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Embodiments of love. There are several paths in this world for man to obtain everlasting peace and happiness of which SPIRITUALITY is the most precious one. This Newsletter shall be a medium to spread the message of spirituality. This will be a VAHINI for love and this love should reach each and everyone in this world and make them float in bliss and happiness. SACRIFICE is the fruit of this love. Remember at the place where this LOVE is there shall never be jealousy and hatred. Let this endless love bind each and every soul as this VAHINI reaches each and every part of this world.

Sri Gopala Krishna Baba

... for they shall see God

By mr. Subba Ramaiha

Some time in the middle of last year I have met Sri Gopala Krishna for the first time in the Sai Mandiram at Girinagar, Bangalore. This sentence stresses far too much the word 'I'. The truth is different. Sri Gopala Krishna Baba must have arranged this meeting. We meet Him at his will; it is not our will that prevails.

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One particular morning Mrs. Sharada Guruprasad took me to the Sai Mandir to meet with Sri Gopala Krishna Baba. It didn't happen. He was not in Bangalore He was in Tanjore. Not meeting Him did not disappoint me at all but secretly, within myself I discovered a greater urge to get in touch with Him and have his Darshan. Next time when we did meet Him, he received us with his indescribable smile. It takes you into Him.

I had gone to Sri Gopala Krishna Baba with a desire. One that was not clearly formed into a thought for expression. On seeing Him, at the spur of the moment as they say, I said, "Swamiji, I want to read out Sri Sai Satcharita an unabridged Kannada translation of the Marathi original to a 'satsang' here in your presence". Sri Gopala Krishna Baba not only granted my request but also fixed the commencement date, the reading schedule and other details connected with this programme. Reading out the holy text is an approved form of worship. I felt doubly blessed as it was being done in the presence of a great soul Mahatma like Sri Gopala Krishna Baba.

My wife is a stickler for details and a no nonsense pragmatic woman. She asked a volley of questions about the reading programme, as though she was talking to a receptionist in the 'lost and found' baggage counter. Sri Gopala Krishna Baba answered all her queries with the same captivating smile.

Sri Gopala Krishna Baba sat through the reading schedule of nearly 30 days, each one of 2-hour duration. On the Valedictory day, Sri Gopala Krishna Baba took out from nowhere a ring of Sai Baba and fixed it to my middle finger. I am wearing it even now as a token of his blessing and grace. I feel tied to Him, and gravitate towards Him like the proverbial apple.

Emboldened by Sri Gopala Krishna Baba's grace I asked for another favor. I wanted to sing aloud to the sathsang, a ballad on Shri Sainath Maharaj of Shiridi, which was also granted without any reservation. After a week or so, my voice became hoarse and strained. I felt it was a punitive action against my egoism. From the joy of reading I must have fell down into self-consciousness. I reported the matter to Baba. He smiled at me and asked me to forget it (ego, the little self). The joy and voice returned.

Coming to know Sri Gopala Krishna Baba is an 'experience something which we go through, a threshold we cross, an enclosure into which we trespass, a non-refundable outlay, an irreversible process' (Raimundo Parikkar).

The Satcharita reading session was also a theatre of divine play. Sri Gopala Krishna Baba knew it perhaps. On the day of the inauguration looking at the portrait of Sri Sai Baba specifically fixed near the reading place Sri Gopala Krishna Baba had said; "Let us see what experiences we get during this period".

Sri Gururaj's and his mother Smt. Ambujamma were regular visitors to the reading sessions. One evening his mother felt her vision getting blurred and distorted. Sri Gopala Krishna Baba in his most casual and unaffected manner gave her Vibhuti and asked her to apply it on to her affected eyes. The eyes were water ridden and overflowing with tears like water. The next day her vision became normal and she has no use for the spectacles prescribed by the ophthalmic surgeon.

Sri Gururaj met with a family from Tanjore, a place about 400 km from Bangalore. They had also come to the Sai Mandiram to pay their homage and bow in reverence to their God. Gururaj enthusiastically showed to them the various physical monuments of Sri Gopala Krishna Baba's social work. He took them round the dining hall and the small clinic up above. As soon as they entered the clinic, it was the stranger, the new visitor, the senior person of Tanjore who started talking and Gururaj again became a listener.

