

**DEVOTEES' EXPERIENCES
OF
SRI SAI BABA**



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OUR WORD

LORD SAINATH assured "My Tomb shall bless and speak to the needs of My devotees", H.H. Narasimha Swamiji, chosen Apostle of Shirdinath as described by H.H. Saipadanandaji and compared to VYASA by Late Justice M.B. Rege, has given us the pleasure of this enlightenment in his books "Devotees' Experiences of Sri Saibaba", brought out by us in one volume now. The experiences of the Devotees who were associated with Baba and also had His Blessings after Mahasamadhi confirm that "Sai Baba is more Alive now than when He was living" as, also stated by Sri. N.V.Gunaji, author of Sri Sai Satcharita (English edition).

As these books which contain valuable information to understand SAI & His philosophy are out of stock, we have ventured to republish the same. We shall be ever grateful to the devotees who spared their personal copies of Parts I, II and III without which this book would not have come to your hands. We consider the experience of a devotee to be more important than the language and we have not made any corrections though certain words were not understandable.

We humbly submit that the efforts of Akhanda Sainama Sapthaha Samithi (Regd.) in His Seva have the blessings of Videhi Sati Anasuya Matha of Paradsinga (Nagpur), Sri Rama Avadhoot of Kallur (Kufnool) and puja Sivanesan Swamiji of Shirdi. We are neither authors nor doers, but only tools in their Sacred hands.

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ELEVEN ASSURANCES OF "SRI SAIBABA"

- 1) Whosoever puts his feet on Shirdi soil his sufferings would come to an end.
- 2) The wretched and miserable would rise to plenty of joy and happiness as soon as they climb the steps of mosque.
- 3) I shall be ever active and vigorous even after leaving this earthly body.
- 4) My tomb shall bless and speak to the needs of my devotees,
- 5) I shall be active and vigorous even from my tomb.
- 6) My mortal remains would speak from my tomb.
- 7) I am ever living to help and guide all who come to me, who surrender to me and who seek refuge in me.
- 8) If you look to me, I look to you.
- 9) If you cast your burden on me, I shall surely bear it.
- 10) If you seek my advice and help, it shall be given to you at once.
- 11) There shall be no want in the house of my devotee.

FOREWORD
BY
DEWAN BAHADUR K. SUNDARAM CHETTIAR,
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This book of my revered friend, Sri B.V. Narasimhaswami, would surely be an eye-opener to many a sceptic, blinded with a veil of materialism, and obsessed with a prejudice against the reality of anything which has not yet been stamped with the imprimature of Modern Science. Sri Sai Baba's spiritual grandeur is disclosed in the thrilling account of His devotees' experiences, which the learned author has gathered with assiduous care, and made available for the general public. The testimony of so many devotees relating to the wonderful miracles performed by the Great Sage and Maha Siddha Purusha, which are all matters of their personal knowledge, should serve to dispel ignorance and doubt, and infuse faith and devotion in the mind of any reader. A great spiritual Alchemist as he was, Sri Sai Baba was able to transmute the lower self of his devotees mixed with the dross of the baser desires and passions, into the effulgence of the dormant higher self, by a purifying process of refinement in His mysterious crucible. He was doubtless a compassionate healer of the body as well as the soul.

Need I say under what a deep debt of gratitude the author has laid the public, who have the good fortune of reading this book? Sri Sai Baba, as one of the Saviours of humanity, showered His Grace on all those who sought for His blessings, with faith and devotion, and such Grace will also be shed on any one who now seeks for it in the proper way, as the author assures us in this book.

