

Sai Baba

“All Boys Are Golden”
The Untold Story.



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- The author.

Morpheus: *The Matrix is everywhere. It is all around us. Even now, in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window or when you turn on your television. You can feel it when you go to work... when you go to church... when you pay your taxes. It is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth.*

Neo: *What truth?*

Morpheus: *That you are a slave, Neo. Like everyone else you were born into bondage. Into a prison that you cannot taste or see or touch. A prison for your mind.*

[...The Matrix](#)

Introduction

The purpose of this text is to collect all data and facts in one single document, which when all drawn together reveals a clear picture of who the person of Sai Baba really is. The self proclaimed 'god man' has millions of unthinking people completely fooled and since most of his followers are in his homeland, this paper is not geared for that audience. This is written for the western readers, who may be searching for 'truth' and somehow unfortunately finds Sai Baba.

His followers even claim that Sai Baba has restored two dead men to life. These '*miracles*' are adduced as proof of Sai Baba's divinity and specifically of his ability to create out of nothing. He says: *"It is beyond you to know how or why I create things....the objects that I create, I create them by My Will, the same way I created the universe."* This is a vast statement, that demands evidence. Sai Baba claims to be a full avatar or '*incarnation*' of God, greater than Jesus and founders of the world religions. In his own words: *"Buddha, Christ, Mohammed and others were not avatars. They had some divine power..... My power is infinite."*

Despite his claim to divinity and to infinite power, Sai Baba maintains that he did not come on earth to establish a religion, unfortunately this has now progressed into cult status.

The authenticity of Sai Baba's miracles have long been questioned. A Committee was set up by Bangalore University to carry out an investigation. Through its work Sai Krishna, a 7 year-old 'miracle' boy and protégé of Sai Baba, was exposed as a fraud. Three members of the committee observed the boy produce sacred ash on July 15, 1976. However, it was no miracle. They found that the ash was hidden in the boy's vest and came out when he pulled a string hidden in his clothes.

The **DECCAN CHRONICLE** is a Hyderabad based English daily with a large circulation. On 23rd November, 1992 it published on its front page pictures from a video recording of Sathya Sai Baba's 'creation' of a gold necklace, in the presence of the Prime Minister of India, Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao. The video tape of the event appeared to show unambiguously Sathya Sai Baba being passed a necklace clandestinely by his personal assistant Radhakrishna Menon, which later Sathya Sai Baba 'materializes' after a wave of his hand. Working on behalf of the Dutch newspaper DE VOLKSKRAANT, Piet Vroon was at Puttaparthi to film Baba at "work." He and his partner reported that they saw Baba remove rings, necklaces and watches from behind flower vases and from pillows on his chair. They also detected Sai Baba holding vibhuti balls in one hand, transferring them to the other hand, pulverising them and distributing them. Vibhuti was also alleged to be hidden in his mouth and removed while wiping his face, which Baba does very often. In his report of December 5, 1992 Vroon's conclusion is unambiguous: "**we just think that he's a trickster and a cheat.**"

Sai Baba devotees not surprisingly reject all of the above, pointing out that modern video technology can be used to produce 'evidence' of almost any kind of faking or for that matter of 'miracle working'. In any case the point is made that Sai Baba himself attaches little importance to his 'miracles' – the important aspect of his mission being the call to a spiritual way of living. Is it any wonder that cameras and recording equipment is not allowed in the Sai Baba's ashram.

Birth

Based on the prophecy by Sri Aurobindo, "*I am the avatar (or guru) of the many; Sri Aurobindo is the avatar (or guru) of the few*".

Sai Baba, said to have been born in 1926 as **Sathya Narayana Raju** (*I will refer to him in this text by his legal name Raju*) in or near the remote southern Indian village of Puttaparthi in the state of Andhra Pradesh. At the age of 14 he had a series of strange experiences, which his family and others believed at the time to be demonic possession.

Sai Baba has said (and his devotees and biographers affirmed) that he had been born on **23rd November 1926**. This happened to be one day before the date that Sri Aurobindo declared that Krishna had descended into the physical; a day that became known as *Siddhi Day* and was one of henceforth the four darshan days and the date of founding of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram as well. Recently some of the more sordid facts came out, and it has been persuasively suggested that **Sai Baba himself or one of his biographers faked the whole thing**.

This is explained by Hari Sampath, who provides a school record which shows a date of birth as **October 4th 1929**, as indicated by his school record (various other facts are also different from those of his official biographies, implying that the famous childhood leelas or miracles never took place, or if they did, it wasn't where Sai Baba said they did!)

The reason for this deception is obvious, as Mr. Sampath explains:

"If Sai Baba was born on October 4th 1929, as indicated by records, then we are led to question what must have been the motivation for fraudulently choosing the date of November 23rd 1926 specifically. Obviously, it could have been any date, since it was bogus anyway, but the "choice" of the birthday in later years, probably in the late 1940's or early 1950's, must have been prompted by a specific reason which would have been necessary for the "avatar theory" to flourish. It is well known publicly that Sri Aurobindo declared on November 24th 1926 , that "Krishna consciousness had descended into the physical".

All followers of Sri Aurobindo categorically say that he meant the descent of Universal consciousness into himself, while he was still in a physical body, and it was probably true too. But when such a statement was publicly known, and must have been rather well known in South India in the 1940s and 1950s, there is a very strong probability that those promoting the Sai Baba "avatar theory" in the early days, that is close family of Sai Baba, "decided" to have Sai Baba's birthday as November 23rd 1926, in order to capitalize on Aurobindo's statement and provide "proof" that he was referring to Sai Baba's birth!

This seems to be the most logical explanation of the "choice" of the date of birth, and it shows clearly a scheming deceptive pattern, targeted at willful deception and concocted theories. What else needs to be proved about Sai Baba being a fraud? " -- from: Lies proved by Sathya Sai Baba's School Record Hari Sampath

By 1963 Baba had begun to claim that he was the incarnation of Shiva and Shakti.... Since the Westerners have begun to follow him, he has also declared that he is Jesus Christ who has come again (Mangalwadi, 1992).

Arnold Schulman, wrote in his 1971 book called Baba that *"For any episode of Baba's childhood, there are countless contrasting versions and, at this point, the author discovered that it was no longer possible to separate the facts from the legend. "*

"Call me by any name - Krishna, Allah, Christ. Can't you recognize me in any Form? Continue your worship of your chosen God along the lines familiar to you and you'll find you is coming near to me, for all Names and Forms are mine."
—Sathya Sai Baba



Cobras

According to one of the official website of SB after birth a cobra appeared and the child was untouched, here is the official story line:

"Soon after Satya's birth the baby was placed on the floor on top of some bedclothes. The cloth around the baby began to move in a peculiar way. The women attending his mother immediately looked under the cloth -- there was a live cobra! But the snake did not harm the child. Sai Baba of Shirdi (the previous incarnation of Satya Sai Baba) often appeared to his followers in the form of a cobra. The cobra also is one of the many symbols of Shiva." Source- <http://bhagavat-katha.exactpages.com/saibaba.html>

No compare this account with Arnold Shulman investigations:

"One of Baba's two sisters, however, who claims to have been present at his birth, says that the cobra was not found under the blanket, but several hours after Baba was born a cobra was seen outside the house, a sight not uncommon in the village."

It is curious to see how this significantly differs from several "official" accounts of the cobra event. Given the known fact that Puttaparthi was a snake-infested area in those early days, spotting one outside the house after Sai Baba's birth, what to speak of it wriggling underneath him, does not prove anything about his supposed divinity. If it was so, then I humbly consider the possibility that every child born in the vicinity of poisonous snakes is a potential avatar.

Sai Baba: Born Of Incest



Sathya Narayana Raju Ratnakaram was born in or near the poor and isolated village Puttaparthi, Anantapur district. His mother was Easwamma and father was Pedda Venkappa Raju who was a farmer. According to his own assertion and his official biography, by professor Narayana Kasturi that the British journalist Mick Brown of the The Telegraph called a hagiography, he stopped going to school in the town Uravakonda on October 20 1940 to start his mission. However, he is listed in the 1942 school record of the nearby village Bukkapatnam. Though the exact year on which he started his mission full-time is uncertain, it is a fact that in the 1940s he claimed to be the reincarnation of the well-respected fakir Shirdi Sai Baba and took the fakir's name.

Kasturi's biography mentions several miracles by and signs of divinity of the young Sathya. He made explicit claims of divinity at the latest in 1963. In the late 1960s he attracted Western spiritual seekers and became increasingly popular.

One of those spiritual seekers was the Hollywood screenwriter Arnold Schulman, who wrote in his 1971 book called Baba that "For any episode of Baba's childhood, there are countless contrasting versions and, at this point, the author discovered that it was no longer possible to separate the facts from the legend."

Why Sai Baba's father, Pedda Venkama Raju, is hardly spoken about as compared to the mother Easwamma? Has anyone dared ask the reason?

Easwamma gets her own designated celebration that is commemorated every year on May 6th as 'Easwamma Day', and even has a book dedicated to her mothering of Sai Baba courtesy of Prof. N. Kasturi.

The book "Love Is My Form," shed light on the early years one suspicious excerpt is referenced here.

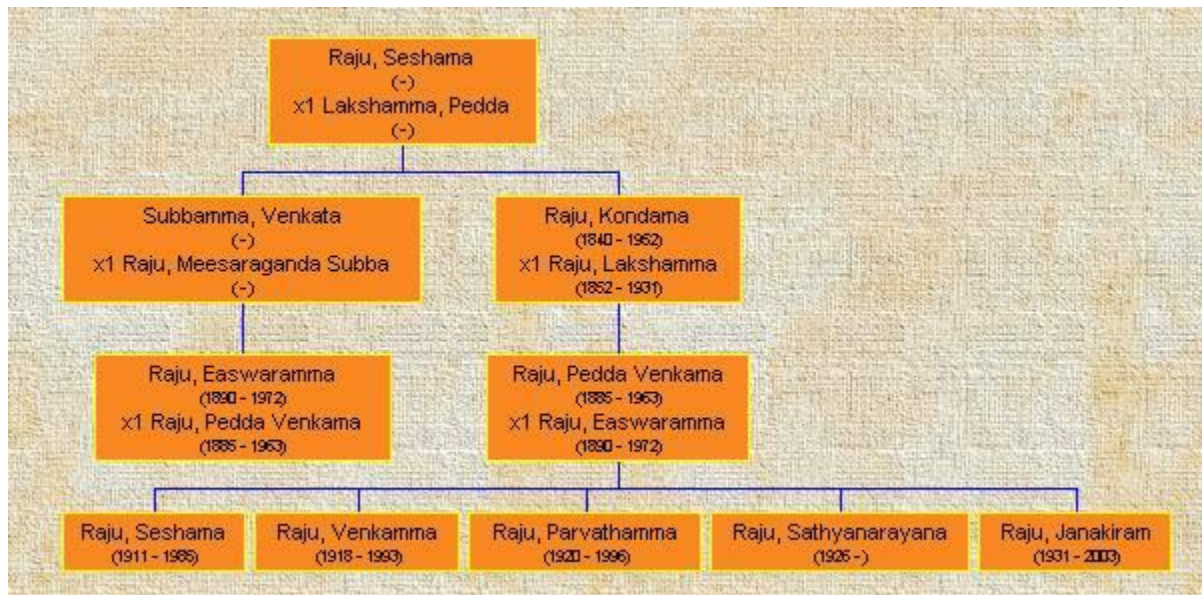
"Kondama Raju's pious wife, Lakshamma, bore him two sons: Pedda Venkama (Venkappa) Raju and Chinna Venkama (Venkappa) Raju - each, most likely, named after the great Venkavadhuta."

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"Kondama Raju's younger sister, Venkata Subbamma, married Meesaraganda Subba Raju of Kolimigundla, a village in the Koilkuntla Taluk of Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh, then ruled by the Nizam of Hyderabad. They had six children - three sons and three daughters. Their eldest daughter was Easwaramma."

- *Love Is My Form*, p. 12-13.

Taking a closer look at that statement we find



Picture 1 Genealogy chart for Sai Baba

Here is the meaning of the chart in simply terms.

It tells us the following:

Kondama Raju's younger sister married Subba Raju, which makes the two of them brothers-in-law. The birth of Easwaramma as the offspring of Subba makes her Kondama Raju's niece. Her subsequent marriage to Pedda Venkama (Kondama's son) means that the two of them were cousins.

Of course many Indians from the Andhra Pradesh region, has written expressing the fact that it **IS ACCEPTABLE to marry one's cousin**, and that very common place and even encouraged.

It may be widespread and it may be carried out even today, but that doesn't disprove my basic point that incest is morally abhorrent and as such, Sai Baba should have been more choosy about which family to take birth in. Avatars supposedly retain such exclusive rights.

Vibhuti

One of the core components to the Sai phenomena is the vibhuti, this gives the necessary credence to the operation. Let us look at the big picture on vibhuti.

Source: The Quarterly, - David Bailey UNITED KINGDOM



During darshan, Sai Baba carries vibhuti in tablet form between the third and fourth fingers of his right hand, with spare tablets in the hand holding up his robe. He crushes a tablet when required, and transfers tablets during the taking of letters. I have watched this happen innumerable times. Once on the mandir porch he dropped a tablet in front of me, and told a member of the Trust to **"Eat it Quickly!"**

Tablet-palming can be clearly seen on many videos, if slowed down to frame-by-frame viewing, including in our wedding day interview video, used at the beginning of "God lives in India" This video has been removed from sale by the Trust.

Australian television, in its programme '60 MINUTES' (their equivalent of 'PANORAMA') showed how these 'B grade' conjuring tricks are done.

Vibhuti tablets explain why vibhuti distribution runs out in the interview room before everyone has had some.

All powder vibhuti is produced by roasting cow dung with sandal wood, and manufactured vibhuti bought elsewhere, is then double sieved by ladies of the ashram seva dal, before being packaged for interview room distribution.

Use of vibhuti on open wounds consistently causes infection in them; a fact commented by Faye to me when she was called to deal with people having these infections in the ashram.

This Biography of Sathya Sai Baba is excerpted from Howard Murphet's "Sai Baba: Man of Miracles".

[To get miraculous vibuthi from Prasanthi Nilayam, please make a love offering of over **\$30 US** in the form of a personal check to Shri Sathya Sai Central Trust. This is simply a donation, not a payment. The Vibuthi comes with the receipt one is sent for a donation/love offering & is the children's and Satya's way of thanking the donor. The Vibuthi itself cannot be bought, it simply comes with the receipt. The children at Prasanthi Nilayam make lovely paper folders with mantras written by hand all over them. Within that is a small amount of miraculous Vibuthi. One American dollar is worth 47 rupees in India which helps pay for Satya's many charities, his large feeding program, orphanage, etc. The address for donations is :

[Satya Sai Baba, Prasanthi Nilayam PO, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh 515134 INDIA.]

Is vibuthi a medicine?

Does it actually work?

(<http://robertpriddy.wordpress.com/2009/10/23/sathya-sai-babas-promises-part-four/>)

All the talk about the healing power of 'Sai Baba vibuthi' and other substances he hands out may cause belief in healing, and this may help... but the actual curative/medicinal properties are zero, according to analyses of this vibuthi made in laboratories here and there.

The apparent cure due to this substance (**actually the ash from burning such materials as cow dung, rice husks or sandalwood etc.**) is often called the 'placebo effect' in medical research. Another term used is 'spontaneous regeneration', which refers to unknown aspects of the body's self-regenerative powers. The 'placebo effect' is obviously a psychic phenomenon and remains largely (but not entirely) unexplained.... but it is very common. This is almost indubitably the key element in so-called 'faith' healings.

One will find no record of the overwhelming number of cases where vibuthi is applied but no cure whatever arises. I have documented on well-known instance (see ref. to widely-known fact among residents and VIPs: V.K. Narasimhan's loss of an eye after application of vibuthi by Sai Baba himself!). I witnessed the dying days of a Norwegian devotee – Mrs. Fotland – to whom I had brought a handful of packets of vibuthi given me especially for her at an interview by Sai Baba. Further, as leader of the Sathya Sai Centre in Oslo, I have seen vibuthi applied countless times without the desired result, also in the ashrams and elsewhere.

V.K. Narasimhan's loss of an eye after application of vibuthi by Sai Baba himself.

V.K. Narasimhan was advised by Sai Baba to have a left eye operation. He did and the result was successful. Later Sai Baba told him to have an operation on the other eye, which he did with apparent success. However, VKN decided to return to Prashanthi before the doctors advised it (due to the dust and infection risks there) and his eye soon became inflamed. He went to Sai Baba at darshan, *who put vibuthi on it. It swelled further and Sai Baba advised he return to the doctor* at Whitefield, sending him in his air-conditioned car. The doctor could not save the eye, so thereafter VKN was blind in the right eye. I met him directly he returned to Prashanthi Nilayam, and he gave me a full account before anyone else there.



Medical Advice from Sai Baba

The greatest danger comes over healing, and Sai Baba is widely promoted as a healer. Premanand has listed several cases of promised cures that never came about and in which the patients did not

seek medical treatment because of Sai Baba. *Sai Baba told Carol Evans that if she were offered an operation for her ear complaint she should not have it and that he would heal her.* She does not say whether an operation was ever recommended or whether she took his advice, but the danger is clear.

Cures are attributed to '*Baba's grace*' whether or not they were effected by standard medical means or could be explained as remissions of diseases well known to be subject to such remissions, etc. Doctors' reports are mostly not given, nor are the names of doctors or hospitals given, or where they are, so that an investigator can do further research. Most of the accounts in Sai Baba literature are of conditions in which remissions, in the absence of any kind of treatment, are not infrequent. No statistics are provided showing that Baba devotees are any more or less prone to certain diseases than the general population. There are in addition anecdotal accounts of Baba having promised to cure, and the patient subsequently dying, of doctors' complaining about Baba's meddling, and so on. What follows is a typical sampling of the evidence.

A Sample of Kanu's 'Evidence':

"A pilgrim to Puttaparthi suddenly developed acute appendicitis. At the time, there was no hospital there nor was there a surgeon, so Sai Baba was asked to come to the room where the patient lay groaning. He waved his hand in the air and produced a surgical knife out of nowhere. A second wave materialized vibhuti which he used as an anaesthetic. With these aids he performed the operation to remove the inflamed appendix. Then the surgical knife vanished into thin air. He applied the vibhuti on the wound which healed immediately, leaving only a small scar."

-Kanu, Sai Baba, God Incarnate, p. 52.

Given that it was Kanu who solemnly reported that Cowan had been pronounced dead by two doctors, this report, with neither name of patient, year of event, nor original **source of the story is hardly to be regarded as reliable evidence.** If there was no hospital at the time, nor surgeon present, who was qualified to determine that the stomach cramps the patient was suffering were indeed appendicitis? Was it Sai Baba who made the diagnosis? Perhaps the patient merely had gas.

We can get a sense of Sai Baba's diagnostic 'ability' from the following account which happened to John Hislop.

Sai Baba's Misdiagnosis of John Hislop's Medical Condition:

While asleep in Brindavan in the month of October, 1978, without any prior warning to me, the prostate suddenly closed off the urethra. What happened then was agonizing, but nevertheless most comical. When Baba came down from his apartment, about 8 a.m., I told him that the urethra was closed and that already the bladder was very swollen. He smiled, said not to worry, and gave me vibhuti. About 11 a.m., he returned from inspecting some new construction and as he came to the veranda, both Dr. Goldstein and I approached him saying that my condition seemed to be serious. Baba came up to me, looked in my eyes, patted me on the head and said not to worry, it was just the heat. Then at 4 p.m., when Baba usually came down after rest,

I did not wait, but sent a note upstairs that the situation was steadily getting worse and that now severe pains were moving back and forth throughout my body. Baba came down immediately. In the group of devotees waiting for him, there were, as usual, several physicians, including Dr. Goldstein from California. Without any discussion, Baba told the doctors to take me at once to the hospital and operate if necessary.