The gentleman from Tanjore started to tell.

My grand daughter, this one, a 6 year old had a congenital heart problem. My son in law was persuaded to develop and repose faith in Sri Gopala Krishna Baba, whose picture was given to him by his colleague. He said that he would do so. Our family members are all devotees of Sri Sathya Sai Baba except our son in law. The surgical operation for the young one was decided upon and the entire family had one prayer to ask and one purpose to live, a successful operation, which would bring back the child into a normal healthy person.

On the day of the operation, I collected the photograph of Sri Gopala Krishna Baba from my son in law, as I wanted to offer my prayers to Him incessantly in the hospital. As I was doing so, for a brief while the photo was missing from me. I do not remember for how long. But what I know is, that it was restored as it had vanished. With Gods grace the operation was as they say a success. We were delighted to see the smile on the face of my grand daughter. But something unheard of was in store for us when my grand daughter began talking. Pointing her finger towards Sri Gopala Krishna Baba in the small photograph, which is now our object of worship and devotion, she said " ...it is this Baba with his green apron and head cover who was instructing the surgeons to do this and that..., he put some Vibhuti into my mouth which I opened at his request and He was standing by my side, He was assuring me that the operation would go smoothly".

Here is the testimony of the surgeon, "We thought the operation would be a long one extending to several hours because of the out growth and

obstructions to valves. But without our own knowing (!) everything yielded to surgery and it was over in half the expected time. Some mystery perhaps?"

When this was narrated to Sri Gopala Krishna Baba, he listened to the story and said; "is it so". Gururaj's secret wish had been granted. Listening to Sai Satcharita, he had nursed a deep desire of listening first hand a leela of Sri Gopala Krishna Baba and of bringing the first one in disseminating it: It is He who gave us this story.

Guru Devaya Namoh Namaha

By mr. Ananta Sayana Rao

In the early seventies, on a Vaikunta Ekadasi day, I was walking behind Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba as He was going to give darshan to the devotees assembled at Brindavan. Dr. P. Sundar Rao requested Bhagawan Baba to give a discourse to the devotees assembled. Bhagawan, while agreeing to the request, remarked that all are "part time devotees and He had been searching for a true devotee from time immemorial".

Bhagawan often used to remark about a true devotee for a very long time. After more than one and half decades, Baba stopped uttering these remarks, and I, in my mind thought that at last, Baba has found a true devotee, but the identity remained a secret.

Only on 23rd November 1991, when I first came to visit Sri Gopala Krishna at his Girinagar residence, seeing the 'Atma Linga' materialized by Bhagawan Baba in the Sai Mandir, when He was also present at Puttaparthi, did I realize that this young man was the true devotee, whom Baba was seeking.

One of the silent characteristics of any devotee is his unquestioned devotion to the divine and in this endeavor they will surmount any untrammelled consequences. Sri Gopala Krishna is one such a Devotee. The Bhagawath Purana, a treatise of Hindu mythology gives classic examples of true and ardent devotees.

Dhruva was the son of king Uttana Pada. He was not allowed to sit on the lap of his father by his stepmother. One and only condition imposed on him, which would allow him to sit on his father's lap was to go to the forest and make penance and see the

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Divine in Person. Young Dhruva who was about 8 years or so, accepted this and went to the deep forest and engaged in severe meditation or tapas, concentrating his mind on Lord Narayana.

His unflinching devotion made the Lord Narayana appear in person, who confirmed many boons on the young devotee and also allowed him to shine as a star in the stellar constellation after death. Even

today there is a star in the constellation called 'Dhruva Nakshatra' or star of Dhruva. This is one classic example of pure devotion.

