

**Sai Pearls of Wisdom,
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**SUN, MOON, AND THIRD EYE ON THE SAME DAY!!!!
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**Om Sri Sai Ram
Prasanthi Sandesh**

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Prasanthi Sandesh, welcome to Sai Pearls of Wisdom series.

Well, luckily enough, I could read certain strange incidents that happened in the childhood of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. That book was written by Prashant Prabhakar Palekar from Mumbai, and then this was published by Sri Sathya Sai Books and Publication Trust, Mumbai. This I am bringing to your notice only to establish the authenticity and the credibility of the incidents that I am going to share with you. The first time I have come to know that; then I thought that I should be sharing with our friends, with our friends also.

Well, it happened when Swami was quite young, and He used to go with His devotees to the banks of Chitravathi River in the evenings. Thus Chitravathi has a very important place in the life of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Once some of the devotees expressed their desire to know Swami's Sathya Swaroopa - Sathya Swaroopa, meaning, true nature. Devotees asked Him all of a sudden, when Swami was there, the group of devotees sitting there on the banks of the Chitravathi River. Well, when they asked, it was almost sunset time, and while walking with the devotees, Swami suddenly disappeared. Everybody started searching for Him but to no avail. Suddenly they heard a clapping sound from a distance, from a hilltop. When everyone looked in that direction, they saw Swami standing on top of the hill.

He asked everyone from there, "Do you want to see the sun?" SUN!

All of them said, "Yes, Swami! We want to see the sun." Everybody replied in unison. How will the sun reappear after sunset? Impossible! But lo and behold, they could see the Surya Narayana or sun rising behind Sri Sathya Narayana, our beloved Bhagavan! Its brilliance was so intense; they all started sweating profusely due to the heat.

They shouted, "Swami, it's too hot!" In an instant, the heat started reducing.

Then Swami asked, “Do you want to see the moon?” And the full moon started rising behind Him. As the pleasant moonlight started to spread everywhere, the devotees, feeling the cold, started shivering.

Some of them shouted, “Swami, it is too cold!” And the cold slowly subsided!

Then Swami announced in His authoritative tone, “I will show you the third eye now!” The third eye you know, Lord Shiva has third eye.

“I will show you now. Watch carefully!” said Bhagavan.

Even as everyone was wondering how the third eye will be, Swami could not be seen. Only His head was seen. It started growing in size to an extent that the entire sky was covered by His head. As everyone was watching this, an opening started in the centre of His eyebrows. Fiery sparks and light started gushing from it. The brilliance increased to a point when some of the devotees, unable to bear, and some fell unconscious and children began to cry. Suddenly all this phenomenon disappeared and everybody saw Swami standing amidst them.

Smiling, looking towards them, He asked them, “What happened? Are you alright?” Then He materialized vibuthi and applied it on everyone’s forehead. One by one all those who had fallen unconscious regained their consciousness, but all of them felt the vertigo – the reeling sensation effect for another 2 days!

While explaining this extraordinary *darshan*, Swami said, “Since you prayed to Me to show you My real nature, I did all this! Because your prayers of many past births, I have shown you the third eye. I did not show you even a thousandth part of My brilliance! But that too was difficult for you to withstand!”

In this I am glad to share with you, summarizing what all that has been said. Bhagavan showing the sun behind Him; Bhagavan showing the moon behind His head; Bhagavan showing His third eye to the devotees who accompanied Him to the shores of Chitravathi River! What wonderful experiences really they are!

We want to have these experiences, but we don’t question ourselves if we can bear them – the severe heat of the sun, severe cold of the moon. Can we bear it? That’s what happened to those days – to those devotees of those days!

Therefore it is very clear to all of us the word *Sathya* has three syllables. *Sathya* – *Sa*, *tha*, *ya*. *Sa* means *Saakshaatkaar*, *Saakshaatkaar* – self-realization! The meaning *tapas* – penance, *Ya* meant *yama* – control of the senses. Control of the senses! These miracles I haven’t heard before. Therefore, I wanted to share them with you.

Once a student was asked to speak, and he spoke for some time. And he addresses Swami as his mother – *Sai Matha*. So he further said, “I don’t have a mother, but I am blessed with the love of a thousand mothers!”