Now the comedy quickened. We got into several cars and went to Baba's hospital for women in Whitefield. The Medical Officer-in-Charge, Dr. Mrs. C. Rajeswari, made an examination room available, and the **assembled doctors tried some 20 or more times to insert various sizes of catheters into the bladder, but with total failure.**

By now I was in agony, although I bit my tongue and kept silent. It was the immediate decision of the doctors that an emergency opening would have to be made through the wall of the abdomen...

At Bangalore, the job was botched by the resident surgeons; heavy infection set in, and in three days Baba ordered me back to Brindavan...Baba arranged for the operation at the Whitefield hospital...The care was magnificent...The entire inside of my abdominal cavity was filled with virulent infection, and the tissues were so rotted that standard operating procedures could not be used...

Why the big comedy in the whole affair? It took me some time to figure it out...Why the deadly complications at the Bangalore hospital?...Finally, at the time of another visit, I told Baba that I had figured the matter out. My conclusion was that I had come to the end of my natural life, Baba had let me go down to the final step, and at the last moment, he had reversed my natural death by giving me rebirth. Baba smiled and confirmed that what I said was true; he had given me new life. After returning home to Mexico in January, some continuing complications arose which took me into a Mexican hospital and then an American hospital. Baba sent word to not worry, that these were just rebirth pains.

John Hislop, My Baba & I, pp. 49-51.

Swami has frequently promised cures and people did not get cured. For example, he told Mr. and Mrs. Hanumantha Rao that he would cure their son, who suffered from infantile paralysis. He never did.

-Mr. Krishna, quoted in Haraldsson, ibid. p. 175.

Curing' Rabies:

*“When his wife (Ananthappa's wife, a Sai Baba devotee) was bitten by a dog, which was suspected by the entire neighbourhood as mad, she refused to believe in Pasteur but cured herself **through vibhuthi only**. A large number of `peons' in Davangere town became Ananthappa's customers for*

the Vibhuthi he had placed before the portrait sent by Baba. They sat through his Bhajans and sang with him in order to deserve the gift.”
-Kasturi, *Loving God*, p. 134.

It is important to **note that there is no record of anyone's examining the dog to see if it was in fact rabid**. So, we have no evidence that there was anything to cure. Sai Baba's ministrations under these circumstances would thus appear to be harmless. But what of the cases where Sai Baba's ministrations are given instead of orthodox medicine and the condition is serious?

Sai Baba on Cancer:

“In a more recent interview Baba told me that cancer is one disease which can be cured only by God's grace and with love.”
-Krystal, *The Ultimate Experience*, p. 205.

It is one thing for a person to decide without prompting or encouragement to cease taking medical care. But for Sanathana Sarathi, a Sai Baba official journal, to give institutional sanction to the idea that the proper treatment of cancer is to abandon doctors in favour of whatever Sai Baba says, is cause for serious concern.

This concern is further deepened by Sai Baba's continued ignorance on the subject of cancer. The plain fact is that vast numbers of cancers are thoroughly curable by routine medical procedures. Sai Baba's incomprehensible medical advice is readily documented, for instance, in the following quotation:

*“[Baba] then launched into a detailed diagnosis of my physical problems which Dr. Bhagavantam translated from Telugu into English. Baba spoke very fast **and used complex medical terms which neither of us was able to comprehend** and which I would not have been able to spell even if I had tried to take notes...”*

--- *Krystal, ibid.*, p. 37.

Healing

(Excerpt from **Faye Bailey's** article)

“I have not seen him do a genuine healing on anybody in all my time of being close to him, and having had innumerable interviews. I have seen him tell people to stand up, and get out of wheel chairs, but the effect is not lasting. He generally ignores the sick and frail ones, giving out as reason, their karma. “

“The Australian ‘pink twins’ continue to use wheel chairs, in spite of Sai Baba’s claims of healing them and their claims of being healed. A sad case for me is Maynard Ferguson. Over three years of deterioration in his hearing; during several interviews with him and his wife, he, his wife and myself asked - pleaded with Swami, to heal him. Every time, he promised to do so, but now Maynard is very deaf and has to rely on two powerful hearing aids to help him. As a fellow musician I know what this must mean to him in his heart.

Once Faye and I had an interview in the company of an elderly, rather frail Indian gentleman who used to sit on the verandah near me. He asked Sai Baba for help for his failing health. Swami, behind his back shrugged his shoulders at us, saying in what we both thought was a rather an unfeeling aside **‘And what can I do? Cancer. Too far gone, too far gone.’**

Faye has had her own experience of him giving health advice she trustingly followed, which nearly caused permanent damage to her, before she at last resorted to western medical treatment for her complaint.

The German coordinator whom I visited in the super specialty hospital after he’d had a stroke, was eventually taken back to the verandah, but Swami did not heal him. The elderly man has gone back to Germany, and some two years later is little improved.

I believe any healing claimed by Sai Baba is in fact, a personal inner healing activated by the person himself or herself.

The mandir ceiling is now covered in **gold leaf**. I was shown a piece of this gold leaf which had fallen from the ceiling. I ask myself, **‘Why, in a country of such appalling poverty, does he allow this escalating show of opulence to occur?’** The mandir at my last count had 167 chandeliers instead of the original 36. What on earth for? Sai Baba now has several luxury cars supposedly ‘gifted’ by rich devotees. Why is more than one necessary? This is reminiscent of other cult leaders such as Rajneesh.

I know Sai Baba **doesn’t** live only on rice and chappattis as he claims. **His evening meal consists of six to eight different dishes prepared for him every night, and Faye and I have shared the ‘left overs’ several times, having gone with someone to collect the remains of the meal from his rooms. He claimed to Faye that he ‘Drinks no tea, no coffee. Only hot water’ - yet has drunk coffee with me.**

During the preparation of the 1997 Christmas Day students’ programme, I was in interview with the students, and we were discussing with Swami, the music and story of Jesus’ birth which the boys were going to present. When ‘We Three Kings from Orient are...’ was mentioned, Sai Baba directed that this song not be sung, saying ‘No, no, no! There were no kings. They did not exist.’ Yet in his January 1996 discourse he said ‘When Christ was born, three kings came to see the infant.’

Prashanti Nilayam vibuthi manufactured in Palani factory:

It is known that tons of vibuti are ordered by Prashanthi Nilayam from Palani (near the foot of the Kodai mountain in Tamil Nadu) where 'vibuty' is manufactured in quantity. I was friends with a former Seva Dal servitor, Krishna Panjwani of Bombay - a very sweet elderly gentleman – who annually travelled around and bought supplies for the Prashanthi Nilayam shop he supervised – in the heat of summer when Sai Baba was away on holiday in Kodai. He used to go to Palani to get vibuti, and an invoice published by Basava Premanand showed the details of one such purchase of a huge amount.

Shown below is a copy of invoice for 9 tonnes of 'vibuthy' to Prashanthi Nilayam by Palani General Stores!

FORM XX.

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A copy of invoice for 9 tonnes of 'vibuthi' to Prashanthi Nilayam by Palani General Stores.

Jewelry

All are worthless trinkets. Some are bought in Puttaparthi village, but mainly they come from Bangalore and Hyderabad. I made it my business to meet one of the jewelers concerned and have this information verified.

I was told by Sai Baba and also by members of his inner circle, that my 'materialised' ring with its huge stone was a sixty-four faceted diamond **of great commercial value**. After leaving the ashram in December 1998, I damaged one of the clasps on the ring and took it to a jeweller in southern India, many hundreds of kilometers away. **This stranger immediately recognized it as a 'Sai Baba' ring. He told me that the metal it was made of was not gold, also that the stone was a valueless zircon, and under it there was a piece of silver paper to make the zircon glitter, which was why the back of the ring was solid. He informed me that these hard backed rings are especially made for Sai Baba.** As he took the stone out to repair the damaged clasp, sure enough, a piece of silver paper fell out, and the stone thus revealed was seen to be a zircon.

The then Sai organisation co-ordinator of Ireland was with Faye and me at the time, and another lady who had a Baba ring in which a face (attributed to Baba because of the black head of hair round a small 'face'), could be seen. The jeweller showed us how these are made. A piece of coloured glass has a small piece of silver paper behind it so that at certain angles it reflects the colour of one's own face. This is surrounded by a circular ring of black enamel to give the impression of hair. He lifted the stone out of the ring and proved this also, was so. The Irish co-ordinator took photos of the rings. On his return to Ireland, he resigned and left the organisation.

When Sai Baba decides to give someone a robe in the interview room, he does so as a cover to get further trinkets from his store in the back room. More than a few times Faye and I have heard the sound of a drawer being opened and the tinkle of metallic things being moved. He returns with them hidden under the robe (and we have watched him transferring trinkets from under the robe on his lap to his right hand - it's just so obvious when you look) before waving his hand while faking a materialization. **His velvet chair contains objects hidden in the sides. We have seen them there and then observed his sleight of hand as he brings them out of hiding.**

But, well before I was aware of these things, I began to have some doubts about the authenticity of Sai Baba's claims of divine manifestation. During my second interview, one of the first things I noticed which bothered me was that someone asked him to repair a broken chain on a japamala, and another had lost a stone from a ring. He did nothing at the time, but said "No, no, I will change for new one tomorrow". I found this very perplexing. Why, if he could create anything at will, which is what I had been told, did he not blow on these things and repair them then? I now know why. He cannot.

Fake Diamonds

This article was published by Robert Priddy - former long-term leader of the Sai Organisation in Norway.

“On 31/10/2002, my wife Reidun and I returned from three days in Copenhagen, Denmark, where the 'green diamond' Sathya Sai Baba gave me in 1986 (shown above) was examined by Mr. Peter Hertz, the Danish Queen Margarethe's jeweller, a top Scandinavian expert on precious stones and diamonds. All was filmed in detail by Øjvind Kyrø's team for Danish TV. The result of the investigation, which took two days, is that the stone is a synthetic green sapphire. Value only about \$40 today in super-expensive Denmark. Its value in India today could therefore probably be around \$10. I gave permission for opening the ring, (the stone is encased at the back so the stone's underside cannot be seen, as are all so-called Sai Baba diamond rings that I have seen). It turned out to have a layer of green silver foil behind the stone to enhance the green colour and reflect light. Behind the silver foil, the golden casing was painted black. The metal is 18 carat gold. (The stone was formerly estimated by its surface size to be the equivalent of ca. 5 to 6 carats, the stone being 1.2 cm in diameter). Mr. Hertz estimated the total value of the ring as perhaps up to \$200 in Denmark today. So, if 'the Avatar' materialised it as he certainly made pretence of doing, why did he also put a silver foil in to 'foil' people? He really IS a trickster and a liar about his materialisations and their composition”

Mr. Priddy continues to say:

*“Sathya Sai Baba had every opportunity subsequently to refute that this was a genuine green diamond he had given to me, for he accepted my book 'Source of the Dream' in 1994 and signed it on the inside cover. In that book the 'green diamond' is photographed very clearly and what Sathya Sai Baba said when he gave it to me is stated verbatim (see below). Sathya Sai Baba is supposed to know what is in any book (and anything anywhere!), and he has said as much in public numerous times too. So in no way can he be exonerated for fraudulent behaviour. Sai Baba not only lies outright about these stones. have heard him do so several times, such as to a Mr. Kaufmann from Denmark in 1988, for whom he feigned the materilisation of **what he specifically said was a "24 carat gold" ring with a "1 carat diamond"**. Sai Baba willingly lets these untruths about genuinje diamonds spread and on a very large scale!*

Many Sai devotees are deluded enough to explain away such facts in any conceivable fashion. Therefore, I can assure everyone that, when Mr. Hertz put the ring back together after opening it, the original stone WAS used (not exchanged by him with a fake). I can tell this by examining the stone through a strong magnifier, because the same few tiny specks as before can be seen within it

and the same tiny broken edges on the stone after hard wear are still present. So the stone is exactly the same as before. “



BELOW: THE SAME RING PHOTOGRAPHED WITH VARIOUS LIGHTINGS AND SHADINGS SO AS TO SEE HOW THE ROUGH 'HEAD' SILHOUTTE APPEARS



It is to be noted many devotee are warned NOT to take apart the jewellery or try to sell it or “NOT to take his rings and things to jewellers”, why? You may ask....it’s simply...to prevent his fake items from being labeled as a fake.

Another interesting fact from Robert Piddys account is as follows:

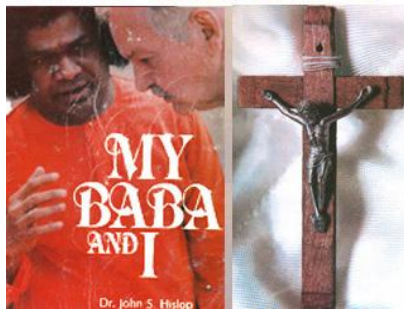
*“During a visit to his Bayswater flat in London in 1987, Mr. Lucas Ralli told me that Sathya Sai Baba had once "materialised" a ring for him with a clear (white) diamond. As soon as he had lowered himself with the aid of his bunched fists to sit cross-legged on the veranda outside the interview room, the unaccustomed ring came in contact with the floor, which is of marble, and the **'diamond' split into two pieces.** (Diamonds can only be split by a sharp blow, but not by the sort of pressure involved in that instance). Ralli said that Sathya Sai Baba had explained this to him the next day by saying that there was "some lapse in concentration while visualising" the product he was to bring*

forth. This same explanation from Sathya Sai Baba has been published by some other devotee writer who experienced a similar faulty product from Sathya Sai Baba's 'almighty' hand. One cannot help wondering why one who claims he is always perfect, is always in 'constantly integrated awareness', and so on and so on... can have such 'little' lapses. But lapses he certainly has, to the extent that they are becoming almost the norm... for example in his vague and non-factual discourses. "

The Fake Cross



I would also remind that the Internet had an account of the Jesus figure on a small wooden cross which Sathya Sai Baba got Hislop to believe was a piece of the original wood of the cross. **A magnified photo of the amulet was examined by an emeritus professor and art expert and proclaimed most likely to be a commonly manufactured amulet from 19th century UK, with visible small defects due to the mass/casting process.**



There is a serious defect in the crucifix too, for the nails in actual crucifixions passed through the wrist, because nails through the hand could not support a weight of the body. **It also has a hole at the top of the cross, so Hislop asked his Lord and master what it was. Sathya Sai Baba, improvising as usual, told him the cross had been suspended from above!**

The same kind of small crucifix is available from shops and markets in India for a small amount of money. The hole is quite evidently for a locket chain so it can be worn around the neck, not for Sathya Sai's reason - i.e. hanging of the original cross from above.

Uno Langmann in his book Sai Expose, notes about the cross:

"As for the claim Sai Baba makes that the crucifix "shows Christ as he really was at the time he left his body, not as artists have imagined him or as historians have told about him", and "no writer or artist has imagined him this way before," the following are comments from Uno Langmann, a highly reputable art, antique, and curio dealer headquartered in Vancouver B.C., and Dr. William S. Dale, Professor Emeritus in Fine Arts at the University of Western Ontario, upon inspection of the full page magnified colour photograph of the crucifix reproduced at p. xi (Plate 2) of Dr. Hislop's book, My Baba & I:"

Uno Langmann's Comments on the Crucifix:

"Judging from the photograph, the sculpture would be an ordinary inexpensive crucifixion depiction. The material of the Christ figure would probably be of soft metal such as pewter or lead. Of course this is hard to tell from a photograph. It might be bronze or conceivably silver, but neither of these is likely. The casting is cheap and not very skillful, which supports the idea that the material would be lead perhaps. You can see little air bubbles around the feet which indicates that it was made by cheap plaster of Paris mold. The sculpture is affixed to the wood by small manufactured nails. The rendering of the feet and toes is especially coarse, which also indicates the cheapness of the piece. The wood appears to be low-grade hardwood of

some sort. Finally, as to the image itself, it is a typical artistic conception of the crucifixion. I believe I have seen this sculpture image before. I would guess that it's a medieval European representation originally perhaps 12th or 13th century. At least that would be a period to check. In this miniature reproduction form it would not be a particularly interesting piece.”

Dear Friends,

Your letter of February 8, enclosing the material on Sai Baba and the miraculously-produced crucifix, has arrived, and I have studied it with great interest.

From the photograph it is quite clear that the metal figure closely resembles those on crucifixes of the 19th and early 20th centuries (As is normal with these, the suppedaneum is cast in one piece with the figure.) Its small scale suggests that it may once have been attached to a rosary.

Contrary to Sai Baba's claim, there is nothing unusual about the iconography of the piece. The representation of the dead Christ, his body sagging, his head drooping onto his right shoulder, and his eyes closed, is frequently found in monumental crucifixes after the 10th century. From the late 12th century one foot is placed over the other, and a single nail is used to fasten both to the cross, instead of one for each foot. By the middle of the 13th century the braided crown of thorns becomes a prominent feature, and in some examples the stomach is drawn in, showing the ribs.

As for the statement that this crucifix "shows Christ as he really was at the time he left his body", it has been demonstrated that nails through the palms of the hands, as in the artistic convention followed here, could not have supported the weight of Jesus' body on the cross. Instead, it has been suggested that the nails would have to go through the wrists, as the image on the Holy Shroud of Turin seems to indicate.

With mass-produced objects such as this it would be impossible to pin down any single source of inspiration, since it draws on such a long and rich tradition. In any case it seems unnecessary.

Yours sincerely,
(signature)

William S.A. Dale, Ph.D.,

Professor Emeritus

Sai world of bizarre statements



Sai Baba said on October 1st 2000:

"I had two dogs, Lilly and Billy in the Old Mandir. Jack and Jill were born to Lilly. The two were none other than Ramesh and Suresh come again to stay near Me. One would sleep at my head and the other at my feet....." (Text from the discourse of Sai Baba Oct. 1, 2000)

According to Indian scriptural beliefs in reincarnation, 'merging' (with the Infinite) is a process which never leads to rebirth. Also, rebirth of former human beings as animals is either rejected as impossible or considered a punishment for horrendous deeds in life.

Two so blessed as to be close friends of an avatar could not have such a fate. Hislop makes clear: "Those childhood companions, they must have been quite special." This writer will surely bet they were special. The story continues.

Sathya Sai Baba tells how he deceived examiners.

Swami at the examination with his two desk companions. They were separated at the exam hall where they had to travel to. Swami told them not to worry about doing the answers. He wrote three answers - in each their handwriting and delivered all three himself. They were the only three who passed. The answers were very similar – but as they sat apart from one another no charge of cheating could be made! The two boys wrote nothing. When Sai left school the two boys died – one went mad first and was put inside, then he died (during some operation perhaps?). The other ran wildly about and fell down a well or suchlike – dying. Sai said that both were reborn as his two pet dogs both of which also eventually died in his lap! (Narasimhan confirmed that Baba said so).

This story proves on his own admission that Sathya Sai Baba was a deceiving cheat and did not stick to the truth, which he has constantly proclaimed that he always does totally!

Let's talk about school

The best documented version of the Elementary Leaving Examination (in LIMF, p.129) is that: "Sathya's school records at Bukkapatnam indicate that, in 1942, he was not allowed to take the ESLC examination as he did not have the minimum required attendance at school."

The photocopy of the school register is also offered as evidence on page 69. The researchers go on to say that "All the 41 students, who attended the ESLC, failed. (Sathya joked that they had all failed because they had gone to take the exams without him.)" [The editors do not give a reference for this alleged remark.]

So in the boasting to be seen below, is Sai trying to cover up for a scholastic failure? (In the SSB literature there are other vaguer references to SSB's attendance at Penukonda for this exam and being the only pupil from Puttaparthi to pass.)

