

**Sai Pearls of Wisdom,
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**Om Sri Sai Ram
Prasanthi Sandesh**

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Prasanthi Sandesh, Sai Pearls of Wisdom welcomes you.

Bhagavan Baba says, "There was no one to know who I am till I created the world for My pleasure with one word. With the Divine Sankalpa - '*Ekoham Bahusyam*', the one became many and this universe came into existence!"

Once, somebody put a few questions to *Purana Purusha* Bhagavan Baba. The question: "Swami! It seems many noble souls and *yogis* are still doing penance in the Himalayas. Is this true?"

Swami: "Yes, there are many of them!"

Then the question: "Then why don't they come to Swami? Wouldn't they miss this opportunity of seeing God in human form?"

Swami's answer: "I am always with them and protecting them. These noble souls and *yogis* don't need My physical presence because they are aware of My inner presence in their hearts!"

Then the question: "Swami! Did you save the life of a *yogi* from drowning near the Vasishtha Caves while he was in a deep meditative state?"

Swami answered, "Yes, this is just one example!"

Yes! When Devara Baba, who is over 450 years old, or Babaji, who is a 1000 years old, seek Swami's *darshan* and yearn for His blessings, we are convinced about the fact that Bhagavan Baba is *Purana Purusha*.

In 1961, Bhagavan Baba went on a pilgrimage to Badrinath with a few chosen devotees. One evening, He called for all the lady devotees from the group and asked

them to start preparing a meal. In a short time, *pooris*, vegetables and *sheera* were prepared. At night, the meal was laid out on a table and within a short time many seers and *yogis* arrived there from the Himalayan caves to seek *Prasad* and received *dakshina* at the Divine hands of *Purana Purusha*, Bhagavan Baba, and waited in a long queue for this purpose!

No one had been informed about this earlier. In anyway, but all of them came on their own to receive Bhagavan Baba's blessings. They were almost 500 in number and the important fact to note here is that none of them had earlier received *darshan* of Swami's physical form. Yet, they all arrived there as they were in close contact with His *Divya Swaroop*a – the Divine Form.

Bhagavan Baba says, "Don't try to measure or understand Me! I am beyond your comprehension!" Here is a story which tells us how Swami and His *leelas* are beyond human comprehension.

A person who hailed from Burma - now Myanmar, a *yogi* by the name Krishna Das was doing penance in the Himalayas for many years. He was meditating upon Lord Vishnu. A long time elapsed and as a reward for his *sadhana*, one day he heard a Divine voice telling him, "I have incarnated at Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh. Come for My *darshan* as soon as possible!"

Krishna Das could not contain his joy. Immediately he left for Puttaparthi.

He never wore any clothing most of the time. And if he had to move in society, which was on very rare occasions, he would cover himself with a loin cloth. When he reached Puttaparthi, Swami sent a *lungi* and a shawl for him along with a message that he should wear it and come for *darshan*.

Swami called him for an interview and gave him *darshan* in the form of Lord Vishnu. He also gave him a photograph of Himself. As Krishna Das was taking Swami's leave, He told him, "Now there is no need for you to go back to the Himalayas! No! Go and stay at Chaul – CHAUL in Maharashtra."

According to Swami's instruction, Krishna Das travelled to Mumbai and visited several temples to seek *darshan*. He didn't know the exact location of Chaul. So he got a map of Maharashtra, got the details and reached Chaul – CHAUL. During the interview, Swami had foretold the chain of events that were going to unfold once Krishna Das reached Chaul. Everything happened exactly as Swami had spoken.

A few people came to him and said, "Will you take charge and become a priest of a temple here?"

When Krishna Das asked them, "Temple? Of which deity?" they replied that it was the temple of Lord Dattatreya. Since Swami had already instructed him about this, he accepted the responsibility and started living in the temple.

Dattatreya Mandir was situated on the top of a mountain with peaceful surroundings. Krishna Das carried out his duties as a priest and in the remaining time pursued his *sadhana*. Krishna Das installed photograph of Shirdi Sai and Sri Sathya Sai in the temple. He had kept a small container for *vibuthi* in front of Swami's photographs. In no time, it was filled with *vibuthi*. He had with him an ordinary vessel for food. The exact amount of food required by him used to appear in that vessel. Krishna Das was basically a small eater, so he did not require much food but in order that he should not waste time in cooking, Swami turned the ordinary vessel into *Akshaya Patra*.

Swami had promised Krishna Das in Puttaparthi, "*Yoga Kshemam Vahamyaham*" – "I will take care of everything!" And He kept His word. From the *Akshaya Patra*, Krishna Das used to give food to a few select devotees, especially small children were given their favourite eatables by him.

Once Swami arrived in Mumbai and was staying at the residence of Sri B.K. Sawant. During his stay, Swami personally sent a car to Chaul and asked Krishna Das to come for His *darshan* and He did not forget to send the message, "Wear the *lungi* and the shawl and come for *darshan*!"

Yes! Krishna Das came to Mumbai and Swami blessed him with *darshan*. He also gave him '*Guru Upadesha*' and sent him back to Chaul. In obedience to Swami's directive, Krishna Das stayed there and continued his *sadhana* for 12 years. Later with Swami's permission, he moved to *Siddeshwara* Mountain near Khandala – KHANDALA and continued his *sadhana* in solitude. Finally, he took *samadhi* there and merged in Sai.

We ordinary mortals are bound by the limits of time and space. But how can God be bound by these, when He is the one who created time and space through His divine will?

