## Shri Shirdi Sai Baba

## Guruji Shri C. B. Satpathy Message on the occasion of RAM NAVAMI April 1998

While at Shirdi, Baba used to mutter something occasionally, a sort of loud-thinking, which only He understood. At times, He would say astounding things either completely out of context for the listeners or out of reach of their imagination. On one such occasion, He was heard telling a devotee that in future big buildings would come up in Shirdi, big people would visit the place and also that people would make a bee-line there. The meaning of His divine utterances were not understood then. Today a crowd - at average of about thirty thousand, is visiting Shirdi every day. People from all parts of India, both the richest and the poorest, are visiting Shirdi. Baba can never be wrong as He had knowledge of the past and future, not only of the individuals meeting Him but also about events before and after the duration of His physical existence.

Incarnations like Baba play a role, both at micro and macro levels. At the micro-level, they take care of the individual souls, not only of human beings but also of other species, who are drawn to them by their mighty will like chained birds, as Baba used to say. Baba used to recall His past life relationships with many of them, in one case, stretching as far back as seventy-two lives. He also spoke about the past lives of other species. At a macro-level, Baba once commented that during 1854 and 1858, He was busy with Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi, thereby, indicating his role in the transitional phase of Indian history. Earlier, Baba had spoken about Mughal Emperor Humayun and the birth of Akbar in which he had a role to play.

Limited human intelligence can only perceive the activities at microlevel of the Perfect Masters, it can never perceive their role at the macrolevel. History, therefore, is a limited projection of human activities at microlevel. No historian so far, has been able to bring about the hidden game of the Perfect Masters behind all the temporal powers on this earth. Baba's activities, visible and non-visible, were extremely intense during the First World War period between 1914 and 1918.

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He left his body on 15th October 1918, when the war had almost ended, completing His mission. He saved an Indian Captain and his ship from drowning in the Pacific. When Bal Gangadhar Tilak met Him at Shirdi in 1918, He asked him to take rest as the person to liberate India was coming.

Bal Gangadhar Tilak left his body shortly, thereafter Mahatma Gandhi appeared on the scene. Today, the world is in a transitional phase. The next war is looming large towards the end of this decade. Old order is bound to change giving place to new. The human society needs a new meaning to life and a new system. Incarnations like Ram and Krishna had brought about such transitions through wars. War is the culmination of a divine drama where the heroes of truthfulness are ultimately victorious. This macro role of the spiritual powers is going to be enacted in a more perceptible manner in the days to come. All of us understand the meaning of a war. Let us then Pray to Him to have mercy. Let us pray to Him to bring about a better order where human beings and other species can live happily together.

Om Shri Sai

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