After an unexplained biographical gap of nine months (for which plausible theories have been offered), SSB was taken to Uravakonda in early 1943 by his elder brother, the teacher, Seshama. In March he underwent his long trauma before allegedly making his Shirdi Baba Declaration in May. He enrolled in the High School on 1 July for the few months preceding his alleged second Declaration on 20 October 1943.

Later schooldays (1940-1943)

Humility

SAI VS. THE DALAI LAMA



Figure 1 A Humbling Gesture by Baba from his most high throne.

“The Dalai Lama is known world-wide for his courage and often illumining and acceptable teachings, but above all for his life, which is truly a message of non-violence and standing for the truth and what is right. His righteous (dharmic) life has been in strict adherence to non-violence, seen in all he has done since his inauguration, and through the tremendously difficult decades through which it has been incumbent on him to try to protect and better his people. He makes himself as accessible as possible to people without them having to kow-tow, while he is open to questions, answers directly and frankly and in intelligible, accurate ways.

If one bows to him, he returns the bow and bows more deeply! It would be fitting for Sai Baba to bow to the Dalai Lama, but he bows to no one... he is too high and mighty for that! Yet some of his most deluded followers – like N. Kasturi and V. Balu – once wrote about him as having great humility!”

-Robert Priddy (<http://robertpriddy.wordpress.com/>)

Sathya Sai Baba hides in fear while the Dalai Lama does not: The Dalai Lama has real humility and enormous courage – putting himself in the front line – without protection from any troops or gunmen of his own – against one of the worst regimes in history.

By comparison, Sai Baba has had 20 full-time plain-clothes security people since about 1994 (costing well over Rs. 200,000 a month by now. And who do you think pays?). These spies mingle undercover in the crowds. V.K. Narasimhan gave me the facts about this already in 1996.

Is this for the sake of the devotees or Sai Baba? It is no more for devotees than are the metal detectors, the intensive body searches of men and women going to view Sai Baba (darshan) or the fact that Sai Baba hides daily and at night in a fortress-built apartment palace.

He is guarded by additional Israel-trained commandos visibly armed with automatic weapons, he travels in a bomb-proof vehicle. No one can get into Sai Baba's presence with the tiniest of items that could conceivably be used as any kind of weapon. Meanwhile, the Dalai Lama has convincingly lived non-violence in all he does (not just in constant torrents of repetitive words as does Sai Baba) and has never had to conceal himself nearby in a room in his own ashram while four close attendants were assassinated with his tacit and later public approval, or condone subsequent cover-ups and quashing of all legal redress to the victims' families.

Sai Baba claims that his word is absolute law in all things – whose will is always done by mega-obsequious officials in the ashram – would not even risk answering any questions about the murders, (*just re-read Sai Baba's devious, insubstantial Gurupurnima discourse in 1993 about related details!*). Also this "ever-tranquil, totally unaffected" Sai Baba dropped his guard and showed everyone his hidden hand in his Xmas 2000 discourse... namely, that by damning his critics to constant rebirths in many shameful lives, he is not compassionate or loving of everyone (as he has always claimed before and since, even of his detractors). More recently, he has damned various Indian newspaper editors to the same fate. Has the Dalai Lama ever damned or threatened anyone like that? The answer is a resounding 'No!'

(Sathya Sai Baba and the Dalai Lama Posted by Robert Priddy on May 11, 2009)

More Bizarre Beliefs Systems

Sai Baba promotes the belief in black magic as a reality, which is bound up with widespread beliefs in India about witchcraft, the evil eye and leads to horrendous killings of supposed 'witches'.

"Of course, there is magic in the world both white and black; but, the manifestation of Divine Power must not be interpreted as magic. Can the crow's egg and the cuckoo's egg be identified as belonging to one class? "
----Sathya Sai Baba - Vol 10. p. 261

In Smt. Vijayakumari's book "Anyathya Saranam Nasthi" we read about Sathya Sai Baba's literal belief in disincarnate demons, no less!

"Do demons really exist, Swami?" he replied "Yes! Those who committed suicide, those killed in accidents, those who met with an untimely death, all these will be roaming around like ghosts. "

Åsa Samsioe, Swedish psychologist and former devotee of Sathya Sai Baba has written as follows:-

Sathya Sai Baba's confusing behaviour, I think, is just another symptom and a result of his mental disease... I think that he has an extremely narcissistic personality. Otto Kernberg has written a lot about the narcissistic personality disorder. These persons have a psychological disturbance on the borderline level...

These persons can also be very charming and charismatic. Often they are very talented and gifted. But inside they are quite empty and bored... They are also, on a deeper level, very lonely persons, who are unable to maintain deep, warm and meaningful relations to others...

The most conspicuous characteristic for the narcissistic personality is the paradoxical split between two images of the self. One image of the self is the grandiose self (Sai Baba is God himself- can it be more grandiose?). The other image of the self, which is on a deeper level, is filled of shame, hate, and feelings of worthlessness...

Then he shows intense rage as you can read about in the book ANYATHĀ SARANAM NASTHI: "Other than You refuge there is none", by Smt. Vijaya Kumari. She writes in the pages 68-69 about SB: *"The slightest oversight with regard to arrangements for his meals would provoke Him into a fit of anger. Sometimes He would fling His plate at the wall opposite Him with such force that it would rebound and come back to Him."*

Getting older is very difficult for these personalities, when they realize that they are not as attractive or healthy as they used to be... In *Sanathana Sarathi* from October 2002, you can read: *"I don't know any weakness. Usually old people have wrinkles on their faces and they suffer from deafness and cataract. I do not have any signs of old age. (loud applause) there is not a single wrinkle on my face. My eyes shine like stars and my voice is like a loudspeaker..."*

It is interesting, but also very frightening to read what Smt. Vijaya Kumari writes about her own son in page 222: (see scan of actual page below)

"Everyone used to call him "Chota Baba" (little Baba). He had a full head of crinkled hair. Swami made the boy sit in His lap and asked him, "What is your name?" "Have you drunk milk?" "Would you like to eat rice?" "Do you want to be naughty?" The boy gave replies in a cute way. Everyone was laughing.

"The boy was then three years old. Suddenly, Swami made him lie face down in His lap and began beating him hard on the back. None of us knew what to make of it. We were all stunned, and staring at Swami. Who among us had the courage to go near Swami and question Him? The boy's face looked jaded. He was yelling and crying. "Go, go away from here." Saying so, Swami pushed the boy away from Him. The poor little boy! He came running to me sobbing. The sobs did not subside even after one hour. Every week, Swami would treat the boy like this, three or four times. The minute I took him out of the cradle my son would say pathetically, "Don't take me to Swami, mother", and break into tears. I would feel very pained. But when Swami ordered me to bring the boy, how could I say no? Further I had full faith and confidence in Swami... On the days when Venkamma garu happened to be with us, she would take my son from Swami's lap, saying "That is enough, Swami., My son was by no means mischievous. He was so quiet that none was aware of his presence in a room. But we do not know which **"evil power"** Swami had to drive away from him."

I would guess that it was some sort of narcissistic offence which provoked this furious and evil behavior from Sai Baba towards the innocent child. Perhaps the cute little boy, who made everyone laugh, stole all the attention and admiration, that Sai Baba wanted for himself? Perhaps in a deeper level, this little boy, who also was called "little Baba", provoked Sai Baba's deeper feelings of worthlessness and self hate, his other

self? Perhaps Sai Baba projected this denied and repressed self of his onto that little boy, who he then had to punish?

I think that Sathya Sai Baba is a VERY SICK person... I was happy when I found him... but I am much happier now, when I have rescued myself from him and the clutches of his cult!

Swarming around Swami, we were all chatting one afternoon. He asked me to bring along my sleeping son. Though he was fast asleep, I brought my son to Swami. Everyone used to call him "Chota Baba" (little Baba). He had a full head of crinkled hair. Swami made the boy sit in His lap and asked him, "What is your name?" "Have you drunk milk?" "Would you like to eat rice?" "Do you want to be naughty?" The boy gave replies in a cute way. Everyone was laughing. The boy was then three years old. Suddenly, Swami made him lie face down in His lap and began beating him hard on the back. None of us knew what to make of it. We were all stunned, and staring at Swami. Who among us had the courage to go near Swami and question Him? The boy's face looked jaded. He was yelling and crying. "Go, go away from here." Saying so, Swami pushed the boy away from Him. The poor little boy! He came running to me, sobbing. The sobs did not subside even after one hour. Every week, Swami would treat the boy like this, three or four times. The minute I took him out of the cradle, my son would say pathetically, "Don't take me to Swami, mother," and break into tears. I would feel very pained. But when Swami ordered me to bring the boy, how could I say no? Further, I had full faith and confidence in Swami that He won't do anything unless He had a strong reason for it. And whatever Swami does is ultimately for our good only. On the days that Venkamma garu happened to be with us, she would take my son from Swami's lap, saying, "That is enough, Swami." My son was by no means mischievous. He was so quiet that no one was aware of his presence in a room. But we do not know which 'evil power' Swami had to drive away from him. When there were so many little children, why would Swami single out only my little boy and beat him, unless there was a strong reason for it? Swami must have removed some harmful aspect from my son's astrological chart.

New Briefs

Shirdi Saibaba won't have a 250kg gold throne, for now

"We don't want political ferment at our doorstep," said chairperson of the Shri Saibaba Sansthan managing committee, Jayant Sasane. The committee, which mans the Shirdi Saibaba temple, has shelved its plans to install a gold throne weighing 250 kg at the cost of Rs 20 crore following a public outcry.

Sai temple plans law suit against TV channel

Monday, June 9, 2008 19:21 IST

PUNE: The Sai temple trust at Shirdi is planning to take legal action against a TV channel for airing what are purported to be Sai Baba's teachings using his still photograph with simulated lip movement.

"This is not ethical at all. It hurts the religious sentiments of people. We request everybody to avoid such activities," Sansthan's public relations officer Mohan Yadav said.

SATHYA SAI BABA'S HIP JOINT INJURY & SURGERY - 2003

(Source: <http://www.saibaba-x.org.uk/2/hip.htm>)

Since 2003, Sathya Sai Baba has been virtually crippled by a botched hip joint injury, necessitating the use of a golf buggy, an 'Avatarmobile' and wheelchairs - or constant support from helpers. Despite this, Sathya Sai Baba pronounced that his healing took place due to the prayers and sadhana of his devotees!



The accident where Sathya Sai Baba slipped in his bathroom and fractured his hip occurred on June 4th, 2003. This was his second hip fracture, the first having been on 9/8/1988 when he slipped on the soap in his bathroom.

From the start of this latest injury, the ashram authorities issued various false statements in an attempt to cover up and, failing that, to minimize this fact. For example, Dr. Michael Goldstein, Chairman of the Prashanthi Council, circulated a brief account stating "Our Beloved Bhagawan Baba had a small accident in which he fell and sustained an injury to his hip. Subsequently, he underwent a minor surgical procedure and

is responding extremely well." (i.e. nothing like what Sathya Sai Baba himself later blew it all up to be... something that would normally take 2 to 3 years of convalescence!

According to Sai Baba:

"When I fractured my hip, it was not possible to even move My leg. The slightest movement caused excruciating pain like that of an electric shock. I told the doctors, 'This is not My body. This is yours. You may do whatever you deem fit.' One who has given up body consciousness will have no suffering at all."

Comment: So the answer to the question is ...? Did Sai Baba feel pain or didn't he? Was there no suffering experienced or did he experience excruciating pain? Confusion confounded!

Sai Baba:

"After the operation was over, he [Satyajit] asked, "Swami, **how could you bear such pain and suffering?**" I told, **'the love of devotees like you is my strength.'** The power of love is the ultimate. You can overcome any pain or danger with the power of love."

Comment: So if Sai Baba was not feeling pain, why would someone like *Satyajit ask the question in the first place? Surely Satyajit would be more than familiar with the Baba's capacity to be unaffected by pain.

***Sai Baba's personal male servant**

Sai Baba:

"During midnight, at the odd hour of 1 o' clock or 2 o'clock when I get up from the bed and look around, **I find these two boys Satyajit and Dilip sitting one near My head** and the other at My feet, safely guarding this body."

Comment: What is the need to guard a divine body that is free of suffering and does not experience any pain due to a lack of bodily consciousness? As if the ashram itself isn't heavily guarded, **what is the need for two boys in the Baba's own bedroom?** And since when did the laws of space and time change so that the hours of 1am and 2am are to be included in the 'midnight' category?

Note also that he had two very young men at his bedside, as he has always had for many years and for reasons reported by many to be quite other than guarding him!

Manojap also reported that Sathya Sai Baba said his bones are "**as strong as diamonds**". That would be a massive hindrance to anyone... diamonds are brittle, one sharp blow can split them! Using a hammer on diamonds - as Sathya Sai Baba boasts was done on his bones - would have been fatal if they were that hard!

Swami then told Mr. Sundareshan, the orthopedic Surgeon who had performed the operation to Bhagawan to speak to us on the incident. Mr. sundereshan said, "Swami had broken his hip and stayed like that for 18

hrs, which is not possible for any human being to resist? Swami had started walking after **5 days** of the operation which is also impossible for any human being.”

But on July 5, Sathya Sai Baba contradicted the surgeon and said in a discourse at Brindavan

*"After the surgery, I was able to walk within **three days**. This is because there is not even a trace of body attachment in Me."* --(Sanathana Sarathi July, 2003, p. 218)

"For anybody else, it would have taken at least two to three years to walk normally. The ball in the hip joint got separated." p.230

"The doctors said that one year's rest was required for the hip injury to heal completely. I told them it would, not take one year." p.259

In developed countries with public health systems thousands of people get hip-joint replacements and major surgeries every week and are nowadays walking in very short periods of time! Does Sathya Sai Baba think we are all ignorant and poor Indian peasants to believe his hype about how incredible, miraculous was his recovery?

Here are is a link from international medical websites which show that the recovery time in question does not at all depend on "no trace of body attachment,"

http://orthopaedics.hss.edu/services/hip/arthroplasty/index_4.asp

"I do not suffer from any kind of disease because there is no trace of greed in Me. That is why I am always healthy..." "There is no trace of anger or hatred in Me and hence everyone loves Me"

-(Sanathana Sarathi September 2002, page 257f)

But now it seems that things have changed somewhat? Is a hip joint that crumbles (as badly as Sathya Sai Baba virtually boasted), not ANY kind of disease? The degenerative illness osteo arthritis probably best fits the bill. And who can't think of plenty of people who do not love Sathya Sai Baba?

Mumbai Bombings

Sathya Sai Baba said in his Convocation address, 22-10-2008:-

"India is the only place where people are not worried about any attacks. In America , Germany and other countries, they cant eat well or sleep well. There is fear of bombs always in those countries. But in India, there is no fear of bombs. India will never have any such attacks."

- Sathya Sai Baba 22-10-2008

Enough said!

The complete falsity of the claim that India is the **"only place which is not worried about any attacks"** is clear to everyone. There have been a long series of bomb attacks in India - the whole Air India building in Bombay

was blown to bits with great loss of life and terrible consequences in the form of riots. The seven separate train bombings in Mumbai in July 2008 earlier this year had a devastating effect. That there is such fear of bombs in Germany or USA that its peoples “**can’t eat or sleep**” is the height of absurdity!

The fact is that most Indians can’t eat well due to massive poverty - at least 40 million live on under US\$1 per day.

THE NY 911 DISASTER

It is shameless that this ‘porn-Avatar’ would actually try to positively associate himself in to the events of that horrible day. Even more disgusting is the fact that he tries to take credit for probable events. The official Sathya Sai Organization International Chairman Dr. Goldstein affronts the 9/11 victims' memory BY very **tastelessly claiming that Sathya Sai Baba intervened!**

On live TV a show called Zona de Investigacion (Azul TV, Argentina), Dr. Michael Goldstein is reported on by the Argentinian journalist and TV director, Agnostelli as follows:



Dr. Goldstein “gave some news that left the sweating audience mute: On September 11, the devotees that worked at the Twin Towers and the Pentagon didn’t go to work that day or were late getting to their jobs.

‘Thanks to our beloved Bhagavan,’ pontificated Goldstein, ‘all the New York and Washington devotees are safe.’ I shuddered to think that the public might applaud the news. But nobody did. Baba’s divine powers only benefit those faithful to him, or was this news passed on to avoid more desertions?”

In the same programme, Leonard Gutter, Central Coordinator of the South American Sathya Sai Organizations, said:

“Baba’s love encompasses all, There were 50,000 people working at the Towers and only 3,000 died; then Baba saved 47,000, not only devotees. Each person has his own karma: that was the destiny of those who died there.”

The sheer callous indecency of these wild conjectures by Dr. Goldstein and Leonardo Gutter towards all those whose dear ones dies in that catastrophe would be hard to surpass. It shows a total lack of judgment and blind faith beyond all reason, not in the least uncommon among Sathya Sai followers and his defenders.

Organized Pedophile Activities



This section is the core of all the allegations, it's the most disputed part of the case against Raju (aka Sai Baba). Devotees will not even listen to these statements blinded by their own programming, which crumbles with this piece of the puzzle. There now hundreds if not thousands of devotees coming forward to say they were abused or was propositioned by Satya Raju. Devotee claim this is designed to smear Sathya Sai Baba and his associates and thus to challenge his popularity and influence. Sathya Sai Baba has never been brought to book and so far remains unconvicted for the crimes of which he has been accused is reportedly only due to the power he still exercises on and through politicians, backed by his considerable financial empire and very extensive cult in India.

The former Indian Prime Ministers Narasimha Rao and Atal Vihari Vajpayee among other Indian top politicians have denied in very public ways that Sai Baba is or ever could be guilty. This was backed up to the hilt with rabid accusations in the BBC documentary by another fanatical finger-pointing and hysterical Indian Minister, Murali Manohar Joshi. One may be pleased that he was firmly removed from his post as Minister of Human Resource Development by the India electorate. (Incidentally, his arrogance is ostensibly only matched by his ignorance of 'human resouces' which for him are based on Hindu astrology plus Sai Baba's penny proverbs). He is a fairly typical representative of those Indian public know-alls who loudly refute that Sai Baba could ever harm anyone. He admitted that there have been no investigations by the Indian Government of the allegations against Sai Baba, and claimed that such were entirely unnecessary.

Prominent "Sai Baba VPs" Dr. Michael Goldstein, Datuk Jegathesan, Thorbjørn Meyer, Jørgen Trygved and Jack Hawley among numerous others have claimed to know that Sai Baba is innocent of the sexual charges, as do nearly all who are still followers. Yet they are at apparent odds with one another and there is much confusion in the camp about what his physical actions are, what he actually does and why. [Meyer and Trygved admit sexual oiling of male genitals by Sathya Sai Baba](#) but fondly think it is only an age old Indian ceremony of anointing.

Numerous devotees have tried to rationalize the widely reported sexual abuses by Sathya Sai Baba by suggesting that the victims could themselves have been sexual abusers in a previous lifetime, and required this experience to put them on the straight and narrow.

This is a mere idea and a naive and oversimplified view of the laws of retribution (karma) and shows just how hard devotees have to look for a way to save some faith in Sai Baba, whatever the facts are. Being sexually abused is more often itself a forerunner to becoming an abuser. Given that the reincarnation of sexual abusers took place, how did this qualify them for the supposed tremendous blessing of being close to the Avatar as Sai students and devotees?

The cunning answer given by Sai Baba is that he allows 'bad persons' to stay close to him so he can keep track of them and correct them. Yet he affirms just as strongly that proximity to his holy personage is only a result

of good actions, and even many lifetimes of it! None of this stands up to ordinary reason and smacks of desperately stamping out doubts that will just not lie down and die.



On top of it all, testimonies from young men abused by Sathya Sai Baba - not least Alaya Rahm on the BBC programme - **of how Sathya Sai Baba would give them money after sex!** The Rahms shows some of the banknotes received, along with various trashy 'gold' watches and other trinkets.