PREFACE

(By the Author)

This volume has been referred to in the "Introduction to Sai Baba," as furnishing part of the evidence on which the conclusions in that booklet are based. Besides strengthening the faith of the reader in the facts mentioned therein and in the nature of Sri Sai Baba and his methods these pages may furnish hints to the careful reader on other matters also. For instance, the first statement here, which is that of an esteemed friend, a High Court Judge still in active service, would help a reader who first approaches Baba to get into close, nay intimate touch with him and derive the fullest benefit therefrom benefit greater, perhaps, than that the Judge has derived. It is a matter of regret to this writer that he has to present that Judge to the readers under a pseudonym. But as that gentleman felt it delicate to have his experiences published broadcast over his real name, that feeling had to be respected. The only other pseudonym in this volume (Part I) is "Mrs. Manager." Indian readers would naturally expect and respect this feeling of delicacy in a lady at appearing before the public with her statement. The pseudonym given correctly indicates her status and that of her husband. These are regarded by all who know them as eminent devotees worthy of credit. The credentials of the other devotees whose statements are given appear on the surface and need no comment. Prof. Narke is clear, guarded, yet emphatic in all that he says. Rao Bahadur S. B. Dhumal, Mr. R. B. Purandhare and Mr. S. B. Nachne (who along with the Judge appear to be the most ardent among the lovers of Baba included in this part) have revealed the fact that they are constantly receiving Baba's help ever since they came under his care. An enthusiastic reader need not despair of achieving the same result for himself. Several Madras devotees who learnt of Baba within the last two years, i.e., after this writer's articles appeared in the *Sunday Times*, Madras, (1936) have got into intimate touch with Sai Baba and are receiving his guidance and help, every day-nay every hour. The holy Swami Naraina Tirtha reveals how he was enabled by Baba to enjoy the mystic bliss of perceiving that all things are but his own self-that difference is really non-existent. The reader may be assured

that such high advaitic flights are by no means confined to the older devotees that were privileged to see Baba in the flesh. The modern devotee can still derive similar and even higher benefits by concentrating his love on Baba. That Baba works greater wonders now than before his mahasamadhi may be illustrated by the following incident reported elsewhere by Sai' s devotees. Dr. Rane in spite of his English medical training and degrees, was helpless when his wife' s skin was seriously discoloured by leprosy after Baba passed away. But he and his wife stayed at Shirdi for six months; and during that period she had her daily bath in the Abhisheka water and used Baba' s Udhi. Some improvement was noticed. Then the couple went to Bombay and continued the use of Baba' s Udhi and Abhisheka Tirtha. In two years the natural colour of the skin was entirely restored and the cure was complete. This was years after Baba' s mahasamadhi.

The other statements in this part speak for themselves-and show how far Baba helped in overcoming the unfortunate differences between the two great communities of India. The case of Abdulla Jan who came from beyond the Himalayas, with the view that Indians-especially Hindus-are natural enemies and prey of stronger northern races, and was so deeply changed by contact with Sai Baba as to regard Hindus as his brethren and internecine quarrels as destructive of the country' s welfare is by no means a solitary exception but typical of whole groups. Communal clashes between these two faiths are unknown to Shirdi, where Hindus build Baba' s mosque and tomb at which both communities pray or worship. A Brahmin devotee has constructed a mosque for his Moslem visitors at Sakori (Smiles from Shirdi) close to the Datta and Maruti temples there; and no disturbance of public tranquillity has occurred or is apprehended. Baba combining in himself all that is best in Hinduism and Islam and being revered by both communities is the ideal link between them-a link forged not from worldly materials but from the highest elements of human nature.

The last statements are typical of the fellow feeling of Baba (and of the devotees following his noble example) towards other faiths, e.g, the Christian. The very few differences during Baba' s long stay at Shirdi that are mentioned in statements I & IX are the exceptions which prove the general rule of harmony.

These and other important points would be further brought out in the subsequent parts of Devotees' Experiences that will be issued hereafter.

In closing this preface, the writer must gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the numerous devotees that have disclosed their experiences to him. One of these devotees requires special mention and that is Mr. P.R. Avesti, B.A., LL.B., formerly a Sessions Judge in Gwalior. But for his indefatigable exertions and great kindness in introducing this writer to scores of devotees, interpreting their statements when made in the vernacular and translating the vernacular books and documents about Sri Sai into English, this and other works on Sai could never have been written by this writer.