The same Bhagawath Purana also gives another example of pure and unsullied Love towards the divine in the story of Prahlada. Prahlada was the son of Hiranya Kashyap king of Asuras(Demons). He was an enemy of lord Vishnu and his hatred to Hari or Vishnu was unbounded. He gave innumerable hardships to his son Prahlada to wean him away from uttering the name of Hari or Vishnu. The Lord, to redeem the faith of his young bhakta appeared from a Pillar in the form of 'Narasimha' and killed Hiranya Kashyap and installed Prahlada as the king conferring many boons. This is another classic

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example of unquestioned devotion to God. When Bhagawan Baba appeared in person on 23rd November 1991, at Girinagar Sai Mandir and materialized an 'Atma Linga' to Sri Gopala Krishna, it appeared to me that the stories of Dhruva and Prahalada were once again enacted. Here is a True Devotee, Sri Gopala Krishna, pining and yearning for the Darshan of Bhagawan Baba and lo!, He appears in person and gives him his Atma Linga, to be worshipped in the mandir, there by confirming His presence in the Sai Mandir.

During the course of time the devotee and the Divine become one as is the case with Sri Gopala Krishna. I am able to see this clearly and vividly, since I had the golden opportunity of serving Sathya Sai Baba for more than two decades. Unlike other devotees, here the devotee Sri Gopala Krishna is the contemporary of Lord Sri Sathya Sai Baba and engaged in same way. The Devotee is doing the work of the divine along with Him.

On August 15th 2001, my wife and I were invited to meet one Godly person 'Guruji' who is a worshipper of Devi. When we were in his presence he asked us, whether we knew anyone by name Gopala. We replied with no. Again he asked, any one by name Venugopal. We said yes and we told him that he was a priest. Guruji nodded his head in the negative and again asked the same question. After some time thinking over it we said we knew one Sri Gopala Krishna, a saintly person who was in Sai Mandir, Girinagar. The Guruji smiled in affirmative and told us that Sri Gopala Krishna was our spiritual Guru from previous births and that we should not leave his Presence at any cost. He emphatically explained; while Bhagawan Sathya Sai Baba is GOD incarnated, Sri Gopala Krishna is my spiritual Guru. I narrated this to Sri Gopala Krishna Swamy and He just smiled.

I have a confession to make. Ever since I came to sit at the feet of Sri Gopala Krishna, I became a different

person. He has opened my inner eyes with which I see things in a different way. When I hear a prayer or read the glory of God. I am able to visualize God. He has given me a rare inner peace, which I could not get while serving Bhagawan Baba. The Guru is changing me every moment and I am sure He will make me 'Jeevan Muktha', one liberated from the bondage of Birth and Death.

One can write volumes on Sri Gopala Krishna Swamy.

I see my God Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Him. He is His personification and engaged in Sai work. He is the Messiah of Sai. I conclude with this Mangalasthakam or Song of Glory to my Guru Sri Parama Poojya, Paramahansa Sri Sri Gopala Krishna Swamy.

Mangalasthakam

Mangalam Mandasmitha Vadanaya,
Mangalam Ananda Swaroopaya,
Mangalam Poojya Padaya
Mangalam Guru Devaya
Mangalam Gnana Dayane
Mangalam Prema Dayane
Mangalam Girinagara Vasine
Mangalam Gopala Krishna Swamine.

Translation

Glory to one who is ever Smiling serene
Glory to one who is personification of Bliss
Glory to one who has worshipful Feet
Glory to one who is Guru, or Preceptor of Truth
Glory to one who bestows Knowledge
Glory to one who grants you Love
Glory to one who resides at Girinagar
Glory to one, who is Sri Gopala Krishna Swamy.

The Ultimate Goal Of A Soul

By Mrs. Kshama

The fundamental nature of a human being is to be happy. But he does not know how to be happy. In pursuit of happiness he undertakes various activities connected with Dharma (duty), Arth (wealth) and Kam (desire) thinking that gratification of them will make him happy. He experiences that this pursuit sometimes does make him happy but most of the times he is unhappy. So he is happy more by chance than choice.

The eternal happiness lies in pursuing the path of Moksha (Liberation). Once I asked Gopal Krishna Swami; "what is Moksha?" He replied; "Kshaya (Extinguishing) of Moha (desires) is Moksha." As being a householder a person finds this to be very difficult, rather impossible to practice. So Lord Krishna comes to his rescue in the Bhagawath Gita and says you may engage yourself in the activities but must give up the sense of doer ship (notion that I am the doer) and accept that you are an instrument in His Hand. He also advises us to accept the results of our actions, favourable or unfavorable, as gifts

from God. Thus, the secret of eternal happiness lies in performing actions with detachment and with total surrender.