Member of the Sathya Sai Organization, including some office-bearers, have circulated to many devotees a printed version of a truly sick rationalization of homosexual abuses on boys and young men of the crudest sort by Sathya Sai Baba. The paper is also available on the Internet, posted three years ago by a Sathya Sai Baba devotee called Ram Das Awle, who claims it was inspired and blessed by Sathya Sai Baba himself!

Considering that a mass of evidence has been available for a long time now to show that the 'avatar' Sathya Sai Baba is not at all what he claims to be, it is pitiful to see the extent to which devotees are willing to blind their own minds and bend their values backward to turn moral truths upside-down to discount indisputable facts.



Figure 2 Sai With a feminine touch

Awle admits that sexual interventions by Sathya Sai Baba are a fact and he further supports and 'explains' various of the sexual perversions for which this seeming pedophile 'porn' avatar stands accused as 'spiritual healing' and control of sexual urges! His own justification is as follows: -`

"A couple of weeks ago, Sai Baba took a letter from me in darshan, thereby instructing me to open a website, using some material I've been writing which directly addresses the allegations of Baba's sexual contact with devotees. He confirmed the final version this morning with a padnamaskar. Jai Sai Ram!.

The piece presents the best evidence I've found that Baba is a Poornavatar, a full incarnation of God - yet I've also taken the point of view that some of the allegations of sexual contact may indeed be true. "

From the BBC news - BBC 4 - SIX O'CLOCK NEWS 10 APRIL 2007

"A study into child abuse in **India has found that more than half the children** questioned said they had been sexually abused. Researchers spoke to more than twelve thousand children. Two-thirds said they'd experienced physical abuse. India's Minister for Child Development, Renuka Chowdury, called the findings disturbing and said it was time to end the conspiracy of silence surrounding child abuse....."

Those engaged in bringing the facts to light about Sathya Sai Baba have long been pointing out the extreme taboo around the subject of child sex abuse, especially the many abuses so widely and credibly alleged by many of the injured parties about Sathya Sai Baba's sexual use of boys and young men.

Dr. Naresh Bhatia was a very close devotee and servitor of Sai Baba through many years and told the Daily Telegraph reporter, Mick Brown - plus various others who contacted him after he was banned from the ashram - that he had been a sexual partner of Sathya Sai Baba for years. He stated that he knew well that Sathya Sai had the sexual use of at least several of his college boys daily through many years! But because the prestige of so many gullible and self-seeking Indian politicians and judges, they have done everything to cover up the facts and have quashed all investigations and even a Supreme Court petition. Even Dr. Bhatia has - after physical threats - fallen silent and has been 'persuaded' by Sai officials not to dare to speak out further.

“A Great Scandal Is Coming”



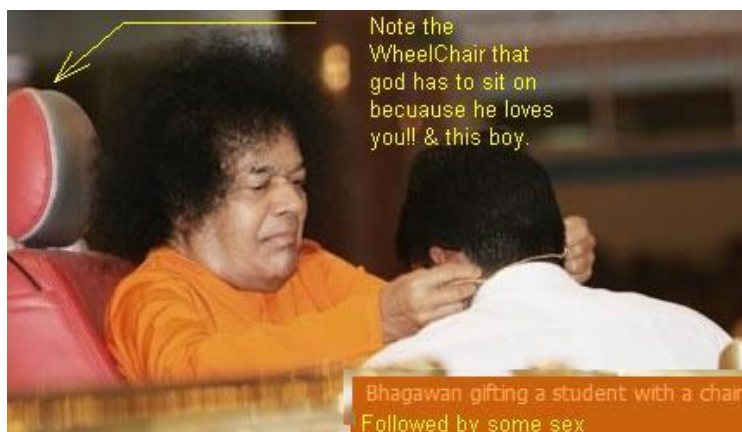
Sai Baba knew he would someday be caught out, saying, "A great scandal is coming":

There are many cogent reasons to question Sathya Sai Baba's prediction that "a great scandal is coming" as a sign of his alleged divine knowledge of the future, which devotees repeat to one another almost like a self-protective mantra. It is as worthless as many other unfulfilled predictions and promises he has made through the years. Ganapati in the updated second volume of his otherwise excessively fanciful 'Baba: Satya Sai' biography!

Anyone who realised some of the extent of Sathya Sai Baba's deception, plus his alleged sexual and other unprosecuted crimes, might easily have predicted the same.

By 2002, some further major media exposures based on global investigations with abused ex-followers were made. 'The Sunday Telegraph' of Britain published "Divine Downfall" in October 2002,(see an excerpt below) a well-researched article by the UK author and journalist, Mick Brown, reporting interviews with a sexually-abused minor and one of Sathya Sai Baba's closest associates and sexual partners, Dr. N. Bhatia, formerly employed in the Sathya Sai Baba Super-Speciality hospital. An important critical front page article also appeared in the nationwide India 'Today' magazine called "A God accused" on 4 December, 2000 .

On-screen interview testimonies by sexually abused young men (one a minor at the time of abuse) were seen in Denmark when Danish National broadcasting showed the documentary film "Seduced by Sai Baba". This was later shown in a few other countries, causing a major fall-off of Sai Baba followers there.



Sai & Devotee Fig 2

In 1995, Sam had come to his father. In a private interview, he said, Sai Baba had 'materialised' some oil in his hand, unbuttoned Sam's trousers and rubbed his genitals. Jeff told his son he had had a similar experience when he first met Sai Baba at 18. 'I said to Sam, what did you think about it? He said he didn't feel there was anything sexual about it; it was like Sai Baba was doing his job. And I'd kind of had that experience. A doctor gives a boy an exam. I'd taken it as some kind of healing.' Thereafter, Sam said nothing about his experiences.

What had actually occurred was this: from anointing with oil, Sam told me, Sai Baba's advances had grown progressively more abusive and forceful. Sai Baba, he said, had kissed him, fondled him and attempted to force him to perform oral sex, explaining that it was for 'purification'. On almost every occasion Sai Baba had given him gifts of watches, rings, trinkets and cash, in total around \$10,000. He had told him to say nothing to his parents.

So why had Sam continued to go into interviews, and to say nothing? From the day he was born, he said, he had been raised to believe that Sai Baba was God. 'All my life, that was my goal, to get an interview and have Sai Baba talk about my life. And then I get in there, and my mum's so happy out in the crowd, and then I see what's really in there for me... I'm thinking, maybe this is for love, and he might want to be experiencing that with me, but I don't want that.'

In 1998, according to Sam, Sai Baba attempted to rape him. The following year, the day before the family was leaving for Puttaparthi, he told his father he did not want to see Sai Baba alone, without specifying why. Jeff sensed something was amiss: 'I told him, you must always be true to your conscience. The family doesn't care if we never have another interview again.'

In Puttaparthi Sam was again called for a private interview. When Sai Baba attempted to get him to perform oral sex, Sam walked out for the last time, although it would be some months before he summoned the nerve to tell his parents. Jeff said it took some weeks to 'process' what they were hearing. 'We knew that Sam was telling the truth, but I still asked myself, what could this mean?'

Was Sathya Sai Baba ever celibate?

New evidence: Sathya Sai Baba had evidently burnt his bridges long ago and he could no longer take steps to avoid the consequences of his actions from puberty onwards. **Sathya Sai Baba's soul brother, Krishna**, who shared his rooms for years in their teens, definitively told an interviewer in the 1970s that Sathya Sai Baba masturbated a lot during that period. He repeated this several times on two quite separate occasions. I first met this interviewer in India visiting Sai Baba in 1989 and he has visited and stayed with us fairly recently. When he told me of Krishna's testimony, I was rather stunned that I had never considered that Sai Baba was not once full of testosterone too! Why would

"the Divine Avatar" who says he never does a single thing for selfish reasons would need to masturbate like any other hormone driven teenager!

Åsa Samsioe also makes a subtle point about the young man Krishna Kumar - brother of Amarendra Kumar – who both spent a number of years with Sai Baba as personal attendant on a day and night basis in the early fifties. Krishna Kumar was declared by Sai Baba to be his 'soul-brother' and whom he made sit beside him on the chariot at Guru Purnima celebrations in Puttaparthi. Krishna shared Sathya Sai's bedroom for some years until he left Sai Baba mainly because of his dishonesty and imperiousness - as he told the parapsychologist Erlendur Haraldsson during two long interviews in the 1970s.

In her book, 'Other than You refuge there is none' (Anyatha Saranam Nasthi) by the elderly Indian woman devotee, Smt. Vijaya Kumari, who was with Sathya Sai Baba already in the 1940s when he was in his teens, we read (p. 194-5):

*' Krishna was very mild-mannered. He was not brisk, but very slow while walking. He was slim and fair, and of a sensitive temperament. **Everyone would tease him saying that he should have been born a lady. While walking with him, Swami would stay very close to him.** It showed how much Swami liked him. **Looking at them both, we would playfully refer to them as Radha and Krishna .** We do not know what merit accrued from previous lives it was that gave Krishna the privilege of staying upstairs in the company of Swami. Because Krishna was fond of bed coffee, Swami himself would make sure that the tray with coffee and biscuits was ready, and then wake him up. His meals also were with Swami. Making Krishna sit by His side serving him items from His own plate, Swami would watch over him very affectionately.*

Who will have such rare fortune! Once Krishna had to go to Madras on some errand. Swami developed high fever. In His delirium, He would call out ' Krishna '. His fever subsided only after Krishna returned. This shows how much God loves His devotees...'

... or how much God thinks about some of his male devotees (above all the young, beautiful one with feminine appearance). As far as I know, I have never read anything similar about any female devotee. Is it only male devotees that have gathered up merits from past lives, which make them targets for Sai Baba's grace?"

One has to admit, this also underpins the descriptions by so many young men who convincingly detail how they were sexually molested by Sai Baba. It also reminds of what Terry Gallagher, the long-term devotee and Australian Central Coordinator who resigned, wrote about how his observations and information led him to investigate, especially that:

"..... relating to students being sexually interfered with in grotesque ways by Sai Baba. It wasn't until 1993, following the assassination attempt on Sai Baba, resulting in the murder of four college students and two assistants in the Mandir, that we made our last visit to India. The purpose of this visit was to find the reason why former students of Sai Baba's college would want to kill him,

*particularly when they had been given a free education! I made further inquiries about Sai Baba having sexual relations with college boys and male students –and whether this was the reason for former students wanting to kill him. **I was told, to my horror, that this was an acceptable Indian practice!***"

(Source: <http://www.saibaba-x.org.uk/18/Sai-narcissism.htm>)

Victim's testimonies

Originally posted in the now defunct Yahoo group which was at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sathyasaibaba2/message/35054>

Note, the person has revealed his real name in strict confidence to one person in the exposé and - on agreement - later to the BBC investigating team which made 'The Secret Swami'. The BBC did not include footage with this person, due to the editorial requirements imposed by a one-hour time frame.

The testimony below is similar to a large volume of anonymous testimony received by three trusted persons involved in exposing Sathya Sai Baba. It serves to emphasize the extreme problem that students who wish to make known that Sathya Sai Baba is a sexual abuser - either of themselves or their relatives and friends. Firstly, most of them became students at Sai baba schools or colleges because their parents were convinced devotees of Sathya Sai Baba. In several case, the parents have refused even to hear a word said by their own sons against Sathya Sai Baba. Those who remain in India are fearful of revealing their identities, and even those who live abroad too since they return to India at intervals, or wish to do so in future.

This is for the best of reasons... fear of assassination, harassment. blacklisting by employers and so on, due to the power of the Sai cult in India, with Prime Ministers and presidents as devotees who even worship his feet (including current Prime Minister Manmohan Singh!). The Sathya Sai Baba 'officials' have close connections to police authorities, whose cold-blooded shooting down of four students in Sai baba' bedroom in 1993 was instigated by them through blackmail, and to a series of Home Ministers (including S,B, Chavan [deceased] who covered up the entire case and was involved in causing the quashing by government order of the CBI investigation into the infamous 1993 murders just before they were ready to publish their conclusions!). Other students have died in accidents, one whose burned body was found and caused a major protest by Puttaparthi residents against the Sathya Sai Central Trust, which they held responsible for that student's death. No petition to the law courts has succeeded in bringing Sathya Sai Baba to book, and Hari Sampath's major petition to the Supreme Court as thrown out on a technicality, leaving him with the only option of going to the Sai Baba influenced Andhra Pradesh High Court.

TESTIMONY #1

From: "ihsb1971" <ihsb1971@y...>

Date: Thu Jan 1, 2004 3:36 am

Subject: SEXUAL ABUSER

Hi there (in reply)

the reason I won't post a lot of details of this here is because i have family members (who do not believe me) in close proximity to Sai Baba. Secondly this was a very hurtful event which left me confused about myself in general.

At the time, I was 17 years old, I am now 32 years old, have been married and recently widowed. My wife knew of my former faith with sai baba, but she never knew of this abusive experience. some of my family members know the truth now (they are sympathetic to me and want me to get help).

the shame I felt was very bad. I grew up in the bal vikas program from the age of 10 years old, in the UK. I knew many sai devotees including Dr Ghadia who travels the UK and US (where I am now located), I was very "into" the sai experience and very much a devotee. I did not question his validity at the time, I was someone whose family was heavily involved. My mother was a bal vikas teacher at the time and is still very much a devotee.

She is someone who will not believe that sai baba is capable of molestation, but he is. It is to protect her that I do not give my name, because she lives and works there in prashanti nilayam. As an adult I tried to put the past behind me but realised recently that this never really goes away. the shame and hurt still exist especially because at the time sai baba was some whom I felt very close to. His shudders and disgusts me now to think that when I was a teenager he used to stare at me when I went to darshan line. I thought he was blessing me but now I know it was all because he was sexually interested. I was his next victim.

I did not begin to speak out until I realised a few years ago that i am not the only person he has abused. He is a menace to teenage boys who are to afraid and ashamed to speak up. Peer pressure from my family made me shut up at the time, but I am an adult now and I can speak the truth.

As what to do about it I don't know, if he were here in the US he would have been prosecuted and convicted long ago. He is a paedophile who blankets himself with the reputation of a god/living saint drawing people to him through his "miracles", and speeches. He does have a certain charisma, which has helped him get to the position he is in.

However he is in India , and he cannot really be touched there. I am very sad for other victims and saddened by the fact that there are more potential victims.

Yours truthfully

ihsb1971

TESTIMONY #2

It is well known and has always been constantly observable that Sathya Sai Baba prefers the company of males and is only seen among this gender at least 95% or more of the time. The following was posted on ExBaba Guestbook (<http://www.rfjvds.dds.nl/ex-baba/engels/witnesses/sri.html>) It was a genuine contact from a former student of Sathya Sai Baba whose identity was confirmed.

Hi,

The story of my life seemed to have changed when I first came in contact with sai baba at whitefield in 1996. listening the bhajans and watching him made me feel calm and serene.

Later I decided to apply to his college and was grateful enough to get an admission in it. Whatever I am going to write in here is what I have truly witnessed. I would also recount the experiences of my fellow friends and their names are changed for privacy. I am going to start with saying that I am no Baba basher. I feel that I got a free education in his college and I am fortunate for that.

I am going to leave the part out where I became a devotee. It is similar to the experiences most people have. I was close to baba and was in form for quite some period. I used to get a lot of interviews and was quite happy and contented. I guess that I was a sincere devotee. Then one fine day during shamans I saw a vibhuthi pellet in his hand and was quite confused. I did not understand its meaning or rather I should say its significance as in his ashram we try to analyze the mystery behind swami's words and actions. I was intrigued and debated over this issue. Others as usual made up some stories but I was determined to know what's going on. Later I got to sit in the bhajan hall where the tabla player sits and this moment defined my approach towards swami. After the interview swami comes out and stands next to the pillar then he goes in. Luckily the interview door room is half open and I could see him going to the window. Then he picks a cover and takes out a vibhuti ball from it. He then realizes that the door is open and looks straight at me then winks and comes out to give that vibhuti pellet to Dr.Goldstein by crushing it.

Later during darshans I have seen him do this act several times and I have seen him carrying watches in Trayee, rings in kodai etc. Now I knew where it came from but I did not know the source. So I asked my buddies who lived inside the ashram and also in charge of security for swami about it. They said that baba has

a small vibhuti pellet making machine. Also he gets his rings and fake jewelry from Kharwad in Karnataka and Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh.

When Shyam was in Kodai (he is my good friend), he told me a very interesting incident. It was during darshan and he was inside the house doing some work in the kitchen. Rest of the boys and guests have gone for walks. He was cleaning up some cabinets downstairs with Dileep when he found a big box. He wanted to open it but Dileep stopped him and told him not to do so. Reason was that it is Swami's and no person should touch it. Later Dileep went out on an errand and Shyam got a perfect opportunity to peek inside the box. He was shocked to see all kinds of diamond rings- 3d's, 9d's and 1d's where d stands for a piece of diamond stone on the ring. Then during the rest of the trip he saw Swami materializing the very same brooches, rings, necklaces and what not. He was personally devastated. Even more so, when Swami gave him an interview and when they were alone Swami unzipped his pants and squeezed his penis. He asked Shyam how he felt and was the sensation pleasant?

Swami, in my personal opinion is a homosexual being. There are several reasons for that:

1. He molests only boys and no girl so far has reported about a molestation experience.
2. He spends most of the time with men and never with women.
3. The men around him are all homosexuals- at least in varying degrees. I do not think that I need to give out names here.
4. He loves fondling young boys. 6-24 is the age group he chooses. He likes tall, slim, fair, handsome, girlish boys a lot.
5. I have repeatedly heard him say his favorite boys that marriage is bad and Swami goes away from a boy's life when he marries.

One of my friends had this sexual experience with Swami and then never told any one about it. He got interviewed many times and I used to wonder why is he so confused and flabbergasted every time he stepped out after the interview. I also saw him reluctant to come any more for darshan. He was afraid to sit in the friend. He started hiding a lot. So I began to suspect that something is going on and one day I confronted him. I clearly asked him if Swami is molesting him. He beat around a bush for a while and then later realized that it is better to share the experience with someone else as it relieves some pain. He told me that Swami used to rush towards him in the interview room and hug him and kiss him longingly in the mouth. Baba has the nasty habit of not only kissing but also sucking the lips of the victim. **Then Swami had oral sex and during this time would say "This is oneness with god, this is union with god."** My friend is like a girl in a lot of aspects like talking, walking and speaking thus attracting "divine" attention. I also knew a wonderful human being called C. and he used to be a mandir boy. What it means is this guy slept in Swami's room. His life was a miserable and painful one. He had a porn star kind of a life with Swami and he was so fed up with it that he nearly lost sanity. He finally found some caring woman and fled Puttaparthi. Such is the situation with Swami's chosen boys. As for me, I never had a sexual experience with Swami but I believe my friends and trust them.

There is something I wish to clear, Swami's college has 300 odd students in each campus and it is portrayed that all these students are homosexuals and immoral. I sincerely believe that these men and women are of a very good nature. I trust them to do well socially. However, there are a few perverts there. Some form boys molest other students and some of these students are teachers now still molesting other pupils. Here the most perverted teacher is Ravi Kumar of Whitefield College. I have personally seen him escorting boys to his room and molesting them later.

Apart from these experiences the most profound one I had was during shivaratri 2002. Here for the first time I saw swami bringing the lingam tucked under his robe. Later he switched it into a kerchief and the rest of the story is well known to all of you.

I know and still do the boys who were and still are in charge of security. They are all victims of rape and abuse. These guys and the rest of the crowd cannot flee as their parents would not believe them. Swami ensures that not only the student but also the family comes to the ashram for a permanent stay. So these guys are stuck there for ever and suffering quietly.