In the Divine Discourse that followed, Swami explained the statement. He said, “Do you all know why this student referred to Me as *Sai Matha*? Ten years ago, when this boy and his brother were young children, their mother was brought to Brindavan on a stretcher. Stretcher! They had arrived from Himachal Pradesh. The mother was seriously ill. I drew the children close to Me and promised her, “From now on these children are Mine. From now on, these children are Mine! Don’t worry” The mother was relieved. Later she passed away. Their father rarely comes here. The children have been left under Swami’s care.

The children started attending school here. The boy was 5 year old and was studying in the 1st standard. “One day, the lady warden brought him to Me – (I mean Swami) – saying, ‘This child is missing his mother terribly. He doesn’t even eat his food and keeps crying all the time.’ I took him to the interview room and materialized a ring for him. I pacified him in many ways. From that moment, he was able to overcome his sorrow. See Swami’s love, Swami’s love!”

I also have come across another instance, where a middle aged gentleman came for Swami’s *darshan* after his father’s demise. He was sitting in the first row. As Swami came along, this person was overwhelmed with his father’s memories and was unable to control his tears.

Swami walked up to him and told him lovingly, “Don’t cry, don’t cry! Serve your mother, serve your mother!”

And at that moment miraculously his sufferings eased because the gentleman realized that he was under his Divine father’s care. Swami says, “Your own parents may love you with some selfish intent, but this Divine **Sai** Matha and Pitha – mother and father – showers compassion on you only so that you may attain success in your efforts towards self-realization!”

Therefore, all Swamis’ miracles are directed to this end, such that we have that kind of self awareness or what you call self-realization. That’s what Sathya meant!

And Swami mentioned that He is *Dharma Swaroopa*! *Dharma* meaning righteousness! And *Dharma-parayana*! *Parayana* – *PARAYANA*, *Parayana* meaning ultimate refuge. *Dharma* – righteousness is our ultimate way or refuge. So Sai is the ultimate refuge and can be attained through self-realization by adhering to truth and righteousness. Whenever God has incarnated on earth, He has given utmost importance to adherence to truth and righteousness.

The *Ramayana* narrates various duties of a father, mother, son, brother, wife and king. Lord Ramachandra has set an ideal for us by explicitly following His duties as a son, husband, brother and king.

On many occasions during *Krishnavatar*, Bhagavan stressed on the importance of *Dharma* in *Bhagavad Gita*! *Dharma* has got prime importance in all our scriptures and

has been repeatedly mentioned by Bhagavan. Why? Bhagavan – Shirdi Bhagavan had one peculiar habit. At times when He talked, He seemed to speak irrelevant things, apparently vague to a common listener, but relevant and meaningful to the one for whom it was intended.

Once when Sainath was sitting in Dwarkamai and talking with His devotees, an unknown person arrived for His *darshan*. No sooner did he start stepping up onto the steps of the Dwarkamai, Baba thundered at the top of His voice, “Stop, don’t climb up!”

Such an expression was quite alarming to all present, including the person concerned. Not bothering about Baba’s warning, he continued to climb the steps of Dwarkamai.

Baba then flew into a rage, His face and eyes turning red with anger. He shouted, “Stop there! Don’t you dare climb up! Haven’t you sold your father? How dare you climb up still? You have sold your father!”

Hearing this, the intruder felt ashamed. He hung his head and left. None were able to understand the significance of this statement. On enquiry, it was revealed that he had recently changed his religion. No one was aware of this. But can anything be hidden from the omniscient Sai? Impossible! All religions teach the same principle of love. So why does he need to change his religion? He could have fulfilled his duties by remaining true to the religion of his birth. Sainath did not approve of this and so showed His displeasure.

Therefore Swami tells us, “My life is message! My life is My message!” At the age of ten, He told Eswamma, “I have been born to serve!”

His task of uplifting of humanity is ongoing. Swami says to follow religion is an eternal law. If one stops abiding by the religion, there will be chaos in the world.

As mentioned in *Gita*, “They indeed who follow this immortal *dharma* - the law of life, as described, endowed with faith, regarding Me as their supreme goal, such devotees are exceedingly dear to Me!” This is what Bhagavan said.

So in this brief talk, I am happy that I could share with you certain rare incidents that occurred when Swami was quite young.

Thank you! Shall meet again!