As Bhagawan Baba advises, we must live our life with love. The 'other' is nobody else but 'me' in a different form. If this truth is understood and realized, all other divine qualities like humility, compassion and empathy will follow. To worship God is the highest form of love. When we embrace and surrender to His vastness or grandeur, God blesses us with expansion of heart, which helps us to understand that there is nothing like 'me and mine and you and yours'. Everything is He, He, and He alone. This is real bhakti, the bhakti of Radha and Meera.

When an individual (jiva) lives his life on the principles of detachment and devotion, God blesses him with a Guru. God descends in the form of a Guru who helps him to open his Gnana Chaksu (Third Eye), whereby he sees and experiences his True Self, which he finds to be not separate from the Supreme Self. This is the pinnacle of human life. He then becomes liberated (Jivanmukta) and lives his life free from attachment.

A Jivanmukta (a realized soul) clearly understands that his life is God's Divine Play and all individuals (jivas) are nothing but actors in His Play and the roles are scripted by God. Like an actor he plays his role but is unaffected by the results of gain or loss. He lives his life in the real spirit of complete Surrender and Renunciation. His actions are not motivated by self-interest but they are saturated with good of humanity.

Just as a river merges in the ocean casting off his name and form, a Jivanmukta becomes one with God, although superficially he appears to behave like an ordinary soul. Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa was a soul like that.

We are all blessed by Bhagawan Baba whose greatest gift to us is Sri Gopal Krishna Swami. Once I asked Swami, "Swami, is your ultimate task to take us to Bhagawan Baba and merge in his Divinity?" He answered in affirmative.

'May we, GKS members, strive to redeem Swami's dream' is my prayer to all.

Sai Ram.

The goal in 'my' life?

By RIES IJSSELDJK

When I was 6 years old I wanted to be a physical education teacher or a doctor. I was baptized as a catholic, but my family did not put this into practice. My whole life went smoothly.

When I was 30 years old I had everything, a nice house, a nice and beautiful wife, a son and my wife was pregnant of our daughter, a good job as a teacher and director of a school. I was focussed on materialistic things. My life was complete but it was not finished yet.

A deep personal crisis in my relationship appeared, and it changed my life.

I started to think about my life, why am I doing this? Why more money? Who am I? What is the goal in

life? At that time my father had a book about clairvoyance and I started to read. I found it very interesting. In that summer I read about 25 books on spirituality. Gods Grace changed my life in a more spiritual way of living. In the mean time I was dismissed at my school, there were too many teachers and I was one of the youngest, but they gave me the opportunity to study for a new job. So I decided to study homeopathy.

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During my study, by then I was 35 years old I met a homeopathic midwife. We had lunch together and I noticed a ring at her finger. I don't know why but I asked her how did you get this ring? She answered that the ring was materialised. I said by Ali Baba? Why? The day before I had turned over the leaves of a book in a bookshop and I read about materialising rings but I did not correctly remember the name Sai Baba. The next day I went directly to the bookstore and bought the book and I finished it without stopping. This was what I had been looking for.

My life changed completely. I read one book after the other and I went to a Sai Baba group. I spoke with devotees and as a result I went to Sai Baba in India. From the moment I saw the ring, a lot of signs appeared in my life and that of my wife. A photo of Baba started to move in our bedroom. One centimetre every day.

I love to read, especially spiritual literature. And retrospectively I understand that each book appeared at the right moment. Baba guided me, my wife and children, more and more in the spiritual path.

Then He brought me in contact with the Mandir in Onderdijk and for the first time I heard about Gopala Krishna Baba. Shri Sathya Sai Baba who appeared to work through Gopala Krishna Baba. I was interested. A guru, nice but I was not convinced. Then I heard that Swami Gopala Krishna would come to Holland in May 2001. I kept May free from work But He didn't come. We booked our holidays for later that year and just in that week Swami came to Holland. But luckily a videotape was made and I saw the video and then there was this Magnet who pulled me towards Him and I booked immediately a ticket to Bangalore. At the first sight there was a shower of Love that He poured over me.

