Baba and said: "I saw a snake trying to eat a frog but is unable to swallow it completely." Baba immediately went

to that place and called the snake and frog by their names in previous births (ie Veera Bhadrappa and Sarapasappa respectively).

Baba said: "How long will you continue this enmity? Your enmity has been existing since last 3 births and this is the fourth one. Don't you want GOD? Don't you want a human body?"

The snake then left the frog and fell into nearby water and the frog disappeared into the forest. Therefore Baba said: "Don't possess enmity with anyone even if you have a genuine reason. If you develop enmity, your mind will get extroverted."

‘Wait, it is waiting for its sister’



When the devotees were trying to move a lizard (which was not moving from its place for a long time,) Baba said: "*Wait, it is waiting for its sister.*" Within a short period of time, a devotee brought some vegetables for Baba and a lizard came out of the basket and ran towards the other lizard. Then both the lizards left that place.

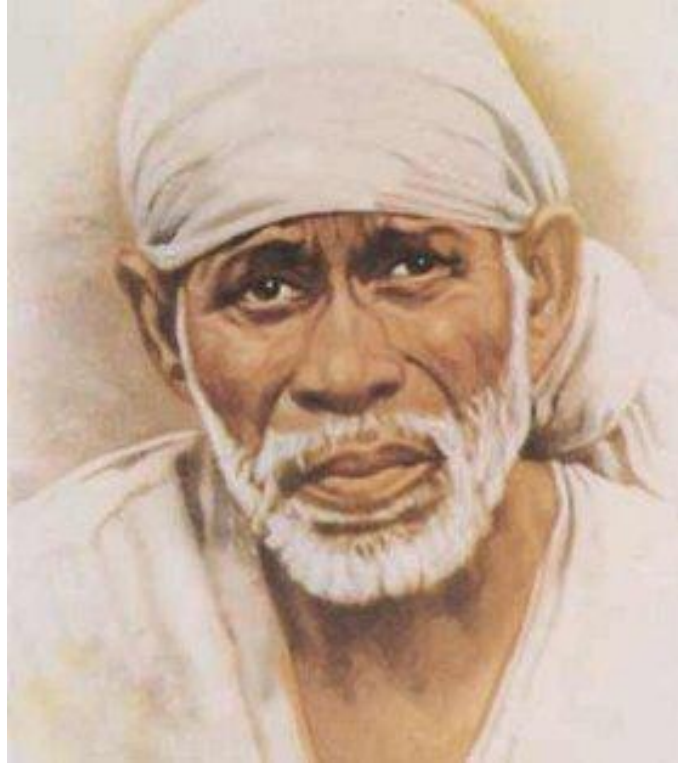
'That Pig is eating the filth and you are eating that devotee's filth'



Once a devotee started talking about the negative aspects of another devotee.

Then Baba showed him a pig eating the filth and said, "*That Pig is eating the filth and you are eating that devotee's filth.*"

'Are you a right person to get a right Guru?'

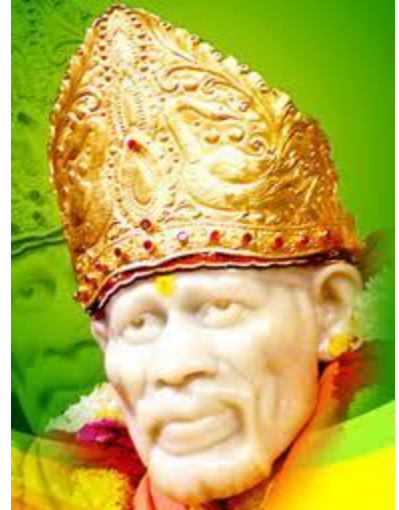


Once someone asks Baba: "I am unable to find a right guru for myself." Baba then replied:

"Are you a right person? Everyone wants their Guru to be great but never realize that even the disciple needs to be great to attain such Guru."

‘What is the effort that you made to attain my feet?’

Once a devotee got a dream that Baba was standing in a river having water up to his knees. The devotee then asked Baba: " Oh! Baba, how can I prostrate to you if your feet remain within water?" Then Baba replied:



"What is the effort that you made to attain my feet?" This increased the devotee's yearning for Baba. When the devotee's yearning raised, Baba took out his feet from the water which enabled the devotee to worship Baba. It implies that you cannot attain the feet of Baba even if they are very near to you until and unless you possess devotion.

