

Experiences of Sai Maharaj

Excerpts from letters by Shri Padmanabhendra Swami of Alandi written to Hon. Shri Hari Sitaram Dixit of Mumbai:-

‘After taking your leave on Thursday 29 January, I left Shirdi and reached Alandi. After celebrating the death anniversary of Guru Maharaj on 2 February, I reached Mumbai on Tuesday. There I showed the swelling behind my ear to Dr. Underwood. He ruled out the need for an operation and injected some sort of a serum and said it would suffice. The effect of Sai’s radiance and speech is so great that the mind cannot comprehend.

I had only gone for Sai’s *Darshan* and was immensely satisfied by it. Though many people advised me to tell Sai about my ailment, my mind did not agree. Whatever is destined in our *Karma*, we should bear it with fortitude, says the *Shruti*. But, ultimately I asked Madhavrao Deshpande to tell Sai. As soon as Sai heard this, he lovingly said, “*Allah Bhala Karega.*” No sooner did He utter these words, the pain in my forehead stopped.

Doctors from Nagpur and Alandi had advised surgery. But, the doctor in Mumbai gave a serum injection which subsided the swelling and the ailment disappeared. Remembering all the events I feel overwhelmed.

On my first visit to Shirdi, Sai asked for *Dakshina*. Upon this I said, “*Maharaj*, I am a *Sanyasi*. From where will I get money? “After taking *Darshan*, I left. Later on Baba said to Deshpande, “I asked the *Swami* if he could offer me something; but he will not give me anything. Since he has come to me, it is I who will have to give him.” When Baba uttered these words, I was freed of the pains of my ailment. What can one say to praise this divine soul? He is Lord Narayan in the guise of a human.

Excerpts from a letter written by Hon. Krishnarao Narayan Parulkar to Hon. Shri Hari Sitaram Dixit from Harda on 17 February 1915.

Hon. Shri Saddubhaiyya received a letter from you followed by Sai Samarth's photo brought by Shri Balakramji and Shri Muktaramji. The photo was duly installed in Saddubhaiyya's house as advised by them and a '*Laghurudra Pooja*' was performed. The festivities ended with Baba's *Prasad*.

The very day of the *Sthapana* my wife and my cousin Narayandada Jijgaonwale both received divine revelations as follows :-

Narayandada saw that he was standing in front of Baba in Shirdi, when Baba said, "I am going to Harda. You come with me." They both came to the banks of the Godavari (Shirdi side); but the waters were flowing above the usual level. On the banks were two open sacks of wheat. Sai said to Narayandada, "How shall we go now?" Suddenly there were about ten bulls loaded with baggage, and a *Pucca* road in the water. They walked along with the bulls from the post near my house to the one near Saddubhaiyya's house and then disappeared.

In her revelation, my wife saw Madhavrao holding a *Thali* with a coconut, a blouse-piece and *Kumkum* in it and told her, Baba had sent it.

Shri Balakramji and Shri Muktaramji are here and there is great joy during the *Pooja* and *Aarati* twice a day. With your blessings Sai gave divine *Darshan* and *Prasad* to us. We are waiting for the day Sai Samarth will send you to Harda.

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