There in the Mandir of Swami Gopala Krishna the most important thing of my life happened. I was sitting there and the devotees were singing bhajans. There was a lot of devotion but not in my mind. There were continuously negative unwanted thoughts in my mind. It was not possible for me to stop these thoughts. I noticed like an observer the thoughts coming and going. I was desperate and confused; I wanted to feel devotion too. I withdrew to the back of the Temple, completely confused. Then I stood up and at the same moment Swami walked to me. Took

my hands and asked: "Are you not happy?" "No Swami, all these negative thoughts".

Then Swami explained to me that it was His will that the thoughts came in my head. He explained that there was my wish and His will. My wish from the ego to stop the thoughts and the will of God, the Absolute, the Doer, He gave me the thoughts. It was His goal to let me understand that everything is God, the thoughts, my life, everything, also my wishes. I understood this and the only thing I could say, was: "I surrender". It was pure Love and Grace!

The whole stay in His vicinity, He taught me this: EVERYTHING IS GOD! Even my last hour in India at the airport His lesson followed me. A Sai devotee I spoke with told me that he had read a book of Sai Baba. In this book there was a sentence that impressed him. The sentence was: **"Everything is God, even the ego"**.

Back in Holland, new books came on my path. Books of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Ramana Maharshi and Swami Vivekananda. And the essence, "everything is God" was illustrated in these books more clearly to me in different ways.

Now retrospectively I see that everything in my life had a goal. The materialistic way of living was important to discover the other side, the spiritual side. The crisis in my relationship that made the start of my spiritual life. God knows in His leela to choose the right moment.

Now, I understand that everything in this world or universe, is the work, the leela, the game of God, it is just for the fun of God. And the body-mind organisms are therefore the manifestation of God.

Before going to Swami Gopala Krishna I had a great wish: 'enlightenment!' Now I understand that even this is the will and the grace of GOD. The wish of the ego and the Will of GOD. Also to be able to surrender is the will of God.

Now I understand, that there is no goal in life. There is no path, no end, no goal.

It is.

I am.

For years I sang the following bhajan:

Surrender to the Lord, to the Lord surrender
Take my Love in fullness of devotion to You, o Lord
Take my hands let them work incessantly for You, o Lord
Take my soul and let it be merged in one with you, o Lord
Surrender to the Lord, to the Lord surrender
Take my mind, let it be in tune with You, o Lord
O take my everything, let me be Your instrument
Take my soul and let it be merged in one with You, o Lord
Surrender to the Lord, to the Lord surrender.

Love till you drop!

By Kannaiah

When I was asked to write a small article for this newsletter on the topic 'Goal in life'. I immediately recollected an instance when Mother corrected me once. It was in 1996 just after I met Gopal Maa for the first time, She asked me: "Kannaiah what do you want?" I said that I wanted

moksha (liberation). Mother answered, "Don't ask me that, you don't know what you're asking". I was flabbergasted for some time and didn't know what else to ask for anymore. I realised later that I asked for something I didn't know what it looked like, how it felt and how it is experienced.

When She gave me, in later stages an experience of ecstatic love for God in every form without judgement, I knew what my goal in life should be. As Baba always says: "Love All Serve All" or in my simple wordings "Love till you drop". The small you (ego) will drop by loving all not judging anyone.

This is much easier said than done. Where to start? I am lucky and blessed that God came in a physical form as Mother Gopala Krishna to me. To love God with devotion is not too difficult, even to shed tears for Her out of love is easy. But how to love a person who is doing wrong (wrong from my perspective) and is hurting other people?

I struggled for a long time with this. Mother came to

"My life is My message"

my rescue. Once a person entered the temple who had done something against Mother thinking She might not know about it, but of course She knew. Nevertheless, She hugged this man with intense love and affection and so the meaning of **'My life is My message'** came true for me. Our Gopal Maa doesn't speak much but by watching Her closely, in all the work She does in and around the temple, we learn more of ourselves.

A real master or Guru is like a clean mirror reflecting our inner happiness, turmoil's, doubts and judgements. Due to Mothers actions and Her example I started to practise non-judgement. Well, I am still working on it.

Another practice, which helps me a lot, is to take the One I love always with me and see Her in everything I see. When I picture the form of Mother on something or in somebody I do not like, the feeling I have towards that person or situation changes. Wearing the glasses of love transforms my life completely.