‘A new leader is about to come’

Baba was a true monk. He was beyond religion/politics/society /caste. He was Sadguru, Samartha Sadguru and Parama Guru.



Tilak was a great patriot who said: "Swaraj is my birth right and I will have it." Tilak spent most of his life in jail. He was also a great Mathematician, a Sanskrit scholar, a great writer and a great orator. Tilak was brought to Baba in the year 1917 by some of his friends. When Tilak was introduced to Baba, Baba said: "*Tilak is doing a good work. But his time is fast approaching. However a new leader is about to come.*" Accordingly Tilak expired in the year 1920 as per Baba's prediction and Gandhiji took over the leadership after Tilak.

‘Baba is going to get liberated’!



Once Baba ran across the streets of Shirdi shouting: “Baba is going to get liberated”. Exactly one year from that day Baba left his mortal frame.

Baba assured that He will exist even after the death of his body

Baba and his devotees possessed the Mother-child relationship. Baba assured His devotees: *"I will always exist irrespective of the existence of my body. I will share all your happiness and sorrow. I will drive away all your sorrows and fulfill all your desires. I will carry on this work from my Samadhi itself. I will not leave you even after my body perishes. Even when my body doesn't exist I will work in the same manner as if my body existed for it is a Power which works and not the body."*



Baba celebrated three festivals with great grandeur



Baba celebrated three festivals ie Guru Poornima, Sri Rama Navami and Dasserah with great grandeur.

If anyone wanted any of their desires to be fulfilled Baba suggested them to read the 1000 verses of Vishnu or the Sundara Kanda in Ramayana.

Preachings of Sai Baba



Many people blame that Baba performed miracles but did not preach. Baba never gave public speech but taught according to context. The teaching of Baba contains *education, civilization and quality*. – Sadguru Sri Nannagaru

Daarunaha implies the 'Cruellest one'

Baba liked the Gita as well as the 1000 names of Vishnu equally. He used to say that one name of Vishnu is enough for us to get liberated. In the 1000 names of Vishnu there is name for Lord called *Daarunaha* implying 'the Cruellest one'.



Substantiating the meaning of this, Baba said that God is not cruel by nature but He becomes cruel towards them who hurt and cause pain to the Holy, pure, flawless and kind hearted devotees.

The Bhagawad Gita as expounded by Baba



Once a devotee was mumbling the following verse in Chapter 4 of the Gita:

TAD VIDDHI PRANIPATENA PARIPRASHNENA
SEVAYA

UPADEKSHYANTI TE' JNANAM JNANINAS TATVA
DARSHINAH

(Know that by full prostration, question and service, the sages who have realized the truth will instruct you in that knowledge).

Baba said: " Why don't you chant the verse aloud rather than mumbling it within yourself?"

The devotee was a great scholar. He read out the verse and explained the meaning in detail: He is a Jnani who experiences (darshinaha) Self (tatva) as his very nature. Only a Jnani is eligible to be a Guru. Only when a Jnani/Guru preaches us the Self Knowledge, can we grasp or understand. Else is it possible for us to understand the same? Hence Know That (which is omnipresent and beyond birth and death ie., Self) by prostrating to the Guru wholeheartedly without any crookedness, by asking (the Guru) with great reverence (We should ask in such a manner that even if the Guru is suffering from ill-health, he is ready to answer us being impressed by the methodology of our questioning) and by serving the Guru (The Guru

must be honored; We should look after His needs).

Having explained the essence of the verse, the devotee felt proud of his scholarship.

After understanding the essence of the above verse, Baba questioned back:

"If Krishna Himself is a Great Jnani, a great Guru, the God of gods, the first among the gods, the Most Powerful one(Ati Balavan) then why does He suggest us to take the shelter of a Jnani to attain Self Knowledge?" When the devotee was unable to answer, Baba Himself replied: "A Self Realized soul is none other than Lord Vasudeva Himself. The Lord says:

'The Sage is myself.' Therefore all the prostrations made to a Jnani are conveyed to the Supreme Lord. Supreme God is the Self of

Jnani. Since the Jnani is devoid of body consciousness, any prostrations made to a Jnani are conveyed to the Supreme God/Self."

