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Baba's Leelas Before 1918 - Bhishma's letter

Various resources from the internet.

The following excerpts are from a letter sent on July 1, 1921 by Krishnashastri Bhishma, the writer of most of the verses from Sri Sadguru Sainath Sagunopasana.

Sainath Maharaj had an extra sensory perception. Though I am writing this in the past tense, it is only with reference to the mortal body. For me, Sainath is immortal and will always be, since Maharaj is constantly giving me visions and is guiding me to do things He wishes, what I say cannot be false.

One evening we were sitting with Sainath and also did the last arati, the Shej arati. But, when we went to visit Him the next day, Sai said, 'Yesterday evening I had gone for a walk.' We could not believe this as He was with us all evening till the Shej arati. But, a few minutes later a man from a village south of Shirdi came and mentioned, "yesterday evening Sai Maharaj was in our village". We then understood that Sai had extra sensory powers and so could be in both places at the same time.

Once, when all the people in Balwantrao Khaparde's house were asleep, Sai came in his dream, dined with him, ate a paan sitting on the swing and then left. At that moment Balwantrao woke up. When he narrated this dream to me in the morning, I said, "without telling this dream to anyone go to Sainath Maharaj. If Sai has given you this vision, He will give you some indication. If it is an ordinary dream, Sai won't say a word". Balwantrao went to meet Sai and was amazed when Sai said, "you gave me dinner yesterday; but you did not give any Dakshina". Balwantrao was stunned; but he immediately asked, how much he should give and back came the reply, "Rs. 25/-".

All these are the facets of extra sensory perception at play. Some may think, these stories are false; but in his book 'Srimad Bhagwatharth Darshan' Mr. Yeshwant

Vyankatesh Kolhatkar, B. A., L.L. B., proves that the Atma or soul is immortal and can perform many miracles. Then, how could it be impossible for Baba to give Darshan while awake or in a dream? "Jagat Rama, Sovat Rama, Sapnon mein dekho Rama hi Rama", said Sant Eknath and accordingly Sainath gives Darshan whenever He wills. In Chapter VI, Vol. I, Verse 4, from the Chandogya Upanishad it is said that "sometimes this blissful soul leaves the body and attains self-realization and oneness with the Supreme Light; but the soul does not need to leave the body unconscious". Maharaj was in complete control of His senses and desires and remained perpetually calm. While going from His sleeping area towards the Masjid with His staff in hand, Baba used to hurl abuses. At such a time nobody had the courage to face Him. But, whenever He uttered these expletives at the top of His voice, people could hear the softly uttered words "Allah tera bhala karega". Which man could give blessings while in a fit of rage? That is why, in my opinion Baba's anger was just a show, but His conscience was kind and calm.

In verse 4274 of Tukaram's Gatha it is said that God Himself bears the troubles of His devotees and is always close to them. One day, all of us were seated next to Maharaj, when it was time for the noon arati. According to the custom in those days Bapusaheb prepared the arati. But, suddenly, without any provocation, Maharaj donned the Narasimha Avatar. He threw away the arati and the Prasad, drove all the people out by hitting at them with His staff. He Himself left His seat and sat down in the Veranda. The arati could not take place. By 3 p.m. all the devotees were hungry. Some suggested that the arati should be done to the throne. But, Dadasaheb Khaparde did not agree and said that the arati should be done to Baba only, but at the hands of Vaghya and not Bapusaheb. Accordingly the arati was given to Vaghya. But, suddenly Baba returned to His throne and the arati was done. But,

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Baba's New Mandir

Click [here](#) to view plans of Sai Niwas, Baba's new Mandir.
Estimated cost: \$4 million.
Proposed inauguration:
Vijaya Dashami (Oct 2015).
Tax receipts shall be provided for all donations.

Mandir Timings

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
7:00 am – 8:30 pm
Thu, Sat
7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Arati Timings

Kakad Arati
Mon to Sun
7:00 am

Madhyan Arati
Mon to Sun
12:00 noon

Dhoop Arati
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
6:00 pm
Thu, Sat
7:30 pm

Shej Arati
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun
8:00 pm
Thu, Sat
9:30 pm

Sada Nimba Vrukshasya
Muladhi Vaasat
Sudha Sravinam
Tikta Mapya Priyantham
Tarum Kalpa Vrukshadhikam
Saadhayantham
Namaamishvaram Sadgurum
Sainaatham.