When we read about the *leelas* of all the *Avatars*, we realize this aspect. During the incarnations of Sri Rama, Sri Krishna and Shirdi Sai, there have been innumerable incidents which illustrate that God transcends time and space. When Bhagavan Sri Krishna played the *Rasa-Kreedha*, one night used to turn into 6 months, and it was just the opposite when Bhagavan Sri Krishna imparted the *Bhagavad Gita* to Arjuna at Kurukshetra. He condensed the time. In other words, the time is in His hands!

Well, here is a story from the times of the present Sathya Sai Avatar which illustrates how Bhagavan Baba can control time. With His permission and blessing, a group of *sadhaks* left for Nara-Narayana Caves. When they reached *Urvashi Kund*, they were inspired to sit in meditation. While meditating, they must have reached *samadhi* state. When all of them came out of this state simultaneously, they were feeling very peaceful and relaxed. Normally whenever they practise meditation, they could not do it beyond 2 hours at a stretch. So out of habit, when all of them checked the time in a wristwatch, they were wonderstruck.

They found it that they had been in *samadhi* state for not just 2 hours but for a long duration of 18 days! The day and the date in the wristwatch was reflecting this. In these 18 days, they had been recipients of such a nectarine experience. But it feels that in spite of the severe cold and snowfall, they had remained peaceful, unaffected by the extreme weather or hunger and thirst. Bhagavan Baba had condensed this period of 18 days to 2 hours. That's all!

All of us know the incident when Lord Sri Krishna brought the people of Mathura overnight to Dwaraka while they were asleep in order to rescue them from Jarasanda's harassment. When Mathura-vasis woke up from their sleep, a miracle took place. They went about their daily chores in Dwaraka as if they always belonged there.

A somewhat similar incident was repeated at Dwaraka by Sai Krishna. Bhagavan Baba reached Dwaraka at the invitation from Raja Matha of Jamnagar. When Sai Krishna set out to visit Sri Krishna temple, the organizers who had reached there much in advance found a huge crowd awaiting Swami's arrival. They requested the temple priest to open the room adjacent to the temple. But he expressed his inability to do so. The organizers were at their wits end. Just then Swami reached there. A huge crowd was following Him and there was a stampede.

Swami, realizing the seriousness of the situation, did a *leela*. He held the hand of Sri. Raja Reddy, a dear devotee of His, and within a moment - within a moment, they both disappeared. At the next moment, they appeared outside the temple, right in front of Raja Matha's car. This miracle was possible only for *Kala-theetha*, Bhagavan Baba who transcends time and space. Swami left a message with Raja Matha's chauffeur that they were driving ahead and asked Sri Raja Reddy to drive the car.

When the Raja Matha and others heard the news, they were concerned as to how Swami will know the way to the desired destination. But, will not the *Kala-theetha*, Bhagavan Baba know the way? All other cars started following Swami's car and they reached the destination.

After the Divine discourse at Vitapur, as they were returning back, Swami stopped the car at a particular spot. He said to Kasturi, "You want to see the seashore, isn't it? Behind this hill, you will be able to see it!"

All of them crossed the hill and they saw a picturesque view of a seashore. Once again everyone wondered how Swami knew about the seashore, because most of the people who belonged to that area did not know about it. Then how did Swami know it? On the same seashore, Bhagavan Baba moved His hands through the sands and created a 40 inch long gold idol of Bhagavan Sri Krishna and all the devotees were thrilled and blessed with special *darshan* of Lord Sri Krishna.

The scriptures explain *Maha Siddhis* – great powers – *Anima, Mahima, Garima, Laghima, Prapti, Prakamya, Isitva, Vasitva*, like that! *Maha Siddhis*, they are attained by *yogis* as a result of prolonged *sadhana* for many years. But the *Sankalpa Siddhi* of Sai

Avatar is very different from all other *Siddhis*. This is *Sankalpa Siddhi* - the power of Bhagavan Baba is a spontaneous divine expression. Bhagavan constantly uses this power for the welfare of the people.

In the Shirdi incarnation, Sainath exhibited His mastery over all these eight *Siddhis*. In the 10th chapter of *Shirdi Sai Satcharithra*, it has been described as follows: "Baba slept on a wooden plank, about 4 arms in length and only a span in breadth. It was tied like a swing to the rafters of the Masjid with rags. The rags were so thin and worn out that it was a wonder how they could even bear or support the weight of the plank itself, let alone the weight of Baba! But somehow or other, it was Baba's sheer *leela* that the worn out rags did sustain the plank with Baba's weight on it. On the four corners of this plank, Baba lighted earthen lamps which were kept burning all night. It was a sight for the Gods to see how Baba moved up and down the plank which was hanging in Mandir.

To the one who is above *Gunas*, how can any physical object obstruct Him? Baba had all the eight *Maha Siddhis* – great powers at His command. He never craved or laboured for them. They came to Him naturally as a result of His perfection.

In the present Sri Sathya Sai Avatar, the devotees had experienced the *Siddhi Roopa* of Swami on many occasions. Years ago, when Swami was once bitten by a snake, He touched a devotee who was beside Him and it was as if Swami's *Maha Siddhi* manifested in the devotee for a short span. Just like Swami, the devotee's hand started moving in a circular motion and a medicinal herb appeared in his palm. He gave the herb to Swami and instantly the effect of the poison disappeared. The devotee was completely unaware of what was happening. He only felt a slight twinge of pain for a few moments while the herb manifested in his palm.

The great philosopher, Sri T S Bharad – BHARAD has said the Sri Sathya Sai's *Maha Siddhi* is such that the reality of His miracles can easily convince even a hardcore rationalist intellectual who generally disbelieves miracles. All this goes to show the powerful effect of *Atma Shakti*– the power of the soul, on the *Jada Shakti* – the power of the physical.

Thank you for your time. We shall meet later.