Another notable person is Dr. K.Anil Kumar who is the official translator of swami. I came to know him and we were good friends. He told me that he has to exaggerate a lot about the deeds of swami because he is told to do so. He is scared to lose his position and fame if he does not do these things. The famous water project catered only 120 villages but he told everybody that 720 villages were given water. He told me this during the grama seva a few years back. Also, what happened to the money involved for the water project or the super specialty hospital?

Some of my friends in the central trust told me that Bangalore srinivas and others in the trust like janaki ramaiiah swindled sizeable portions of it. One of them even heard srinivas asking a L&T person that ONLY if Srinivas is given 10000 shares of the company would he give them this project. (Village for destitute children). L and T refused, but their competitor nagarjuna builders paid up and the project was theirs to take.

Some of the experiences I share today only reflect the nature of society we live in and are part of. The story of swami being a fraud will never probably come to be as people want to believe in something or they feel lost. Many times I have seen baba falter but 99.99% of the people do not notice it or if they do, say simply, it is gods will.

Only when we think and question can we improve. But in the ashram we were not allowed to think but to surrender.

I would end by saying that life goes on and with time everything will heal. Just love whatever you have because you are a unique individual and have a lot to offer to the people around you and the world at large. So let us all live in love and respect each other and make good use of the time which has been given to us.

Bye

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TESTINONY #3

BY Greg Gerson, USA. (MA in East /West Psychology).

Received by one of the JuST group working committee:-

“I live in Houston, Texas. I was a devotee of Sai Baba from 1993 till around 2000.

I was introduced to Sai Baba by my professor in graduate school. My professor is a Sai devotee and a well respected Fullbright scholarship winner in the subject of Hindu studies. I went with her to visit Sai Baba as part of a full credit study tour of Hinduism in South India.

To make a long story shorter, on my first visit we only stayed three days at Whitefield, I returned three more times on my own to visit Sai Baba. My longest continual stay was ten months in 1995-96. I wrote my master's thesis on the teachings of Sai Baba. My last visit was for three months at the end of 1997. I will never go back.

During my visits I had five interviews. The first four of which I received private interviews alone with Sai Baba. Sai Baba also gave me two rings: one is silver with his face in gold and the other is a “green diamond”. I no longer wear either.

During one interview, which occurred just before I was scheduled to fly home to America, while we were alone, Sai Baba had me pull down my pants. He then “materialized” oil and pulled down my underwear and applied the oil on my lower abdomen below my navel and above my penis. He did not touch me sexually or ask me to do anything to him. He did embrace me for what seemed like a long time (perhaps 30 seconds or more) but nothing else. During that visit I was 26 or 27 years old. At another point in this interview when I was with three or four others in the smaller interview room, Sai Baba slapped me across the face quite hard when I was not looking.

I injured my green gem ring in about 1996 and discovered the silver foil inside. I took the ring to a qualified jeweler in Houston and he confirmed that the “gem” was worthless junk.

I have been reading the exbaba.com web site for some time. I just thought you might be interested in hearing from me regarding these two important topics and my personal experience with them. A) Sai Baba and sexual misconduct B) Sai Baba and fake jewels.

I have no ill will towards Sai Baba. I am trying to move on. I simply want to know the truth and get real proof about these important issues regarding Sai Baba such as: faking materializations, murders, sex offenses, money issues, his true birthdate and personal history, bribes to the police and public officials, and more.

I am no longer a devotee of Sai Baba. I would not recommend Sai Baba as a guru to anyone.

I spent almost a year and a half of my life living in Sai Baba's ashrams. I heard stories from other young men to whom Sai Baba applied oil. So perhaps it is not especially noteworthy. I also heard of a young man who Sai Baba kissed on the mouth and another young man Sai Baba touched inappropriately (on his genitals). But, as I am sure you are very very aware, these types of second and third hand stories are useless. What is desperately needed is the Indian students of Sai Baba's schools who supposedly underwent true molestation to come forward with their stories (apparently there are a lot?). Only then will progress be made in exposing Sai Baba appropriately."

TESTIMONY # 4

A SECOND LETTER CONCERNING CUTTING TIES TO SATHYA SAI BABA

Even though I have cut ties with Sathya Sai Baba, I am still interested in following the progress of the exposure of the negative side of the Sai Baba movement. As a result of this interest I have been reading the exbaba.com website for some time. Recently I discovered that my former professor who introduced me to Sathya Sai Baba has signed the public petition. (Arlene Mazak Ph.D. No 474 on the petition). In the summer of 1993, she led a study tour of South India that I attended with nine other students. During this tour we visited her guru, Sathya Sai Baba at his ashram near Bangalore. It was then that she and her devotee male companion (I don't know if he is still a devotee) gave me a laminated photo mounted on wood of Sai Baba and extolled his miraculous powers, thus the brain washing of me began.

I remember once during this study tour, Arlene Mazak, her companion, Bill Watson and I were in their hotel room in India. Arlene had a candle burning on a wooden dresser in front of Sathya Sai Baba's picture. Arlene was in the bathroom and Bill went downstairs. The candle was very low, almost to the point of burning the dresser, so I put out the flame. A short time later Arlene came into the room and noticed the candle was extinguished. She immediately said, "thank you Baba," inferring that it was some sort of miracle performed by Sai Baba which prevented a fire. I informed her that I had put out the candle and she disappointedly said "oh...."

I relay this simple story because, looking back, it was the first time I observed the phenomenon of intelligent accomplished people, once they have given themselves over to the Sai Baba movement and all of its brain-washing, begin to see everything in their world as miraculously influenced by Sathya Sai Baba.

This "Sai Baba influenced" world view creates a false sense of specialness, that is very pervasive among devotees and is one of the most difficult barriers to seeing through the brain washing created by the Sai Baba

organization. Actually, this false specialness is a main form the brainwashing takes. By “specialness” I mean the notion devotees have that they are the special few who have the karmic good fortune of becoming followers of Sathya Sai Baba, who they believe is God on Earth, possessing omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence, that he knows everything about them, has been watching them all their lives (and past lives) protects them from harm, and has a special purpose for them.

I think this is one of the main reasons why, over the years, so many books have been written about Sathya Sai Baba. The authors believe that it is their special duty to tell others about Sai Baba. I also think that to a certain extent, writing a book about one’s personal experiences with “Baba” or “Swami”, as he is often called by his devotees, is a form of ego aggrandizement and bragging on the part of these authors. So many people visit Sai Baba (the numbers are lessening because of the accusations of sex abuse) that only a small percent have close contact with Sai Baba. As a result of this, those devotees who have had close contact with him, even if it was 20 or 30 years ago, are held in high esteem by many followers who have not had the opportunity. Many devotees are very eager to read books and hear stories about Sai Baba and his supposed miraculous powers. I believe this is a major source of both intentional and unintentional brainwashing in the Sathya Sai Baba organization.

Brainwashing is defined here as indoctrination into new attitudes, beliefs, and values in such a way that the person is unwilling or unable to look critically at his or her new mindset. In my view there are two basic types of brainwashing occurring in the Sathya Sai Baba movement: unintentional and intentional.

Unintentional brainwashing, which is milder than intentional, is of the kind carried out by my former professor when she introduced me to Sathya Sai Baba. At the time, she was unaware of any negative aspects of Sai Baba such as accusations of molestation of young men and fake materializations. She simply told me stories about Sai Baba and that he had the miraculous ability to know my thoughts, visit me in dreams, protect me from harm and more. This is brainwashing because it altered my view of reality as well as my beliefs and values. Because it was my professor, who was an authority figure, I was more likely to take in these claims about Sai Baba and give them merit. This type of brainwashing is unintentional because my professor believed the things she was telling me and had no ulterior motives such as power, money, and fame. This is also the type of brainwashing that occurs in the books written by devotees as well as in Sai Baba’s ashram and in the Sai Baba centers around the world when devotees tell new people about Sai Baba.

Intentional brainwashing is much more dangerous and malicious. This is the type waged by Sathya Sai Baba and his close leaders as well as anyone else who knows the truth about the negative side of Sai Baba and is using the brainwashing for personal gain (more on this later).

A personal example of my own false sense of specialness due to brainwashing relates to the two rings Sai Baba “materialized” for me. In August of 1994 on my second visit to Sathya Sai Baba’s ashram I had an interview during which he “materialized” (see exbaba.com for how he fakes materializations) a silver ring with his bust in gold on the top. I received the ring in 1994 and yet I wanted to break ties with Sai Baba and remove it as early as 1995 (more on why later). I stopped wearing the green gem ring Sai Baba “materialized” for me in

November of 1996 on my third visit after discovering its being fake. But to be honest, my brainwashing was so strong; I still sometimes wore it on a chain around my neck as recently as 2000.

A main reason I was so reluctant to remove the rings Sai Baba gave me, especially the silver ring with his face was that I had read and was told many times by devotees that rings (and other “materialized” objects) given by Sai Baba were talismans which would protect the wearer from harm. I very much wanted this to be true, that Sai Baba was watching over me and protecting me from harm. In addition, Sai Baba told me that the green gem ring would give me “peace of mind”.

This type of “special ness” is hard to give up. If I broke ties with Sai Baba and took off the rings I would have to face the anxiety of becoming “normal” again, a regular person, vulnerable to the dangers of this world. I remember that whenever I contemplated breaking ties with Sai Baba (long before any of the negative internet sites) I would feel guilty and nervous and instinctively touch my ring with my thumb. I also used to look at it all the time. It was a constant reminder of my connection to Sai Baba. It was only when I began reading an anti Sai Baba website which I stumbled upon looking for a pro Sai web site that I permanently removed my Sai Baba rings and packed away my Sai Baba books and pictures.

It was like a spell was broken. Questions I had about the Sai Baba organization and Sai Baba himself that had bothered me for several years became clearer. For example, I never understood why he had armed guards with bayonets on their rifles in front of his home in the evenings. And why he had two men with semi-automatic pistols clearly visible under their white shirts accompanying him during darshan. One of the most essential teachings of Hinduism is nonviolence, yet here was supposedly the greatest spiritual teacher of recent times with dangerous guns right under his nose in his ashram. I also found it bothersome that Sai Baba had so many ultra luxury European automobiles that he was chauffeured around in. I could perhaps understand having one Mercedes Benz, BMW or Jaguar, but why five or more? I also did not understand why while we were alone during one interview in the summer of 1994, Sai Baba told me to pull down my pants. He then “materialized” a small amount of oil, pulled down my underwear and applied it to my lower abdomen. If he were God on Earth why would he have to use such crude and inappropriate means to give me some mysterious blessing, which he did not even bother to explain to me?

Many other things concern me about the Sai Baba movement, but returning to my rings for a moment, why did Sai Baba give me a fake gem? At one point, I accidentally injured it so I took it to a jeweler in Houston who confirmed that it was of no value. It was only after examining the exbaba.com web site and learning about the negative side of the Sai Baba movement such as how Sai Baba fakes his materializations, and seeing it captured on film that some of my questions and concerns were answered. The primary answer was both troubling and a big relief, one that I had expected for years.

This answer is a difficult one for many, many brainwashed devotees to face. It is this: Sathya Sai Baba is not God on Earth. He is most likely not even a genuine holy man and his organization is corrupt. He is a cult

figure who sometimes uses his power over devotees to take advantage of them. When I realized this I no longer felt anxious over removing my supposedly special rings. I knew they had no mystical power and, that I am not some sort of special devotee.

*****END OF TESTIMONY*****

In the Bedroom of Sai

In a discourse on May 6, 1998, at Brindavan, Sathya Sai Baba told the audience how **three boys sleep in his bedroom (not simply in his apartment, but actually in his bedroom)**. He told how they all have visitations from Easwamma, his long dead mother! The authenticated published text from Sanathana Sarathi, June 1998, p. 142-3 reads as follows:-

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1. **Greatness of Mother's Love**
Divine Discourse on 6th May 1998

Mother Easwamma's Presence

Now it is 30 years since the mother of this body passed away. But she is continuing to move about in her physical body around Swami. Three boys sleep in Swami's room. They have also witnessed her presence. I am telling this today because the life of ideal mothers has permanent significance.

In Prasanthi Nilayam, Swami takes breakfast after Bhajan and proceeds to

His place in Poornachandra Auditorium. Early in the morning one day, mother Easwamma was standing at the door in her usual form. I asked her, "Why did you come?" She said, "Swami, I have come here with a prayer to You. You are omnipresent and omniscient, but You have to control one thing!" "What is that?" Swami asked. She said, "Devotees and students offer handkerchiefs to You. But, heeding my prayer, please do not receive handkerchiefs from everybody. The times are not good. The handkerchief may be tainted with poisonous stuff. In the usual course, You use the handkerchief to wipe Your nose and mouth. So, You may receive handkerchief only from those on whom You have confidence and trust as good devotees. Do not accept from all and sundry."

Mother's love lives on for all times, long after her passing away. Twice she appeared in the night. The boys sleeping in my room noticed her presence. Those boys had not seen her at any time. They wondered who the old lady could be. The key of the lift was in their hands and there was no staircase leading to the apartment. How did she manage to come here? When the boys asked this question, Swami woke up. I went near her and asked her why she had come again. She replied, "I cannot live without seeing You often. The moment I see You, I feel happy". After saying so, she gave me some piece of advice, "Swami, all persons describe themselves as devotees. But no one can tell who are real devotees and who are fake. Totally dedicated devotees will be ready to carry out anything You ask them to do, but there are others who come for their own self-interest. By coming to You they get their desires fulfilled and forget You thereafter. In this matter, You should be very careful."

Swami replied, "I shall take due care. There is no need for you to tell me". After hearing this, she laughed and left the room. I am conveying to you this episode as direct testimony to the greatness of mother's love. She might have given up her body but she is always with Swami. She said, "I have performed many sacrifices for Your sake and have done many kinds of poojas. I realised the proof thereof. For 40 years I was with You. My life has its fulfilment."

UNESCO WITHDRAWS FROM CONFERENCE

Paris, September 15 - UNESCO has decided it will no longer sponsor nor take part in a conference it had been due to co-organize with the Institute of Sathya Sai Education (ISSE, Thailand) and The Flinders University Institute of International Education (Australia), in Puttaparthi, India, from September 25 to 29. The decision means UNESCO is no longer associated in any way – through sponsorship, organization or participation of any kind – with the conference on Strengthening Values Education: Innovative Approaches to Teacher Education for Peace and International Understanding.

UNESCO's withdrawal was prompted by several factors. Certain decisions were taken by the ISSE without consultation, such as plans to hold some of the sessions at the Ashram of the Sathya Sai movement in Puttaparthi, and the inclusion of some speakers in the conference programme without their previous consent. Furthermore, the Organization is deeply concerned about widely-reported allegations of sexual abuse involving youths and children that have been levelled at the leader of the movement in question, Sathya Sai Baba. Whilst it is not for UNESCO to pronounce itself in this regard, the Organization restates its firm moral and practical commitment to combating the sexual exploitation of children, in application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which requires States to protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and violence.

US STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORY

(US State Department's India - Consular Information Sheet, November 23, 2001 -

<http://travel.state.gov/india.html> - (under Andhra Pradesh) which warns: "U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Andhra Pradesh should also be aware that there have been media and other reports of inappropriate sexual behavior by a prominent local religious leader. Most of the reports indicate that the subjects of these approaches have been young male devotees, including a number of U.S. citizens. Although these reports are unconfirmed, U.S. citizens should be aware of this information)

[§[The US State Department stated to the BBC in May 2004 that Sai Baba is the individual named in its travel advisory in Consular Information Sheet, November 23, 2001, where he was not named.](#)]

UK Parliament, 26.02.02 House of Commons

Sai Baba and sexual abuse of children no. 886

That this House, mindful of the many accounts and witness statements of the sexual abuse of the male children of devotees by the Indian guru, Sai Baba, calls upon the Foreign Secretary to use the Travel Advice for India page of the Foreign Office Website to issue guidance to British families intending to visit the Ashram of Sai Baba about the possible danger to their male children of individual audiences with the guru.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANIST AND ETHICAL UNION

UNION INTERNATIONALE HUMANISTE ET LAIQUE

Statement by Main Representative: Roy BROWN, Wednesday 7th April 2004

UN Commission on Human Rights: 60th session. (15 March - 23 April 2004)

Item 13. Rights of the Child

Abuse of Children in the name of Religion

“It is with grave disquiet that the International Humanist and Ethical Union notes the continuing abuse of the rights of children in the name of religion, and the fact that governments are not doing enough to ensure children receive the special protection that they are entitled to.....” the article continues

“.....However, there is one particular case of child abuse that I wish to draw to the attention of the Commission. We are appalled by the widely reported allegations of systematic sexual molestation of minors against the highly successful and influential Indian god man Satya Sai Baba. These allegations led UNESCO in 2000 to withdraw from a proposed joint event with the Institute for Satya Sai Education [see UNESCO Media advisory below]. Despite the matter being raised in the UK Parliament [early day motion 886 by MP Tony Coleman], and despite the issuing by the US State Department of a Travel advisory in 2001 [see US State Department Travel Advisory above], these disturbing allegations have not received the appropriate attention of the Government of India - which is a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and is obliged by its Article 34 to act.

We are hopeful that international attention, scrutiny, and pressure will lead to a full scale investigation into the activities of this so-called god man, and ensure the protection of all children who come into contact with him.

We urge the Commission to call on the state parties that have achieved so much in advancing the rights and interests of children, to tackle the religious abuse of children in the same way that they address other abuses.”

Sai Moon Madness

Where is your face on the moon Baba????

Thousands disappointed as Sai Baba's 'moon miracle' fails

Puttaparthi (Andhra Pradesh), Oct 4 :
Thousands of people gathered at the airport here Thursday night after word spread that controversial godman Satya Sai Baba would be "sighted" on the moon - but returned disappointed when the "miracle" did not happen.

The 81-year-old Sai Baba was also present at the airport and later returned to his 'Prshanti Nilayam' ashram here in Anantapur district, about 500 km from state capital Hyderabad.

It all started when an official of the Sai Trust announced that the godman would make a "moon appearance" 6-7 p.m., and asked devotees to proceed towards the airport.

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Sai Baba's moon miracle fails

Friday, 05 October , 2007, 00:05

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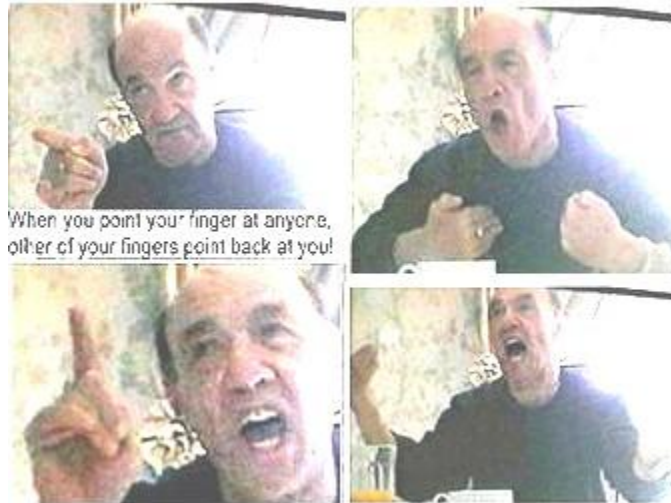
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Picture 3 Sai Baba’s world chairman, Dr Michael Goldstein, of Covina, California, U.S.A., caught by the BBC’s hidden camera, exquisitely evincing Sai Baba’s precepts - truth, right conduct, peace, love and non-violence in blazing action! Tanya Datta, the BBC interviewer had done no more than politely ask a simple question about the transparency and accountability issue in regard to allegations against Sai Baba of serial large-scale sexual molestation of young males.