The devotee was humbled with Baba's explanation.



Baba implied that if you have lively faith in God/Guru, you will attain Self Realization even if you don't possess scholarship or money or authority or power.

Baba asked the devotee to read out the following verse also, which resembles the tail of the above verse:



Shraddhavan labhate jnanam matparassamyat
indriyaha |Jnanam labdwa param

shanthim achirena adhigachchathi || 4.39 ||

Translation:

"The man who is full of faith, who is devoted to It/Me (identifies himself with the God/Guru/Self), and who has subdued the senses, obtains (this) 'Knowledge'(Self Knowledge) ; and having obtained 'Knowledge, attains Moksha or Supreme Peace in that very moment."

The Essence of Gita as explained by Baba



The goal of *Karma Yoga* is to control (not indulgence) and reform the senses.

The goal of *Bhakti yoga* is to identify and eliminate the weaknesses and sorrows within us. (Bhakti does not imply being rigid. Our devotion should eliminate our inadequacies. If we give food to a hungry man, his hunger may subside. But we will attain a greater joy than the hungry man. This is devotion).

The goal of *Jnana yoga* is to attain the subtle intellect (discrimination) to understand the words of God in true sense. (We need to attain the discrimination to find out our origin as well as destination, how long are we going to stay on this earth, what are our duties on this earth, whether we are living in a Holy Company or a evil company etc., This discrimination is required to understand the words of God in true sense).



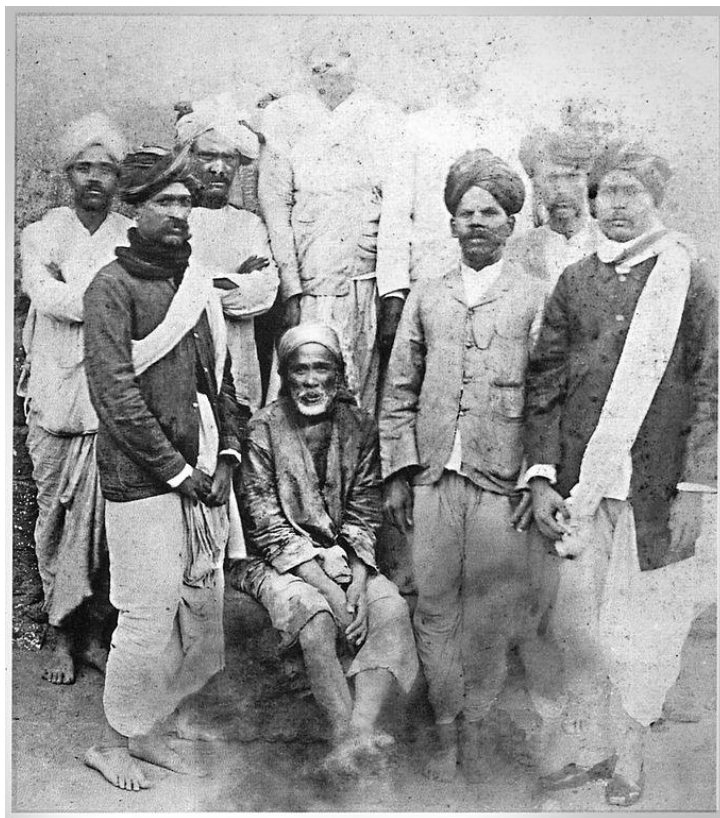
The two things to be practiced and the two things to be quitted in Life



Firstly, Baba asked us to accept and practice two things throughout the life. Baba always stressed upon two preachings: One being Unswerving *Faith in God* and the other being *Tolerance*. Just as we mix sugar with coffee, Baba asked us to mix courage with Faith and Tolerance. Our tolerance will withstand only when we have courage. Therefore *Faith and*

Tolerance are the two words that are written beside Baba's idol. Secondly He asked us to get rid of two things in our life. *They are the thoughts of 'I'(Ahamta) and 'Mine'(Mamata).* Mind is nothing but a bundle of thoughts. Of all the thoughts, the deepest thoughts are 'The Sense of i' and 'The Sense of Mine'. The bad people may get good thoughts and the good people may get bad thoughts. Man's thoughts may keep changing but it is very difficult to get rid of the above two thoughts. It requires tremendous effort, Holy Company and an intense desire for liberation. When you try to look at the cause of any of your sorrow or disturbance or fear, you will find one of these thoughts to be the root-cause. As long as you possess these two thoughts, rebirth is inevitable. Therefore Baba asked us to get rid of them.