Every situation becomes a gift from Her with an inner message. Do your duty detached from results, as you will never have any grip on them. Be prepared to give up everything for Love, or in other words "Love till you drop".

GKS Holland

Spiritual Symposium, 31st August Grootebroek - Holland 2002

By Bas van Velzen (Kannaiah)

As you are reading this article the GKS Family Holland is working hard to finalize the organisation of a Spiritual Symposium. For this event speakers from different religions are asked to talk on the topic '**Unity in religions**'.

Mr Humza Muljani - Mumbai India on Islam,
Mr Bob LeVine - Ojai USA on the Jewish faith,
Mr. S. Subba Ramaiha - Bangalore India on Hinduism,
Father Bertus van Schaik – Holland on Christianity,
Mr. P.K Mukherjee - Mumbai India on GKS and the Sai principle.

Why this Spiritual Symposium?

First of all we were hoping that Mother Gopala Krishna would have visited Holland once more this year, so we started to organise this event. Last year we organised one big public meeting with bhajans and sathsang in a school building. Although the day was well received and people were delighted to have darshan of our beloved Gopal Maa, the atmosphere of the school building was a bit dull compared to the temple.

This year we thought it would be for the best to organise a day with a theme in the same school. The big hall is suitable for many people who are

.....talk on the topic '**Unity in Religions**'

interested and can be appropriately decorated for the occasion. The theme became 'Unity in Religions'. As we all know, one of the foremost teachings of Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Just before Mother Gopala Krishna decided not to come, I had a dream wherein She said that we had to continue with organising this event even without Mothers physical presence. Later this dream was confirmed so the whole Holland GKS group was aroused to participate in organising this event.

Swami Vivekananda participated in the Parliament of Religions in Chicago more than hundred years ago. His words made a new light dawn on religion and the people of America were ready to receive His words. In Holland people are, in general, open minded towards religions and the real meaning behind religion. Re=again, ligion=unite. What is separated from what and needs to be reunited again??? What makes man search for God? What is the attraction in every religion and what makes that people are prepared to give up everything in their search for God?

This Spiritual Symposium should lead to respect and tolerance towards different points of view and religions, it should tell us more about the essence of religion and that GOD is one for all!!

Jai Sai Ram, on behalf of Foundation Sri Sai Mandiram Holland.

The GKS Family

By Sita van den Nieuwendijk

Swamiji doesn't call us an organisation. He calls us a family, and He likes us to be and act like **one** family. He doesn't like it when we feel separate from each other. Why is He calling us like that? What is it that the sweet Lord of our hearts wants to promote in us, by calling us a family?

How does a family start? It starts with Mother and Father. For us Swami is both, the guiding, guarding Father and the loving, protecting Mother. Then there will be children. Maybe we can say that the first child in GKS is the Bangalore part of our family. Many of them spent the early days with Him and developed this special relationship that only the first child has. The first child enjoys the love of the parents fully, because he doesn't have to share it with others. This makes the relationship strong but it also comes with it a responsibility.

As soon as another child arrives, the older one will help Mother with taking care for the little one. He will help the child to find her way in the world she just entered. In this way he can share with his little sister all that he learnt from Mother. He knows what Mother likes and in which way he can make Her happy. When he sees his little sister suffer, he will go to her, like Mother went to him, and console her and wipe her tears. So the younger child learns also through the actions of the older one about how compassionate Mother and how wise Father is.

Then, when again a child is born, both the children will help the parents. By that they take care for each other and shine like a happy family. Why should there be any jealousy or competition when they all know that the real joy exists in giving? When we help and support each other and be like Mother, how much joy will we experience. Instead of waiting for Mother to prepare sweets and waiting for Her to share them with us, how much more joy will it give Her when we prepare her favourites (seva) and surprise Her by sharing them with all. How happy will our Parents be?

Then the people around us will observe our happiness, and they will feel the urge to be part of our family. Our small family will expand, and how much satisfaction will we feel, for the more members there are, the more love we can share. Being a strong, happy, shining family, we will start serving the neighbourhood just like the GKS family will serve the world.