Major Television Media Investigates Sai Baba

Much earlier approaches had been made to the BBC to no avail, then, towards the end of 2003, **BBC** producers contacted us (Barry Pittard). They said they would also contact various Sai Baba officials and other followers. The one-hour television documentary **The Secret Swami** resulted, first screening on June 17, 2004, and subsequently shown by cable and satellite in many countries. British television critics from major newspapers unanimously praised the documentary.

BBC Evicted From Puttaparthi For Asking About Allegations

BBC producers say that Sai Baba’s top leaders at first thought the documentary would present a ‘positive image’ of their guru and the works of his organization to the world. Hence the rare permission for the BBC to shoot at Sai Baba’s ashram. The Puttaparthi authorities extended guided tours to the BBC by Central Trust Secretary K. Chakravarthy and other leading officials, including Dr Goldstein, never before granted to a television corporation. However, a few days later, when the BBC asked for a comment on the worldwide allegations, the ashram authorities ordered them to leave, and Dr Goldstein sent a prompt global instruction to all Sai Baba centres that no-one must cooperate with the BBC.

In **Argentina, Azul TV’s Zona de Investigacion** (Argentina) had already run the series *La Historia de Sai Baba* (2001), which received record viewing ratings. It was researched and presented by the renowned Latin American writer and television presenter Alejandro Agostinelli.

Denmark's national broadcaster DR had made the one-hour documentary **SEDUCED BY SAI BABA**, which was very critical of Sai Baba. It was first screened January 30, 2002. Danish municipal authorities acted against the Sathya Sai Organisation, ensuring that the sale to it of the famous Arresødal castle in Copenhagen did not eventuate. Top Sai Baba leaders Thorbjörn Meyer and Jørgen Trygved initiated several litigations against DR, all of which failed - even though they had retained the top litigation lawyers in Denmark.

"**SEDUCED BY SAI BABA**" was presented by SBS, Australia The program follows an investigation into alleged sexual abuse of young male devotees by Sri Sathya Sai Baba, an influential Eastern guru. Denmark's Radio (DR) follows a group of Danes to the Indian city of Puttaparthi to visit Sai Baba's ashram and visit three continents in an attempt to investigate charges against Sai Baba of trickery and sexual abuse of minors. This powerful guru has millions of devotees worldwide and his influence reaches right to the top of the political scene and the media. In Denmark, where the Sai organisation can receive tax-deductible donations as a recognised religious society, they have bought a castle, and in Puttaparthi Baba has built private hospitals, a planetarium, his own airport, a music school and higher learning colleges. DR was *not allowed to interview Baba or film in the ashram*, so the documentary relies heavily on films supplied by former disciples. In their investigation of claims that Sai Baba's so-called "miracles" are nothing but sleight of hand, a Danish conjurer was rngaed. The magician, supported by video clips of Baba in action, explains these "miracles" as mere tricks. Sai's devotees include famous actors and politicians from around the globe.

Governments Placate India

The failure of governments - particularly of Britain, Canada, Australia and Germany - to match the **US State Department's naming of Sai Baba as the subject of a Travel Advisory** - weakly citing that there are no court convictions of Sathya Sai Baba in India. If the State Department can name Sai Baba why cannot they? (**As of May 25, 2004, the State Department D has dedicated an American Citizen's Services Unit special line in Washington - 202 647-6179 - via which they will confirm that Sathya Sai Baba is the individual referred to in their Consular Information Sheet, November 23, 2001.** There was no examination of former Indian Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee's leaning on Tony Blair about Sai Baba when Blair vied for a highly lucrative sale to India of Hawke class fighter planes. The programme mentions the Vajpayee letter which states that allegations against Sai Baba are "wild, reckless and concocted" but not that it was published at the time of Vajpayee's visit to Tony Blair.

"Oiling Penises Not a Hindu Ritual. (Nor Of Other World Faiths)"

Could oral sex by a guru be a secret Tantric ritual? Khushwant Singh (strangely the BBC describes this most famous of Indian social commentators merely as a 'Writer') says,

"There's no Indian tradition to support the fact that, you know, worship of the Lingam includes also doing the blow job, if that is what you are referring to. I don't think there's any basis for that whatsoever."

A noted Hindu scholar's response would have carried more weight here. Or even a BBC text or voiceover citing response by Hindu authorities. Any religious leaders would be most remiss if they shirk issues like this. Clarity about allegations of Sai Baba's ejaculation into victims' mouths would have questioned the absurdity voiced by many Sai Baba devotees (such as long-time devotee Ram Das Awle in his Internet writings) that Sai Baba touches young males sexually only to assist their mental health or raise the Kundalini energy.

Basava Premanand, the celebrated Rationalist and 'guru buster,' reports investigating Sathya Sai Baba since 1968, first "as a hobby" then going public in 1976. He is seen showing the trick behind Sai Baba's so-called 'miraculous' production of the golden lingam (of which more below). Professor Narendra Nayak, his fellow Rationalist, demonstrates how, by sleight-of-hand, magicians perform the same 'miracles' as Sai Baba - e.g. materializing ash, rings, pendants, etc. To convince the most critical, the BBC needed demonstrations as sophisticated as those in the Danish documentary *Seduced* (a copy of which the BBC possessed) where the Danish magician Nils Krøjgaard exposes the deceptions involved. Narendra Nayak shows Tanya Datta, who realizes that it takes practice, how to secrete a vibhuti (sacred ash) pellet between the thumb and base of the forefinger. Nayak says that Sai Baba's rotations of the hand when producing the ash is the method used by all 'godmen' who 'materialize' this ash, and obscures the act of crumbling the pellet. (Various people, such as the former leader of the Australian Sai Organization, Terry Gallagher, a scientist and businessman, have reported seeing Sai Baba inadvertently drop these pellets. See Terry Gallagher's testimony' in my article 'Police Killings in Sai Baba's Bedroom at Puttaparthi').

On stage before February 2004's Mahasivaratri crowd, the BBC cameras show Sai Baba looking increasingly sick. He produces the lingam, and the materialization trick demonstrated by Nayak is easy for the viewer to spot, the lingam being concealed in Sai Baba's handkerchief. Tanya Datta comments:

"To the alarm of the crowd suddenly Sai Baba collapsed. His huge coterie of staff swung into action. There was panic. An organisation used to tight control seemed to have lost its grip. Sai Baba was hastily wheeled off stage." Later, he is carried hobbling back, with officials claiming that he manifested two more lingams offstage. To the audience a shaken Sai Baba makes an inane claim "*Out of the stomach emanated Shiva Lingas of the weight of three tonnes. That's the reason why some strain on the face and the body.*"

Devotee Claims

Many devotees of Raju will quickly state that Sai is not "God" but an 'avatar'. There is quite a difference here.

Sai claims he is the reincarnation of Shirdi Sai Baba, SSB also asserts that he is an avatar of God, a reincarnation of Lord Rama, of Sri Krishna, Christ, the Kalki purna avatar (full divine incarnation), Lord Shiva, and Shakti.

Outragesous claims by Devotees:

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence

Case#1

"My mother in law out of her affection made a gold chain with the locket of Hanuman and gifted me sometime in 2000 when me and wife were in Madurai. I was not very keen to wear gold but on her insistence was wearing that chain. Every day evening I used to remove that chain and put it around Baba's photo in my bedroom. In a month's time that chain went missing. While watching my mother in law sitting next to me commented: Hey Baba you are throwing gifts at everyone. Why don't you also THROW something to us? I immediately commented: "Mother in law, you are in darkness ! Baba is verily God. He can throw anything at anybody anytime. Only He has to will it, that all.

Next day morning around 8.45am I just came from bath and standing under the fan and away from cupboards. A glittering gold chain just fell near my feet from nowhere."

(Source: <http://www.saibabalinks.org/devoteesexperiences.htm>)

Analysis Case #1

There is no evidence here that a chain really appeared. This story goes unchallenged for evidence. Note she says she did not wear it, which means it was in her house all the time!. Until the evidence is brought forward this will fall under the 'fabrication' header.

Case#2

"Swami responded to my prayer. He willed, no security stopped me. I passed thru 3 gates manned by Police including metal detectors unquestioned. Met Swami, got blessed, saw miracle. Finally, when Swami took me in, He took upon himself the responsibility of putting me on to DGM of Airports authority to escort me out safely from the high security area. Escorted out with salute !! The DGM Gosain also never came back for any loan. It was all his leela." -Ramu

Analysis

Where is the miracle here?. This person had a long story of their travelling experience, the above paragraph summarises what the miracle was. As I see it here there was no miracle, if the person was carrying a half pound of cocaine or explosives I could definitely see a miracle here or rather lack of security.

Case #3

"I was going blind in one eye. All doctors, from one place to another, gave up on me.

One night I prayed Swami with all my heart, mind and soul. He came to my dream and say- I know, then he touched my right eye; the next morning, at the doctor appointment I felt sure and confident as I never was and told the doctor that, against what all believed in that Medical center, **I wanted to go ahead with the surgery**; I felt strongly about it, strongly through my faith in Bhagawan, SRI SATHYA SAI BABA, the Avatar of the Cosmic Universe.

He finally accepted to take a chance on me..Today my right eyes sees as good as the left, actually, better, it has few more grades. **The doctor don't know where I found so much courage, and was a little shocked with the result of his own surgery.** I told him: -- during surgery I called upon God to put his divine Hands in your hands, so you could not miss." -devotee un-named

Analysis

Ok, so this person prayed and then went to surgery. Why did he/she go for the surgery then? If they were so confident that Baba will heal him/her then they should have stayed away from the operating room. Note the devotee is saying that doctors gave up on him/her, but here is one doctor that does see the devotee could use some surgery to cure the problem. So we have to conclude here that person needs to see better doctors and finally thanks to the miracle of science & the skill of the surgeon that the devotee was cured.

Case # 3

Baba Takes Me Across The Ocean

On May 29th 1994 my husband and I set out with a friend and his wife on their yacht in the Auckland to Tonga yacht race. Before sailing I sprinkled vibhuti all around the hull, and some outside on the waters. On June 2nd the wind changed to the northeast. By the next day the wind speed indicator would be pushed over as far as it could go and we knew that the wind was a lot more than 60 knots.

[Story goes on & on. . . -the author]

But lying in my bunk full of fear I desperately cried out to him for help. I suddenly felt an inner calm... I snuggled up on Sai Baba's lap with His hand patting my head saying "I am always with you"...

Then somebody woke me up from my beautiful dream. As I scrambled out of the bunk, to stand my watch, I realised I felt totally calm. The storm was still raging. . . . After nine days at sea we finally reached Tonga. We were all very thankful to reach shore.

On reflection, my awareness that I am one with Sai Baba grows even stronger in my heart every day.

— Mary McKay *Paihia, Bay of Island*

Analysis

Here we have the classic case people pray they escape from harm they base that on Sai Baba's action. It is most probable that Sai Baba did not have a clue what was going on there. This person relating a story of how they so afraid, "I was too scared ". . . ect yet she had no problem to fall asleep in extreme weather conditions and have a **dream** involving Baba.

"But lying in my bunk full of fear I desperately cried out to him for help. I suddenly felt an inner calm... I snuggled up on Sai Baba's lap with His hand patting my head saying "I am always with you"..."

This never actually happened!!! It was but a dream. So they were able pull thru the storm that happens hundreds of times. There is no miracle here but only active imagination.

Case Studies Conclusion

I will conclude the case studies here since there millions of the same type of stories. People sense danger or personal problems so they pray to Baba, things work out in their favor, then this is attributed to Sai Baba's influence. Far from it had they prayed to the first rock they see would the outcome be the same?

Many times, the true cause of the miracle is totally ignored in the most ungrateful way. Take Case#1 given above. **Note the devotee immediately 'slights' the doctor giving total credit to Baba for guiding the doctors hand.** Well consider this, what about the other cases the doctor fixed where the people prayed to someone else and they were healed. Most disturbing, maybe the doctor should have just said "oh well all the doctors gave up on you there's nothing I can do, let Baba fix you." We all know how that would have ended. Not good at all!!!

Murder oh so foul in the Ashram



THE CORPSE OF JAGGANATHAM, SHOT THROUGH HIS RIGHT PALM, TWO PLACES IN HIS CHEST AT CLOSE RANGE.

THE UNRESOLVED, COVERED-UP 1993 MURDERS IN SATHYA SAI BABA'S BEDROOM REVISITED

The Sathya Sai Baba June 6, 1993 murders issue was never cleared up, but willfully suppressed. Hypotheses as to the exact course of events cannot always be tested (yet!) and naturally they can be in some conflict with one another from different persons' viewpoints.

Even the Indian authorities rejected the Puttaparthi Police report on the whole incident, stating that it contained sheer falsifications and copious inaccuracies, and omitted the proper and essential requirements of data collection.

One consequence of this hindrance and other stumbling blocks set up by involved parties is that attempts to investigate the details without having any formal report or court verdicts are bound to reach some dead ends and conflicting opinions. Even so, many main facts were proven about the actual events and subsequent cover-up

The quashing of the case by Government order was a process in which the former Home Minister S.B. Chavan and the authorities of Andhra Pradesh State - being devotees of Sai Baba - were involved, while the final responsibility therefore rests on the former Indian Government of Prime Minister Narasimha Rao.

The collected evidence is still kept secret by authorities who are Sai Baba followers and regular visitors of his (i.e. most recently India's current Prime Minister Manmohan

Singh, and the current Home [Interior] Minister, Shivraj Patil, along with several other figures in government). So what can be asserted without any doubt whatever?

SOME OF THE ESTABLISHED FACTS

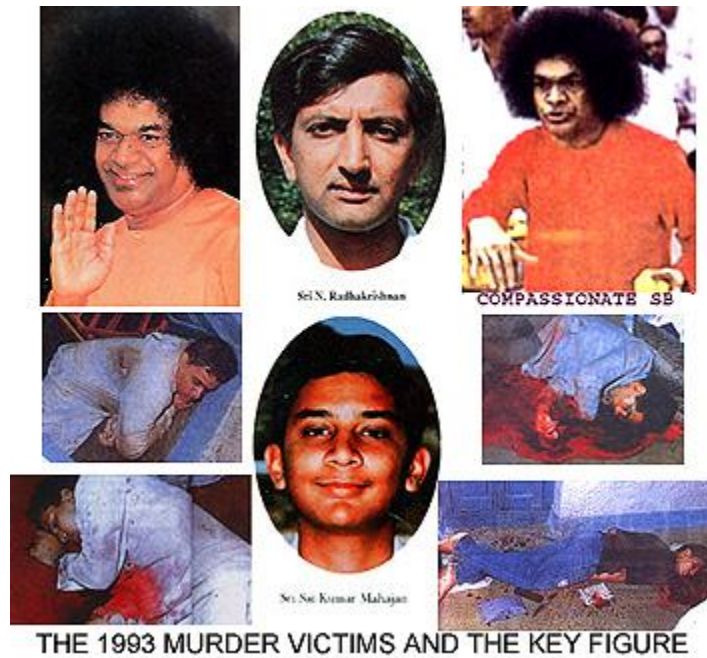


Figure 3 'The June Incidents' mentioned were the murder of six young men in the holy Sai baba temple bedroom complex. The cause he gives only as 'jealousy'!

1) Sathya Sai Baba explained in a public discourse that he was aware in advance of what would happen to his two servitors who were the first killed by the intruders and warned them how to act, but they ignored his warnings.

"DO NOT BE PERTURBED"

These happenings should be attributed to jealousy. Devotees should not be perturbed by such events. Those who have true and firm faith will not be shaken in any way by these happenings. You have listened to the speeches of Goldstein, Sinclair and Haksar. What has impelled them to make these declarations?. It is their firm faith. Although they are living in far off places, they are sustained by their firm faith. For those consumed by envy, only the false is apparent. They cannot have even a glimpse of truth.



Figure 4 the interview room where the four Sai Baba aides are alleged to have been stabbed by the four alleged assailants out of which two died. The blue door leads to the stair case leading to the first floor. Strangely the wooden throne used by Sai Baba while

And. . . .

Excerpts from the long discourse in which Sai Baba covers-up the nature of the murders in his bedroom of June 6th 1993

There are many devotees who ask why, when such things were impending, Swami did not warn Radhakrishnan or try to save him. I am explaining the matter from the spiritual aspect and not from the mundane viewpoint.

Both of us took our meals at 7.00 p.m. Radhakrishnan was sitting in the ground floor. Swami told him; "Radhakrishna, Let us go upstairs. Don't sit here". "Swami, if I go there, I cannot get sleep at 7 O'clock itself", said Radhakrishna. Swami asked him; "If you cannot sleep, what are you going

to do here? You can do upstairs what you intend to do here. I don't ask you to go to sleep. Get up immediately. Come, Come" I insisted repeatedly.

See how things happen. Death overtakes one, in whatever way you attempt to circumvent it. At last Swami assumed an angry tone and rebuked him; "Your misfortune: your stubbornness". I pretended as if I was very angry with him. He felt pained. Swami retired upstairs. He reflected for some time. He had been with Swami for 22 years. He knew that whatever I said was for his good. He went to the kitchen and brought a tumbler of buttermilk. He came smilingly. "Swami, you have been angry with me. Please drink this buttermilk and calm down." "Radhakrishna! it is not anger, I have said everything for your good," said Swami. Radhakrishna said, "Swami has perhaps some doubts that I may go out somewhere and talk to others". I replied, "If I have such doubts, will I keep you with me? Not at all. There are no doubts. I am saying this for your good".

And then I said; "I am not used to drinking buttermilk at night. Why have you brought it for the first time tonight?". He replied; "I felt like giving buttermilk to Swami tonight and hence I brought it". "It is good that you got this idea. I shall take it, but, on one condition; I shall take the buttermilk as desired by you, but you must give me your word that after going down to place the tumbler in the kitchen, you will return upstairs". He said; "I will certainly return".

I do not take buttermilk at all. I took a little quantity and told him "I have taken buttermilk to please you". He had a pure heart. He asked me; "Swami! can I drink the rest of the buttermilk?". I said; "Why throw it away? You may drink it". He drank it there itself. Swami said; "But put back the tumbler and come up". He went down. He had given his word. But, he had perhaps the doubt that if he remained downstairs Swami might call him. This kind of stubbornness is one of the traits of young people. They will not listen to the words of elders. If only they listen to their words, no danger will befall them. Apprehending that if he remained downstairs I might call him, he placed the tumbler in the kitchen and went to his sister's house. The messenger of death dogged him at 10.00 p.m. This is how it has happened. Whatever I say is for the good of others.

guru poor

I say only sacred things and nothing that is unholy. Whether you believe or not, I may tell you that all the time I only think of what good I can do to better the lot of the people. Swami never thinks about Himself.