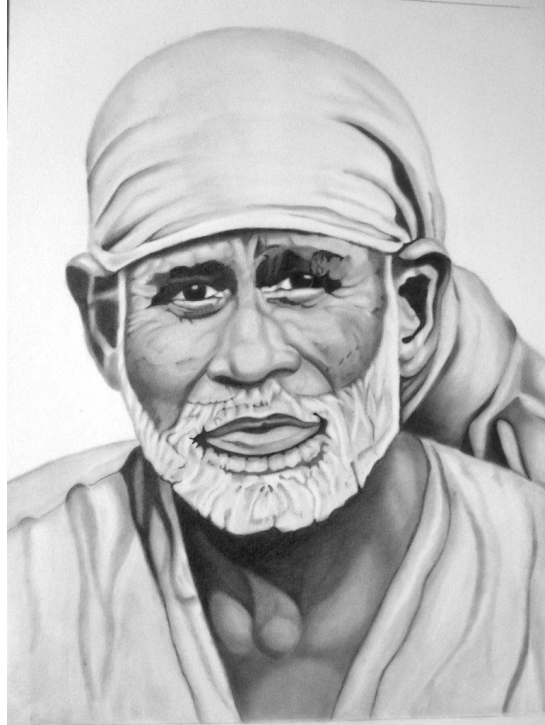
'ALLAH OH AKBAR', implies GOD IS GREAT'



Baba always said: "*Allah Malik, Allah Malik, Allah Malik*", which implies *GOD IS OUR OWNER*. There is none equivalent to or greater than GOD in this entire Universe. Don't ever think that you are supreme. What you possess is not supremacy, rather what you possess is only ego. You are feeling superior only due to

your ego. Your superiority complex distances you from God and makes you closer to your body, senses and the world. Therefore Baba asked us to get rid of the feeling 'I am Superior to others and I am special from others.' When we feel that we are superior to GOD, How can we adore GOD? Even people who are good for nothing have a superiority complex which is the cause for man's downfall. All the good that happens to you, all the knowledge that you are bestowed with, all the money and education that you possess is only the gift of GOD. Nothing is attainable without the Grace of GOD. Therefore possess gratitude towards GOD for all the things that he bestowed upon you. If you forget the feet of GOD, the cycle of birth and death is unavoidable.

**Remain unperturbed like the sun in your
happiness as well as in your sorrows**



We feel elated when we are happy but feel depressed when we experience sorrow.

We are delighted in our gains and are sorrowful in our losses. We get inflated when praised and get deflated when blamed. Therefore we are not the same in all the situations.



Baba said: "You neither gain anything by being praised by others nor lose anything by being blamed by others. But you feel that you lose something on being blamed by others. It is only your delusion which makes you feel so.

The Sun remains in the same color at the time of sunrise as well as during sunset. Therefore *remain unperturbed like the sun in your happiness as well as in your sorrows."*