History of The Shirdi Sai Mandir

Oct 2005
Mandir Inauguration

Oct 2006
Murthi Pratistha ceremony

Oct 2007
Baba owns Mandir (Unit 8)

Oct 2008
Baba expands Mandir with acquisition of Unit 7

Feb 2009
2.2 acres land purchased

Apr 2011
Baba expands Mandir with acquisition of Unit 6

Jan 2015
Sai Niwas Site plan approved by City of Toronto

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Online Donations

Donations can be processed by devotees from [Baba's website](#) using PayPal's secure website. Tax receipts will be issued by email within 8 weeks of receipt of donation.

Parking

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Events

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nobody understood the reason for Baba's anger.

The next day a lawyer from Kopergaon arrived. He said, "there was a criminal case against one of Baba's devotee. The court had sentenced him when I reached there. I took the case and appealed. Surprisingly the court inquired me about the defendant's conduct. When I vouched for his good behavior and his being innocent, the court acquitted him. To ask Baba, how this miracle took place, I came to Shirdi for Baba's Darshan. That devotee told me about the eminent Sai and said he was acquitted due to Baba's blessings." As said in Sant Dynaneshwar's arati, it is an open secret that the universe is Brahma. Sai behaved accordingly.

There was a well worn piece of sack cloth which Baba used as a seat and loved it immensely. Once, when Baba was away, a devotee threw the sack cloth away and kept a silk cushion in its place. When Baba returned He started fuming and abusing as soon as He saw the new cushion. He threw it and scattered the Dhuni. He calmed down only when His old torn piece of sacking was restored.

One day people asked me to replace the old sacking with a new one; but I waited till everybody stood for arati and then asked Baba in sign language if I could change the sack cloth. He signaled in agreement. I immediately told Dadasaheb and bought a new sack and replaced the old one, which was discarded. After the arati, Baba sat down quietly. Devotees served Him. Then He gave His 'chillum' to me and asked for five ladoos which I promised. I kept worrying as to how I would be able to make ladoos without anybody's help in this unfamiliar place. If I took somebody's help Baba would immediately know. Why did He ask specifically for five ladoos and not just ladoos? I spent the day mulling over it and went to sleep with the same thought in mind. But, soon I woke up with an inspiration to write a verse which I immediately penned. In the morning, when I was writing the next stanza, Mr. Dixit, who was on his way to Baba, stopped by and saw my poem. Later I took my bath and went for

Darshan. As soon as He saw me Baba asked for the ladoos. I did not say anything; but Dixit said, 'The ladoos are getting ready'. Baba was pacified. The next day I finished writing five stanzas and offered them to Baba. (I had tried to write more than five; but try as I may, I could not write beyond the five already written and so left it at that.) When Baba saw them, He asked me to read them out and while I was reading, blessed me by putting His hand on my head. It is impossible to narrate my state of bliss at that time. After that I read to Him every poem I wrote and this collection ultimately became the book 'Sainath Sagunopasana' which I offered at His feet. The proceeds of the book were given for the protection of cows. The copies of this book must still be there.

'Dhiro na shochati,' says the Kathopanishad. Self-realized brave people never grieve and even if they feel sad, they do not need other people's advice to restore their good cheer; they themselves get rid of it. Megha, a Gujarati, was Maharaj's loving devotee. He logged to serve Baba. He was serving Baba at his master's instance; but one day it crossed his mind 'Why should I bathe a Muslim?' And so one day he left Shirdi for his native place, where he fell ill. When he recovered, he went to visit the Shiva temple; but instead of a Shiva lingam he saw Sai Maharaj. He promptly returned to Shirdi. To remove the evil thoughts from his body he was asked to chant the Gayatri Mantra a certain number of times. On completion Baba blessed him. When Megha passed away, Baba Himself came and touching his entire body with His hands, cried bitterly for five minutes. Then consoling Himself, 'How much will you cry?' He calmed down (as per the teaching of the Kathopanishad – 'Dhiro na shochati') and gave permission for the final rites.