Figure 5 'Discourse on Guru Poornima', July 1993

2) Sathya Sai Baba was in his rooms when these two were killed whereupon he was warned by an attendant's shouts:-

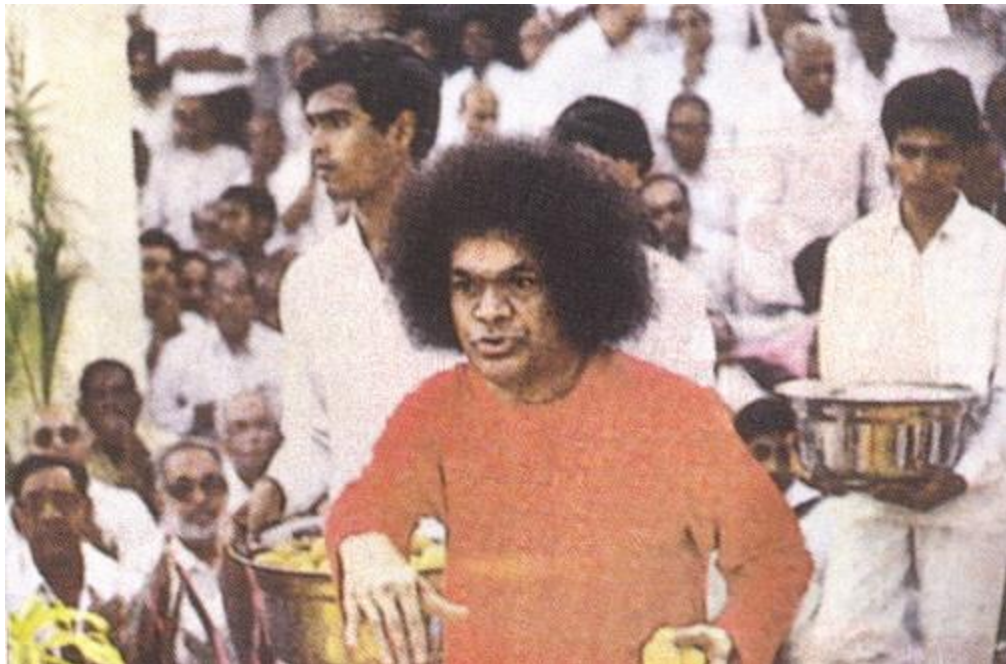
Indian Express, New Delhi 13-6-1993: "Union Home Minister S.B. Chavan during his recent visit to Puttaparthi told newsmen that Baba came out from his chamber on hearing some commotion on the ground floor. He scolded the persons creating noise and returned to his room..."

(Note: It is established that Sai Baba soon fled his rooms through a rear door, locking it so as to stop the intruders following him, and they were eventually completely trapped in his apartment)

3) Sai Baba was also present and awake during the stand-off which lasted several hours and ended with many rifle shots from the police as reported by a number of independent foreign and Indian witnesses. Whether one or more of the four trapped intruders in Sai Baba's bedroom were already dead or not is disputed. The coroner's report certified that all four 'Died of shock and haemorrhage' due to Firearm Injuries (see :<http://www.rfjvds.dds.nl/ex-baba/engels/murders/murders.html>).

See Appendix at the back of this paper for excerpts.

So they were gunned down in Sai Baba's apartment, where they were trapped when Sathya Sai Baba fled and locked the escape route from the outside.



The photograph (above) is of the Baba distributing letters to his devotees, after a sumptuous lunch to the devotees and the residents of Puttaparthi. It was after the 6 murders in the bedroom. It was business as usual Sai carried on with his daily routine unperturbed by any of the foul play.

It looks strange of a person who talks about practicing universal love and his face expressing anger and cruelty. We remember Nero. When actual murders were carried out and Sai Baba got the case closed, this alone proves he is not one practicing Sathya Dharma, Shanthi and Prema.

4) The Puttaparthi police were found to have falsified their report and failed to act correctly in their investigations. The consequent official Indian Central Bureau of Investigation's inquiries were obstructed and the matter was finally quashed from above without any published conclusion, formal charges or court cases. Subsequently, two independent police officers - A.P. Rajan and Lokendar Sarma - who were progressing well in the investigation, were suddenly and arbitrarily posted elsewhere before they could present their findings.

5) The Sathya Sai Central Trust, ashram officials, the Sathya Sai Organisation and Sai Baba himself make efforts to hush up the matter and bury it.

The Hindu 10-6-1993 reported: "**Several of the investigating officials complained of lack of cooperation from the members of the Satya Sai Trust. When press persons met Mr. Indulal Shah, chief functionary of the Sri Satya Sai World Trust, he said, 'the matter is purely internal and we do not wish to have any law enforcement agency investigating into it.'**"

(Note: This widely publicised newspaper report was never refuted by Indulal Shah. Moreover, his stated aim was eventually achieved.)

6) Since the CBI investigation was truncated and quashed, the **entire matter remains unresolved**. Besides, the Prashanthi Nilayam ashram is officially recognised by Andhra Pradesh State as a township, in which the undisputed ruler of is Sathya Sai Baba, both legally and in practice. Officials of the ashram and most residents within it fervently believe in the complete authority of Sai Baba over everything that occurs within it, and none are known to have denied this in public. Therefore he must be regarded as a willing accomplice to the events allowed to happen therein on 06/06/1993, including the following cover-up of these events. Further, he actively helped obfuscate the facts (see his statements in his 'Discourse on Guru Poornima', July 1993).

Omnipresent or just present?

I present for your consideration the following conversation, which exemplifies the fact this man is just like us or worst.

Sai Baba: "Yes, yes. It's in very good hands, now make it go! How is Peggy Mason?"

Me : "She has merged with you".

Sai Baba: "Yes. She lives near you in England?"

Me : "She lived eighty miles from me, but she died a few days ago Swami. She is with you!"

Sai Baba: "Yes, yes, her husband was a good man. When you go home, give my regards to her".

Me: "She is dead Swami. Dead! She has merged with you!"

Sai Baba: "Give her my love when you get back to England".

Me: "I cannot Swami, because she is DEAD!"

Sai Baba: "Oh?? Oh....."

The Expulsion of Dr Bhatia

WHY DID HE LEAVE?

Three young students from Sai Baba's junior male college were called for interview. One of them, a seven year old boy student, came out of the private interview room crying.

He continued to cry for two days, and was unable to eat or study.

That evening Dr Bhatia, on duty in the children's canteen, was asked to find the cause of the child's distress.

He questioned and then examined the child, and found that he had been sexually penetrated, via his anus. The child was taken to Bangalore and re-examined. A second medical opinion confirmed sexual abuse.

Dr Bhatia had been involved in sexual activity with Sai Baba for six years, believing that he was serving divinity.

He went to Sai Baba:

Dr Bhatia: "Why do you do this to such a young child when you have all of us adults and the older students to play with? "

Sai Baba's reply: "Don't bargain with God! "

Soon after, five men went to Dr Bhatia's home, threatening his life with knives. He made his escape by car, fleeing to Delhi.

Once there Dr Bhatia was unable to practice medicine because he had left all his personal papers behind in Puttaparthi. He wrote asking for them. They have not yet been released. However, the doctor now practices at a Delhi hospital.

A promisory agreement has been offered from Puttaparthi, that Dr Bhatia's personal belongings will be released to him on the proviso that:

- **he remain mute about the happenings concerning the little boy student**
- **he does not make any legal claims against the Super Speciality Hospital**
- **he keeps his sexual relationship with Sai Baba a secret.**

A rumor given out for his 'dismissal' was that he was caught selling blood, another that he was having an affair within the ashram, and yet another claiming jealousy between departmental heads at the hospital.

I offer this for the sake of truth. *Name withheld at request. (Available for investigation by authority)*

Sampath's Commentary

I include this article from one of SB ex-devotee. A veteran of the Sai Exposé from it's earliest days, Hari Sampath, has provided this report and his own reflections on Sai Baba's current situation:

"Sathya Sai Baba's extremely negative karma accumulated for long has been slowly catching up with him and approaching fruition. The countless victims of this fraud, victims of false promises, sexual abuse, cheating, deception and every known act of Adharma had been put to physical , mental, emotional and spiritual misery for a lifetime, and the combined effect of these people's misery is certainly recoiling back on the colossal fraud Sai Baba.

Most people will remember that in the early days in the 1940's an old saintly man was brought to sb by his disciples. This man was considered a Guru locally, and had 2 stumps for his legs and was carried around by his disciples. Sai Baba publicly scolded him for that and instead of expressing even basic human sympathy, chided him for being a burden on his disciples by being dependent on them to be carried around. Now the wheel has come a full cycle and the poor, accursed wretched soul Sai Baba himself is being carried, wheeled around, and dependent on his personal staff for even performing basic physical functions.

So many thousands of people , promised "divine cures" and stuck to wheelchairs etc , having been cheated by this fraud and even abandoning conventional medical treatment for disabilities like Dorothy/Pink Twins among many others, people without physical vision, hearing, paralysis, mental ill health, and so many other

types of physical disabilities, had been cheated deliberately by this false messiah of deception, and Sai Baba's karma has caught up.

Now he is reduced to a gibbering, senile, drooling, old fool, in a pathetic condition in full view of the world. He is dependent on his staff even for eating food, going to the toilet etc, what a cruel fate he has invited upon himself. His situation is so pathetic that he has asked his devotees to pray for him and also conduct healing yagnas etc.

The hand that promised to lift a "range of mountains" can't even cut a cake now or wear his dress properly when it slips !

The feet that promised to walk across the skies is unable to even hobble across the hall for a few feet !

While I do feel somewhat sorry for this pathetic condition, I also realise he has inflicted many many times more on innocent sincere seekers of God, who trusted him and were promised solace from all problems, only to be cruelly cheated for the most selfish of reasons by Sai Baba. At least God has been kind in dealing with Sai Baba in that there are people to attend to him and he has material comforts, but then these folks are also doing so so that they may share the loot gathered over years and for their own selfish ends.

Its got to a point that even the SSO officials and gangsters are sick of waiting on him hand and foot, and apart from the outward civil behavior in public, I know that in private they are quite rude to Sai Baba knowing he is an exhausted incapable senile old man, and also he had been putting many of these officials through his spiritual/divine bullying for years, now they are happy to get back at him. I believe these personal staff sometimes don't even respond promptly to Sai Baba asking to go to the toilet, resulting in even bed wetting at times. How terrible and sad. Just like an old, aged senile relative being barely tolerated because of his bank balance and hopes of being remembered in the will and legacy.

These people are just hoping Sai Baba dies soon, but I don't think he will die soon, because after all the god of death is Dharmaraja or Yama, who himself wouldn't want to come anywhere near Sai Baba soon to put him out of his misery, such an extreme case of adharma is Sai Baba.

I in fact feel that Sai Baba's misery has just started and after losing his legs and one hand, soon he will lose his hearing, speech, eyesight and mental sanity, one by one, and his misery will be shown to the whole world, and he will be exposed for what he truly is : the retribution for a lifetime of massive fraud, debauchery, trickery and self seeking, for name and fame as God, resulting in an old age drooling, gibbering, legless, blind, speechless, paralysed and broken, and humiliated old wretch.

His life will indeed be a message to humankind. And it will end only when God finally acts mercifully to put him out of his misery.

It was not said lightly that "he whom the Gods want to destroy, they make him mad first", and we would see this too.

-Hari Sampath



Christianity & Sai

The Face Of Jesus

What is not generally known is that this "photograph" of Jesus **is actually a reproduction of a painting created in 1935 by an Armenian artist named Aggemian**. Every feature in the photo, including every hair in the moustache and beard, is exactly the same as the painting. The Sai Baba "photo" is a poor-quality reproduction of the original, and being murky and dark makes it hard to tell that it is a copy of a painting and not a photograph. Aggemian's painting, which is based on the Shroud of Turin, has enjoyed some popularity on its own merit. One can even obtain a version of it called "The Original Double-Effect Shroud Image," in which from one angle one sees the painting by Aggemian, and from another angle, the face on the Shroud; from a certain angle, one can see overlapping images of both the Shroud and the painting -- just as in the Sai Baba "photo."

Subsequently, we have been contacted about other accounts relating to this fascinating image. We received an email from Diane Fulbright, director of research at the Shroud of Turin Center, in which she stated that the photo came from a painting by Paul Tebay and that Sai Baba was helping only in its dissemination. However, further investigation showed that Tebay was commissioned to make that painting in 1991, some years after the photo was already in our hands. Tebay may, in fact, have used it as the basis for his own painting. He didn't get the eyes the same, though, which makes Jesus look rather sad in his depiction.

We also received an email from Barrie Schwartz, editor and publisher of the Shroud of Turin website. He pointed out that the folds in our photo are clearly reflective of a photograph made of the Shroud in 1931 by an Italian professional photographer, Giuseppe Enrie. The sharp fold across the top of the forehead was a result of his particular lighting and is very distinctive.

(Friday, May 16, 1997 From News Brief 61 By Robert Perry)

Discrepancies

Thanks to the great research of individuals like Serguei Badaev, **former** President of the Moscow Sathya Sai Baba Centre. Many of Sai errors and contradictions are pointed out in his paper:

CONTRADICTIONS AND CONFUSIONS CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST AND CHRISTIANITY

Now it is time for you the reader to judge for himself/herself from a substantial selection of compared texts. Mountains of discrepancies appear.

Case1: The Christmas Discourse 1996

Here are some of the statements which this amazing videotape registered:

1. "Three hundred and fifty years B.C., before Christ, Jews lived. However, among Jews, there were religions such as Islam and Christianity. People of that land, they are all Jews. That land is the birthplace of both the religions, Islam and Christianity. The Hebrew language was very prominent. This Hebrew language is more or less equal to our Sanskrit. ..."

2. "Christianity is not just 2,000 years in its origin. It was there even before Christ, 350 years. There the divinity is explained very clearly."

3. "The name and the fame of Jesus Christ have spread far and wide. Here, at this moment, there are two schools of thought. The first group of thought - Roman Catholics. There is another group that fought with this group. This group is called Protestants. As they protested, they are Protestants. So among Jews there are these two groups: Catholics and Protestants. The difference of opinion has increased day by day. This led to Jesus, whose life was in danger. Jews there in Jerusalem did not permit Jesus to go there. Like this, religious conflict and fighting was ever on the rise. There were 250 schools of thought, divisions there. They also monopolized certain countries."

"Because of so many groups there, they all attempted even to harm Jesus. Romans on one side. Catholics on the other side. Luther on another side. There were so many groups that went on changing. All these differences are based on violence, and that led to madness. Because of this attachment to group affiliations, naturally there was conflict and fighting."

"Religious affiliation leads to ego. This led to confusion among them as to what Jesus said right or wrong."

No doubt the big afro-headed man had a bad day.

SB has made the following conflicting remarks, again with total impunity and zero embarrassment to himself or to his spokespersons and devotees:

1. The Three Wise Men were (in different Discourses): wise men; shepherds; kings; Arabian kings; Tibetans.
2. Jesus' father, Joseph, died when his son was : a) 10, b) 30.
3. Jesus spent:

- 5 yrs in the Himalayan region;
- contemplated in the desert for 8 or 12 years (variously in Kashmir, India, Tibet, Iran and Russia);
- grew up in Nazareth until he was 30.

4. St Paul was one of the original Twelve Disciples.

Concerning a Sai Seva Organisation-sponsored initiative, according to the Prem Sai literal translation of the Yugadi Discourse on 13 April 2002, Sai made the following statements, some of them excited, jubilant, even boastful. The official edited translation, in a more subdued tone, is reproduced below and may be seen on the official SSB website, www.sathyasai.org .

Source: Sathya Sai Baba's discourses.

(1) Sai Baba on the Birth date of Jesus:

"Truly speaking, Christmas falls in the month of March, not in December. Since it is very cold in December and people are confined to their homes, they utilise this time to celebrate Christmas. Actually, Jesus was born in the month of March. With the passage of time, this fact has been distorted and misrepresented in the Bible." -
 --(25.12.1998, Sanathana Sarathi, Vol.42, #1, January 1999 ä., p.6)

Versus

"There are various theories about the birth date of Jesus based on the 'bright star that appeared at his birth.' It is visible once in 800 years, it is said. Some say he was born on the fifteenth day of September. But, he was born at 3-15 a.m. (early morning) on December 28, 1980 years ago. It was Sunday."
 --(25.12.1979, Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol.24, p.288)

"The 25th is not the birth. It was on the 24th, near midnight."

(quote of Sai Baba from Dr. John Hislop. Conversations with Bhagavan Sathya Sai Baba. Ch.XXIX, p.92)

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"On December 25th, when Jesus was born, three kings came to his birth-place." (25.12.1992. Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. XXV, p. 397.)

(2) Sai Baba's on Jesus' own words about himself:

"Jesus never laid any claim to His association with God either as a Messenger or a Son. It is only in order that men may realise their own relation with God that such interpretation is made." (24.11.1998)

Versus

"There were controversies regarding Jesus. These differences were the cause of the ordeals he had to go through. But Jesus was prepared to face any trouble or any penalty. He considered Compassion as the supreme quality. At first, he declared he was a "Messenger of God". Then, he announced: "I am the Son of God". Ultimately he declared: "I and my Father are one". 25.12.1997, Sanathana Sarathi 41, #1,p.9)

(3) Sai Baba about Jesus's sufferings:

"At the time of crucifixion, Jesus prayed: "O Father! What sin have I committed? Why am I put to suffering thus?" (24.11.1998)

Versus

"When Jesus reached this stage ("I and my Father are one"), He had no suffering at all; He was always blissful and was prepared for anything. Even at the time of crucifixion, he was smiling, because he realised that He was not the body."

(25.12.1998, Sanathana Sarathi Vol.42, #1, p.5)

(4) Sai Baba on the early years of Jesus:

"Jesus grew up at Nazareth till he reached thirty. After Joseph's passing, Jesus sought his mother's permission to embark on his Divine mission. He got baptised by John, the Baptist and spent forty days in penance in a forest." (25.12. 1988, Sathya Sai Speaks XXI, p.272)

Versus

"Jesus realised that he was Christ in his 25th year. For 8 years following his 16th birthday he travelled in India, Tibet, Iran, and Russia. He was variously regarded as a beggar or as a sannyasi. Jesus had no money. His parents were very poor and practically abandoned him at an early age." (Dr. John Hislop. Conversations with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Ch.XXX, p.97)

Versus

"Jesus announced himself as a Messenger of God. He spent many years in austerities so that he could shower compassion and love on all humanity. Later, he asked himself, "Am I just a messenger, or am I more closely related to God, a part of God with the Divine as my essence?" Jesus spent twelve long years, wandering alone in deserts engaged in this inquiry. At the end of this period, he returned to the society of men and announced "I am the Son of God." (25.12.1979, Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. XIV, p.286)

(5) Sai Baba on Birth of Jesus/and 3 kings from the East

"It is said that when Jesus was born in a manger, three kings were led by a star to Jesus's place of birth. In fact, they were not kings but three shepherds."

--(25.12.1994. Sathya Sai Speaks XXVII, p. 296)

Versus

"On December 25th, when Jesus was born, three kings came to his birth-place."

-- (25.12.1992. Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. XXV, p. 397.)

Versus

"And, the story says, there was a Star in the sky, which fell with a New Light, and this led a few Tibetans and others to the place where the Saviour was born." --(24.12.1972. Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. XI, p. 343)

Versus

"When Jesus was born, three wise men followed a star to reach his place of birth."

--(25.12.1984. Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. XVII, 30:190)

Versus

"When Jesus was born, three Arabian kings came to see Him."

--(25.12.1998. Sanathana Sarathi, Vol. 42, January 1999, p. 1)

Versus

As quoted previously Faye mentions:

During the preparation of the 1997 Christmas Day students' programme, I was in interview with the students, and we were discussing with Swami, the music and story of Jesus' birth which the boys were going to present.

When 'We Three Kings from Orient are...' was mentioned, Sai Baba directed that this **song not be sung, saying 'No, no, no! There were no kings. They did not exist.'** Yet in his January 1996 discourse he said 'When Christ was born, three kings came to see the infant.'

(6) Sai Baba on the Status of Jesus:

"Appearances of splendour and other signs to herald the era that has dawned are natural when incarnations happen on earth."

--(24.12.1972. Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. XI, p. 344)

Versus

"The Star that appeared that day appears only once in 800 years. Its appearance had nothing to do with the birth of Jesus. There is no rule that, when Divine Energy or Divine Incarnation descends on Earth, a star has to

appear."

--(25.12.1979. Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. XIV, p. 288)

Versus

" Buddha, Christ, Mohammed and others were not Avatars. They had some divine power. Only in India are Avatars born, because only in India are the Sastras understood."

- (Dr. John Hislop. Conversations with Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Ch. XL, p. 133)

(7) Sai Baba about (St.) Paul and the closest devotees of Jesus:

"When it was ordered that all the devotees of Jesus should be crucified along with Him, even His closest devotees, Peter, Matthew, and Paul refused to identify themselves as His followers." (25.12.1998, Sanathana Sarathi Vol.42,#1,p.4)

(8) Sai Baba on Romans and Jews:

"In the beginning even Romans were Jews, not Christians. It is only after the advent of Jesus that the term Christians came into use."