Quotable Quotes of Sai Baba

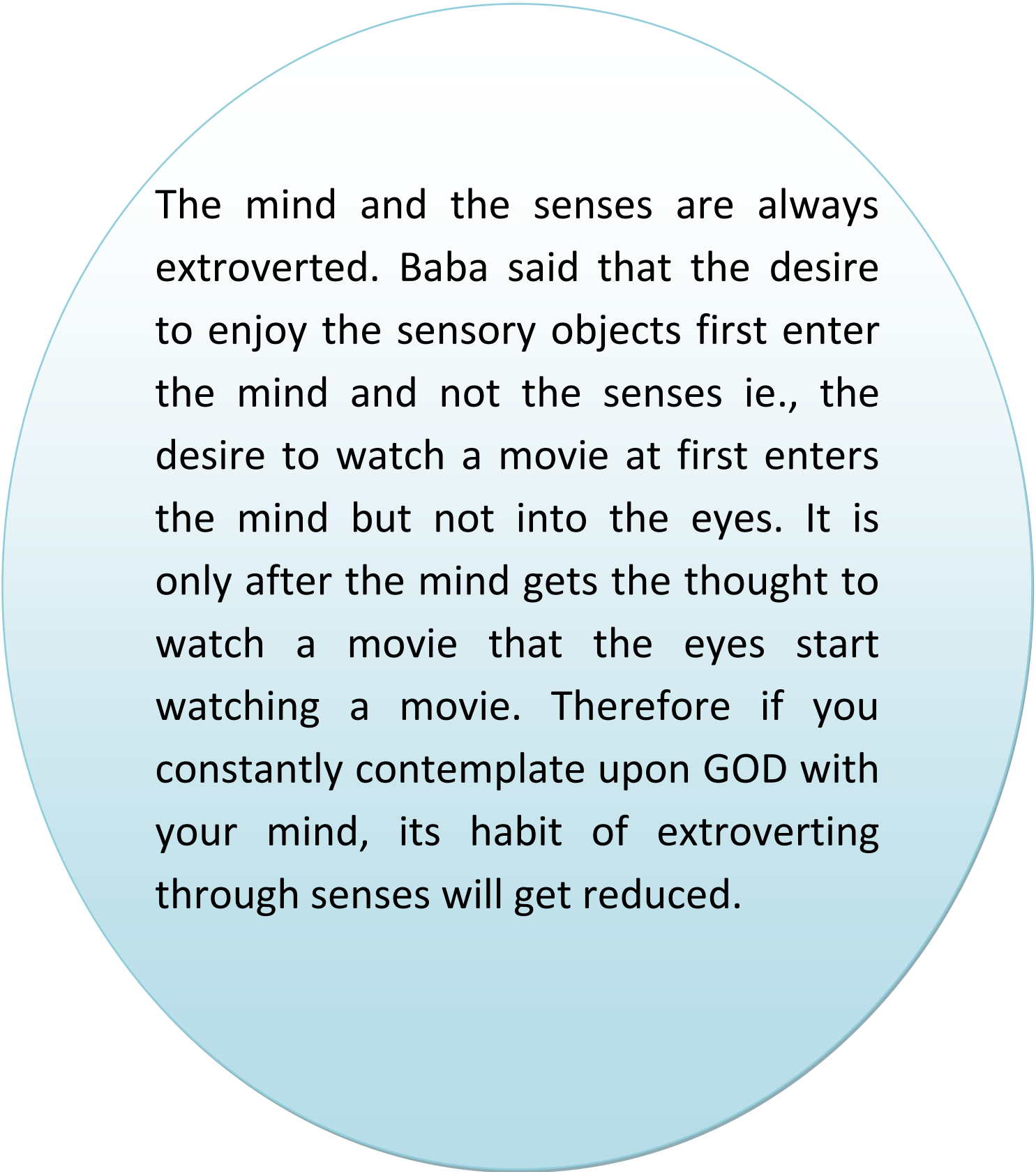


It is the nature of a good man to do good even to those who harm him. When the good man himself behaves thus, why can't GOD liberate them who cannot lead their life according to His words but surrender themselves unto GOD and take shelter in His Holy feet?

Don't ever sit beside them who boast about themselves. You will develop the same habit of boasting from them.

If you are getting angry every day and every moment, how can you remain peaceful? Your intelligence will reduce as and when you get angry. At least for the sake of your peace, try to get rid of anger.

If you face any insult,
consider it as a honor.
If you are honored
consider it as poison.

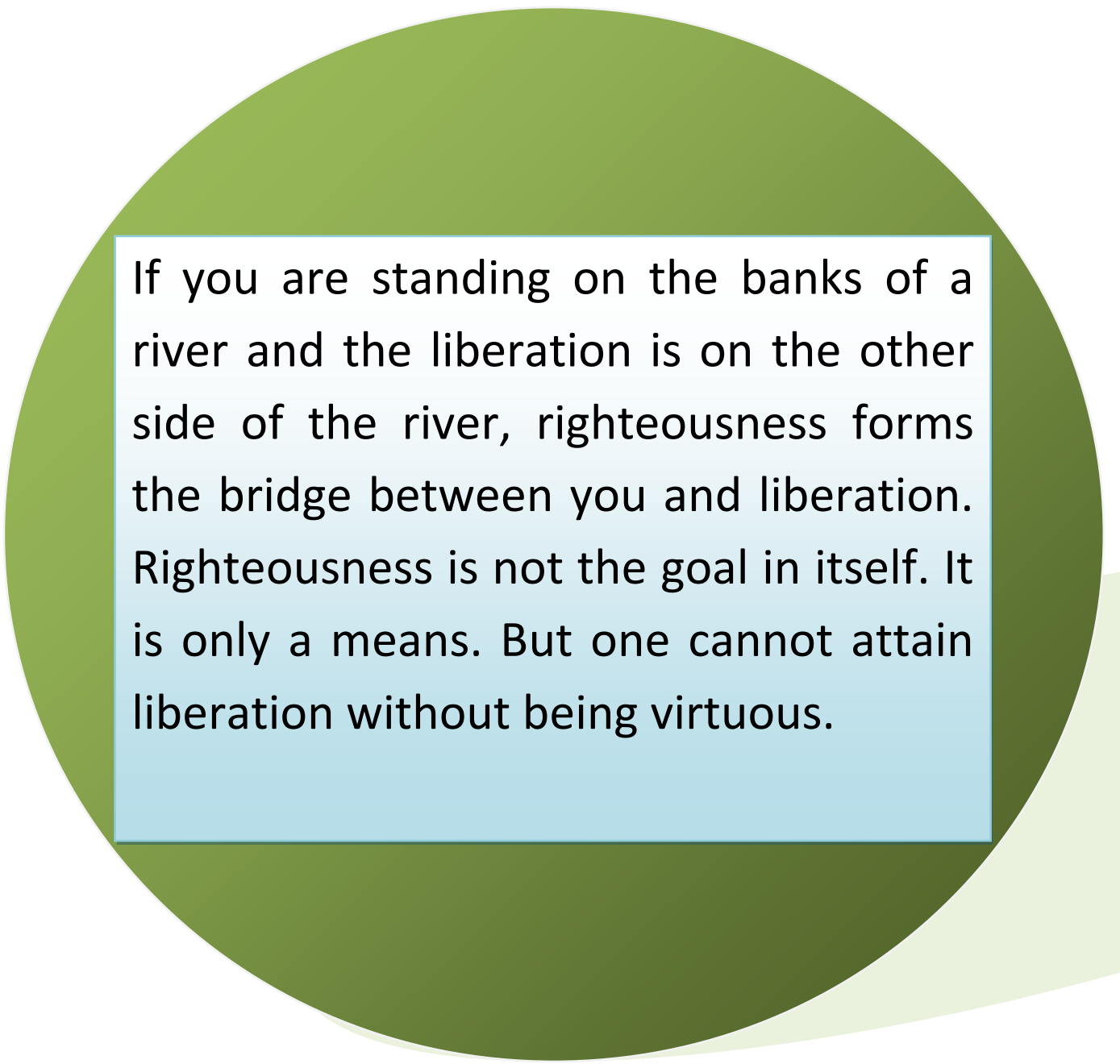


The mind and the senses are always extroverted. Baba said that the desire to enjoy the sensory objects first enter the mind and not the senses ie., the desire to watch a movie at first enters the mind but not into the eyes. It is only after the mind gets the thought to watch a movie that the eyes start watching a movie. Therefore if you constantly contemplate upon GOD with your mind, its habit of extroverting through senses will get reduced.

You may have petty problems at home. All such problems are only passing phases of life. Don't waste your time in them. If you lose your peace and become emotional for every petty thing, you will swerve from the path of liberation and thereby forget the Ultimate goal.

You will get fear only when your ego is hurt or your attachment is hurt.

Some people think that one should contemplate upon GOD only in old age. Baba said: "When all the situations are favorable, you utilize your body for worldly activities. When your body becomes completely useless for the worldly activities, when your entire family is waiting for your death, only then you want to remember GOD? Are you not ashamed of this? You must try to contemplate upon GOD even when all the situations are favorable."



If you are standing on the banks of a river and the liberation is on the other side of the river, righteousness forms the bridge between you and liberation. Righteousness is not the goal in itself. It is only a means. But one cannot attain liberation without being virtuous.

Learn introverted vision. Only when the mind attains introverted vision, your senses will get introverted. Without introversion of the mind, without introversion of senses, none could attain Self Knowledge in this Universe till date.

If you lack concentration, don't start worrying about it rather try your best to attain it.

They will be honored who possess the ability to bear insult. If you are continuously being insulted/tortured by someone at home and you forbear them very patiently, God will certainly honor you in future for your forbearance.

If you want peace, money or fame, don't perform any mistakes in the worship of the Lord.

Worship the Lord wholeheartedly.

Baba said: "Never feel failure."

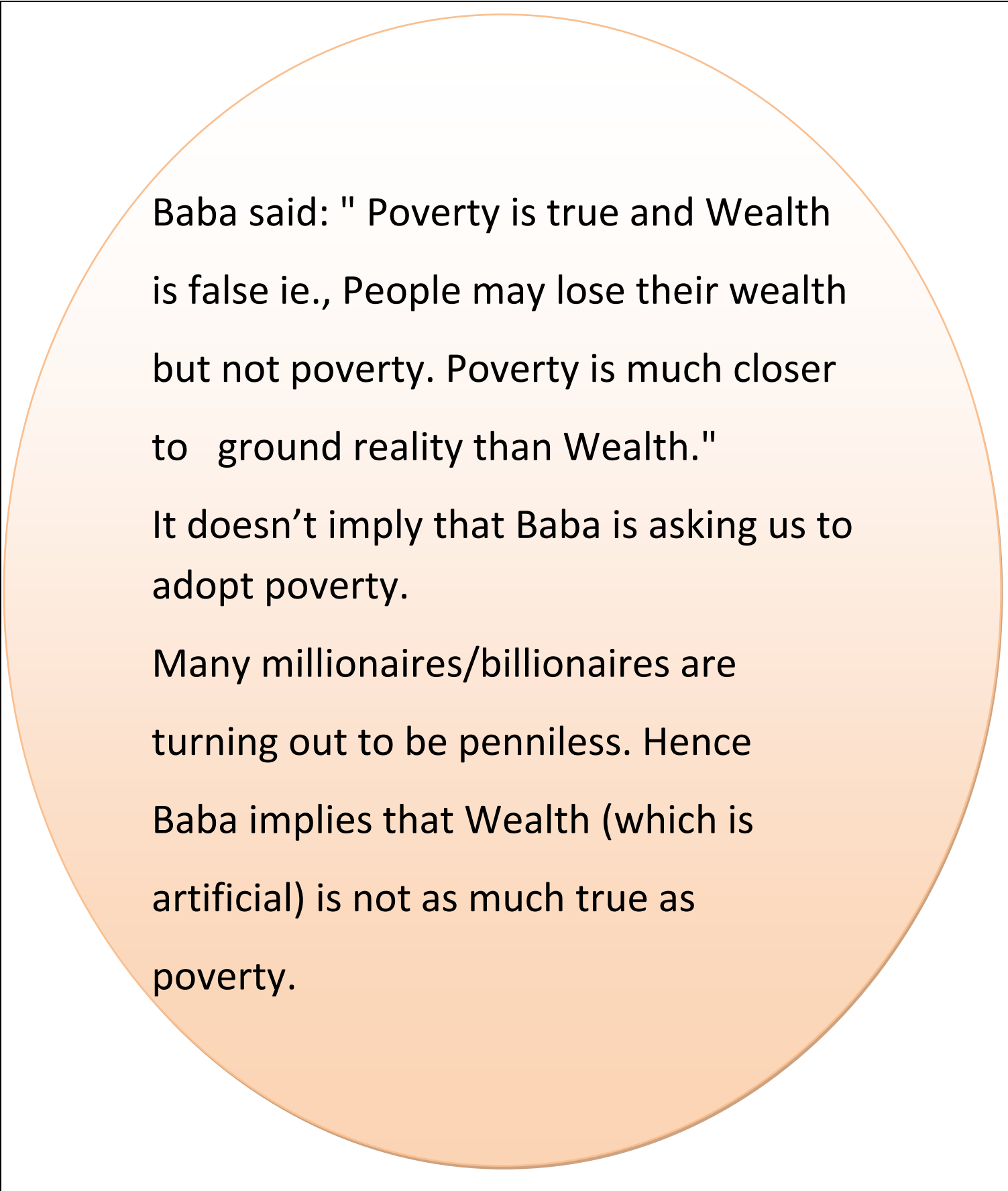
Baba refers not only to the studies but also for any incident in our life. Baba indicates that all the failures in our life are only stepping stones for success.

Hanuman adored Lord Sri Rama. It is enough if we can worship Hanuman.

Rather than criticizing other's behavior,
can't you reform your own behavior?

You are unable to transcend fear,
jealousy, duality and sorrow. If you are
able to transcend the same, what remains
is Liberation only.

Don't fear hardships or poverty. God
becomes your brother during your
hardships or when you are afflicted with
poverty.



Baba said: " Poverty is true and Wealth is false ie., People may lose their wealth but not poverty. Poverty is much closer to ground reality than Wealth."

It doesn't imply that Baba is asking us to adopt poverty.

Many millionaires/billionaires are turning out to be penniless. Hence Baba implies that Wealth (which is artificial) is not as much true as poverty.

If your faith in Guru is true, even death will fear in approaching you. You will not fear the death but the death will be afraid of you.

As the cement binds two bricks, it is the bond of Love that binds the Guru and disciple.

Baba advised all the Gurus: "Don't get irritated with anyone who approaches you. They come to you only because of the previous birth's relationship that you possess with them."

You cannot build a building without a strong foundation. Similarly you cannot attain Self Realization without possessing Divine qualities.

Eat less and Talk less. But we always do it otherwise ie., eat more and talk more.

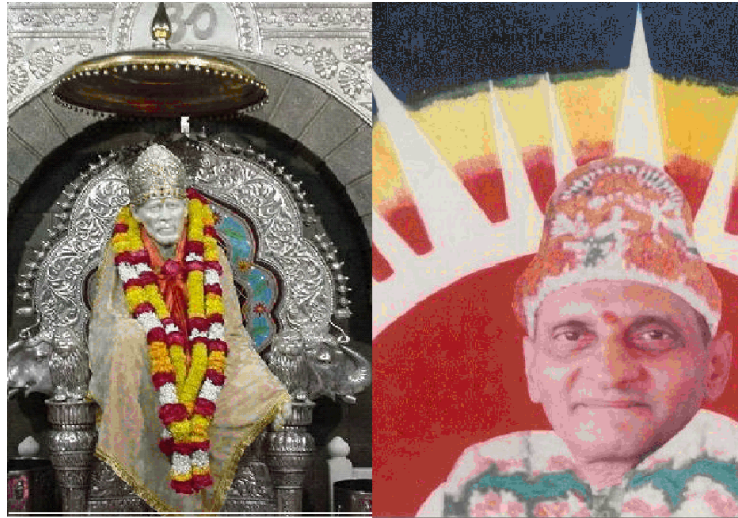
Our spiritual effort is a Relative truth and Grace of Baba is Absolute truth.

Baba's Miracle made Him famous



B.V. Narasimha Swamy, the author of Bhagavan Ramana's first biography ' Self Realization' made Baba (Shirdi Sai) famous throughout the world. Once he was seated in front of Baba's Samadhi. Somebody put a money bag on his lap while meditating. It was a miracle. He constructed a Baba's temple in Mylapore (in Madras) using this money. His Samadhi can also be found in the same temple.

The work of Guru is very subtle



Once an ardent foreign devotee of Sai Baba felt very sad that she could not see Baba physically. Baba came into her dream and told her: "Go to Arunachalam and see Sri Nannagaru. It is equivalent to seeing me physically." When the foreigner approached Sri Nannagaru and narrated her dream, Nannagaru said: "Are U.S.A, Shirdi, Arunachalam and Jinnur anywhere related? This is the glory of Guru's work. *The Guru's work is very subtle.*"



Baba said: “Even I am handling a job. Doing Job is inevitable even for me. My Job is to serve them whose Heart is pure and flawless. I am helpless in refraining from being a slave to the beauty of their Heart. I cannot remain without serving such people”.

- Sadguru Sri Nannagaru