-- (Discourse 24.11.1998)

(9) Sai Baba on Jesus and the term Persona:

"He (Jesus) said that He was 'Persona' meaning that He was the spark of Divine. This has been translated by the British as 'Person', which has been termed as 'Purusha' by Bharatiyas. Therefore 'Purusha' or 'Persona' have originated from the Roman language." (Discourse 24.11.1998)

(10) Sai Baba on Jesus and animal sacrifice:

"Jesus opposed the practice of animal sacrifice in Jerusalem. As a result he had to face strong opposition."

----(25.12.1998, Sanathana Sarathi Vol.42,#1,p.2)

(11) Sai Baba on Jesus and his disciples:

"Similarly, among Christ's eleven disciples differences developed and they fell apart. Only Mathew remained true to Jesus. He propagated the gospel. Peter was the first among Jesus's disciples. But he denied Christ when the authorities questioned him." --(7.09.1996. Sanathana Sarathi Vol.39, #10,p.269)

Sai Baba's Claims About the Time Of Jesus's Birth:

"The answer is out there, Neo, and it's looking for you, and it will find you if you want it to "

“Mary and Joseph made their way along the road toward Bethlehem. Mary was with child. The pains began. They knew no one nearby, so they took refuge in a cow shed. Joseph made a space between two cows. It was midnight. He went out to find a woman who could help. Then he heard a baby cry. Christ was born. A huge aura of splendour filled the sky with light...”

-Sai Baba, quoted in *Eastern View Of Jesus Christ*, Sai Publications, London, 1982, p. 6.

However during his Christmas discourse of 1979, Sai Baba said that Jesus was born at 3:15 am, rather than within minutes of midnight:

Jesus was born early in the morning at 3:15 a.m. on December 24th one thousand nine hundred and eighty years ago. **It was Sunday.**

-Sai Baba, *Eastern View Of Jesus Christ*, p. 156.

These two statements about the time of Jesus' birth do not appear to be consistent. However, it might be said that 'midnight' in the first passage quoted simply means 'the middle of the night'. It is the second passage which provides truly specific details, and so it is the information contained in that passage which we must look at for possible accuracy.

“there are those who have determined not only the year of our Lord's birth, but also the day; and they say that it took place in the 28th year of Augustus, and in the 25th day of Pachon. And the followers of Basilides hold the day of his baptism as a festival, passing the night before in readings. And they say that it was the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, the fifteenth day of the month of Tubi, and some say that it was the 11th of the same month.”

-Quoted in Bond, J.J., *Handy-book Of Rules and Tables For Verifying Dates*, George Bell & Sons, London, 1889, p. 22

The same source explains that the 25th of Pachon works out to the 20th of May, the fifteenth of Tubi works out to the 10th of January, and the 11th of Tubi works out to the 6th of January. (Ibid., p. 22.) The consensus among scholars is that the celebration of the birth of Jesus at the time of the winter solstice was an accommodation to pagan custom.

Sai Baba's statement that Jesus was born "on December 24th one thousand nine hundred and eighty years ago" was spoken in December 1979. There being no '0' year between the year 1 B.C. and the year 1 A.D., Sai Baba is referring to the year which is known as 2 B.C. (See *Handy-book For Verifying Dates* p. 321 with regard to the absence of the '0' year.) Let us turn to scholarly opinion on this matter. We know that there is disagreement on this question; but there are some dates for Jesus's birth which many scholars agree, even if there is no date on which all agree. Thus, any plausible date would be one on which at least one reputable scholar who is aware of the recent literature has argued for. Let us see to see if anyone agrees with Sai Baba on the date of 'his' birth:

"I find the statement, apparently unsupported, placing Jesus' birth in 2 B.C. difficult. **It would mean that King Herod was already dead**, and hence the story that connects Herod with the Three Wise Men would have to be rejected."

--- J.A.S. Evans, Head, Classics Department, the University of British Columbia, on Sai Baba's Dating Jesus's Birth at 2 B.C.:

Paul Mosca, Professor Of Hebrew, UBC, on Sai Baba's Dating of 2 B.C.:

Although the 'divine discourses' of Sathya Sai Baba entitled : **An Eastern View of Jesus Christ** are largely composed of instruction and exhortation concerning ethics, prayer, etc., they do occasionally venture into the historical realm. And whatever one may think of Sai Baba's advice in spiritual matters, his assertions regarding historical events are of questionable value. A few examples must suffice.

I. On page 6, Sai Baba's account of the birth of Jesus opens with the claim that "King Herod ordered a census." This is at best a misleading statement. According to Luke's Gospel (2:1), Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken; and it is implied that the decree was transmitted through the Roman legate in Syria. We still lack any independent evidence for such a decree, and the accuracy of the Lucan claim has not gone unchallenged. But for an Augustan census we at least have an ancient witness however unreliable Luke. For a census ordered by Herod we have no evidence whatsoever. The Jewish historian Josephus has left us two detailed accounts of Herod's reign (Book I of the Jewish War and Books XV-XVII of the Jewish Antiquities). Neither even hints at such a census, nor does any other ancient source.

II. If the statement on page 6 is inaccurate regarding the census, at least it is probably right to date the birth of Jesus to Herod's reign (compare Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1) It is, therefore, quite surprising to find that page 156, #172 (from the 1979 Christmas discourse) unwittingly contradicts the assertion of page 6. The 1979 discourse claims that Jesus was born "one thousand nine hundred and eighty years ago" (i.e., in 2 B.C.). Not only did Herod order the census; he did so from beyond the grave! For it is clear from Josephus' accounts that Herod died in March/April of 4 B.C., 1982 years before the 1979 Christmas discourse.

Excerpt of letter by Dr. Paul Mosca of 13 September 1990, original with the editor.

The consensus amongst scholars is that Jesus was in all likelihood born before, or at the latest, during, the year 4 B.C. (See also, Michael Grant, *Jesus, An Historian's Review Of The Gospels*, Scribner's New York, p. 71; Ian Wilson, *Jesus, The Evidence*; etc.)

We also can examine the correspondence between the day of the week and the year, month, and day of the month presupposed by Sai Baba's pronouncement. Although Sai Baba may not have realized it when he made

his statement concerning the precise time of day, day of the week, day of the month, month, and year of birth of Jesus, there are tables listing correspondences between day of the week and the month, day of the month, and year. Was the December 24th of 2 B.C. a Sunday, as Sai Baba says it was?

According to John J. Bond's Handy-Book of Rules and Tables for verifying Dates with the Christian era, **it was a Thursday, in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars!** (December 24 fell on a Sunday in 6 B.C., and not again until 2 A.D.) **December 24th of that year was a Thursday, not a Sunday.**

Discussion.

Analysing contradictions and factual errors in Sathya Sai Baba's discourses we can put forward several hypotheses to explain them. First of all let us consider those hypotheses which assume that what we read in Sathya Sai Baba's printed discourses is not what he wanted to say, i.e. that we deal with different sorts of errors and mistakes.

(1) Concerning Misprints. This type of error concerns wrong spelling or wrong date numbers. For example, in Sai Baba's discourse of 25.12.1979, which is printed in the Sathya Sai Speaks series (Vol.XIV, p.288) the date of Jesus's birth is given as 28th December. At the same time in the book "Eastern view on Jesus Christ" (as referred in Dale Beyerstein's materials on the Internet). Jesus's birth date from the same discourse is given as 24th December.

It is very much to the point to say that books published by Sathya Sai Books and Publications Trust contain rather a lot of misprints which seem to be reproduced for decades. However, the above examples cannot belong to this type.

(2) Interpreter's mistakes.

When Sathya Sai Baba delivers a discourse he speaks Telugu and speaks quite fast. Often he gives too little time for an interpreter to translate, starting speaking again while an interpreter has not finished translation yet. This impose a sort of pressure on an interpreter and can be a potential cause for mistakes. At the same time we see that Sathya Sai Baba watches an interpreter's work quite carefully and correct him if necessary (see, for example, video of 25.12.1996 discourse). Publications in Sanathana Sarathi and Sathya Sai Speaks series have been prepared by qualified and well educated people who know Telugu (Sathya Sai Baba's mother tongue) and have been able to correct mistakes using the original version in Telugu. So, one is very unlikely to find such sort of mistakes in Sathya Sai Baba's printed discourses. That is why in the collection given above most of quotations might look quite correct but at the same time they are in conflict with other Sathya Sai Baba's quotations.

(3) Lapses.

It is possible to assume that Sathya Sai Baba as an Avatar, playing a role of a being with human limitations, affords himself the possibility of some small human lapses. It seems, for instance, that J.Hislop adhered to this point of view as it can be seen from his discourse published in the book "Seeking Divinity", p.183: So all you can say about any inconsistency in Swami's pronouncements is that it is evidence of what He, Himself, says, "I come to you as a human being." Now the sages also say that any exhibition of human fallibility on Swami's part will never affect dharma. He will never be unrighteous. These fallibilities could be manifested to a certain extent, but never to a point where it would violate dharma, because Swami is a very soul of dharma."

Example (4) from the collection can be such sort of a lapse of just a wrong word ("Paul"). However, most of the given above examples are extended thoughts expressed in several sentences. That can by no means be considered as a lapse.

So, we have to assume that in the most cases what we read in Sathya Sai Baba's discourses is exactly what he wanted to say.

The following analysis concerns an important question about possible sources of information available to Sathya Sai Baba. According to Sathya Sai Baba's biography it is known that Sathya Sai Baba left secondary school at the age of 14 and has not completed his education. At the same time the scope of topics he deals with in his discourses is very vast and reveals encyclopedic knowledge and erudition. It is worth to note that one of the sources of information for Sathya Sai Baba could be those people in his surroundings, with whom he was and has been in constant communication. For example, we can mention here some well educated and erudite people among his close devotees such as former personal biographer prof. Kasturi, former editor of Sanathana Sarathi Dr. Narasimhan, prof. Gokak and some others.

As well, however, it is unreasonable to discount those paranormal abilities which Sathya Sai Baba does have and which give him an access to mental planes of other people. A lot of cases are recorded, when Sathya Sai Baba could read other people thoughts, watch their past and future and so on. In regard to these abilities the question could be formulated in such a way: whether Sathya Sai Baba has an information access limited by some factors (e.g. {to the} mental plane of some person) or the source of information for Sathya Sai Baba is Universal Consciousness (etheric plan, Akasha chronicles, etc.), i.e. he has unlimited access to all (!) possible information (total knowledge). What Sathya Sai Baba himself says sounds as if the last is true. ("J.Hislop: I have asked important persons around Sai if Sai is all knowing at all times, or only when he so chooses. They give different answers. Sai: Sai knows everything. That people are in doubt is due to the Maya of the Avatar." J.Hislop. My Baba and I. p.195, interview of 9.12.1980).

If we assume the first is correct, then we can explain observed mistakes and contradictions by wrong concepts and biased thoughts of some persons' mental planes which are read by Sathya Sai Baba and presented by him. If we assume that the second is correct, the only hypothesis we are able to keep is that Sathya Sai Baba does it deliberately, fully realising that people would accept everything he says as pure truth. It seems it is too difficult to find any reasonable explanation to actions of such a sort.

The only reliable conclusion we can come to is the following. There are inner conflicts and contradictions in Sathya Sai Baba's words, so they can't be taken for pure truth. That means we should apply to his words the same intellectual faculties of reasoning and discrimination that we use in regard to the rest of the world around us.

The Prophecy from Mohammed:

Asked by his disciples whether he, Mohammed, was not "the master of the world," he said **he was not**, and that no prophet of God who had ever come to this world had come with the power with which he would come.

-Soham, Feb. 1988 p. 19. Reprinted from Sathya SaiNewsletter, Fall 1983.

This prophecy is found, according to the Sai literature, in the 14th edition of the discourses of Mohammed in 25 volumes, called The Ocean Of Light, specifically, vol 13, "Mehedi Moudi". I have been unable to find any bibliographic reference to this collection, and have been advised that it is not part of the standard collections of the discourses of Mohammed. Moreover the contents of this prophecy are out of keeping with the general spirit of Mohammed's teaching. The book and its prophecy was supposedly stumbled upon somewhere in a near Eastern bookstore. Without a reliable historiographic treatment of the supposed document, there is no point in even beginning to look at the connections or lack of them between the figure supposedly prophesied by Mohammed and the life of Sai Baba. Needless to say, this treatment does not, at present, exist.

Sai Baba on Jesus' Attitude Toward Temple Ritual:

"At that time in Jerusalem Jewish religious custom routinely involved blood sacrifices of goats or other living animals...Jesus Christ saw pigeons and other animals being sold inside the temple. Money-lenders shared their profits with the priests. Every worshipper was forced to bring or buy animals and join in the slaughter. No one was spared. Jesus announced that bloodshed, money-lending, and corruption have no place in a temple built in God's name. " *---Sai Baba, quoted in Eastern View p. 98.*

According to Sathya Sai Baba, Jesus held that 'bloodshed', that is, animal sacrifice, had no place in the Temple. However the idea that Jesus was opposed not only to the money-changers in the Temple courts, but

also to the very practice of sacrifice is not supported by any ancient materials at all. Its, rather, contradicted by the ancient materials. However opposed Jesus may have been to the commercialization of the Temple courts, he is quoted several times in the Gospels instructing disciples to offer sacrifice. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is depicted as instructing a leper to bring the animal sacrifice offering as required by Mosaic law to the Temple:

Jesus said to him: See to it that you tell no one. Go and show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses prescribed. ---Gospel According To Matthew 8:4. (See also Mark 1:44 and Luke 5:14)

In the middle of his ministry, Jesus also endorsed the Temple sacrifice system:

Jesus Endorsing Sacrifice at the Temple:

If you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you leave your gift at the altar, go first to be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

--- Gospel According To Matthew, 5:23,24.

As for his attitude at the end of his ministry, the Gospels depict Jesus as instructing his disciples to make sure that the Passover sacrifice is performed on his behalf. The Passover sacrifice was performed in the city of Jerusalem at the Temple precincts so as to associate the sacrifice with the Temple.

Sai baba on Judas

“Judas Simon is well known today as the disciple who was treacherous to his spiritual guide and guardian. “
--- Sai Baba, quoted in Eastern View, p. 111

The personal name of the betrayer of Jesus is very widely known: Judas. But what was his second name, or the name which singled him out among the many Judas' of his time? Anyone familiar with the Christian literature knows that he is referred to as **Judas Iscariot**. Sathya Sai Baba, however, refers to him as `Judas Simon'.

Once again, Sai Baba's sloppiness with basic elements of the Jesus narratives is cause for astonishment. No one today knows Judas Iscariot as 'Judas Simon', and so the statement is plain wrong that "Judas Simon is well known today as the disciple who was treacherous..." Equally important, in Gospel materials, the betrayer of Jesus is referred to simply as `Judas', or as `Judas Iscariot', or as the son of a man named `Simon Iscariot'. Ancient materials do not recognize Judas Iscariot as `Judas Simon' any more than people today do. Another disciple of Jesus, however, was named Peter Simon (see for example, Mark 14: 37) and it appears that Sai Baba has gotten these various

names confused. In any case the erroneous reference to 'Judas Simon' as the betrayer of Jesus is not just a single slip. Prior to the passage quoted, Sai Baba says:

"Jesus Christ had twelve foremost disciples. Among the twelve only Judas Simon would injure Jesus, their teacher and spiritual savior. " --- Sai Baba, Eastern View, p. 111

Sai Baba's Claim that Jesus was on an Eight-Day Fast Prior to the Crucifixion:

"This shows Christ as he really was at the time he left his body, not as artists have imagined him or as historians have told about him. His stomach is pulled in and his ribs are all showing. He had no food for eight days."

---- Sai Baba, quoted in John Hislop, My Baba & I, p. 19

However the Gospels not only make no mention of this eight day fast of Jesus prior to the crucifixion, but also they positively inform us that Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare the Passover meal for him, and that Jesus participated in the ritual feast universally known as the Last Supper the night before his crucifixion!

In 1973, Sai Baba produced a small crucifix, gave it to his disciple named Dr. Hislop, and, according to Dr. Hislop, said,

"this shows Christ as He really was at the time when He left his body. No writer or artist has imagined him this way before."

----- Eastern View, p. 7

As for the claim Sai Baba makes that the crucifix *"shows Christ as he really was at the time he left his body, not as artists have imagined him or as historians have told about him"*, and *"no writer or artist has imagined him this way before,"* the following are comments from Uno Langmann, a highly reputable art, antique, and curio dealer headquartered in Vancouver B.C., and Dr. William S. Dale, Professor Emeritus in Fine Arts at the University of Western Ontario, upon inspection of the full page magnified colour photograph of the crucifix reproduced at p. xi (Plate 2) of Dr. Hislop's book, My Baba & I

(see the section on the fake cross earlier in this paper for more on this)

Sai Baba & Science.

Baba Bad Scientist!!

If one were to assume that Sai Baba was what he claims, then our mundane science will be very petty for him. It has always baffled me as to why he has never given any hints to aid science & possible medicine. As I investigate further I find that in keeping with the charlatan methods he open himself up to scrutiny on his science comments. I will now examine a few instances.

Sai Baba's Knowledge of Geology, and Its Relationship to Chemistry, Physics, and Botany,

SAI: At the center everything is liquid.

RB: Does Swami mean the world?

SAI: Yes, everything is melted. No temperature.

RB: No heat, Swami?

SAI: No temperature. Everything is liquid. Like water. Gold, iron, silver, gems, all are liquid. Next there is solid. Then trees.

JH: Trees, Swami? Trees like we see around us?

SAI: Yes, trees. Then human beings and animals. At the very center is the Divine. It is the support of everything. First is liquid, chemistry. Then solid, physics. **Then trees, botany. Then man**, the pinnacle of life. But at the center, supporting all, is the Divine. Without the Divine, where is chemistry, physics, botany? Like this will be the teaching of all courses at the University. The students will understand the full picture.

--- Sai Baba, quoted (as Sai) in Hislop, *My Baba & I*, p. 197.

Sai Baba on Einstein's Kindness to a Little Girl

"In the ward in which Einstein was living, there was a girl who was weak in mathematics and was repeatedly failing in that subject. A friend suggested to her that if she went to Einstein, the greatest living mathematician, he would help her to learn the subject well. The girl approached Einstein and he readily agreed to give her tuition everyday. The girl was immensely grateful and gained confidence from Einstein's offer. The girl's mother, who had observed her daughter going to the great mathematician for tuition everyday, felt that the little girl was wasting Einstein's time by asking him to teach her elementary mathematics. She went one day to Einstein and apologized to him for her daughter's intrusion on his valuable time. Einstein told her: "Do not think I am just teaching mathematics to her. I am learning as many things from her as I am teaching her."

- Sai Baba, discourse of Aug. 16 1987, published in Sanathana Sarathi, September 1987, quoted from reprint in Soham, (Vancouver B. C. Sai Baba newsletter) p. 17, Nov. 1987.

Ronald Clark Debunks This Story:

"With the 'great stir' [Einstein's sudden fame--ed.] there started the Einstein mythology, the complex structure of story and half-story, half-truth, quarter-truth, adorned exaggeration, and plain lie, which from now onwards increasingly surrounded his activities. ...There were many reasons for the mythology which developed from 1920 onwards. One was that inventions had good ground to grow in. Immersed in his work in Berlin, Einstein did on one occasion use a check as a bookmark; it was therefore pardonable that the story would surface as the account of how he had placed a \$1,500 check into a book and then lost the book. ... His character was kindly and gentle, and he was at least once asked by a neighbor's small girl to help with her sums; after that, small girls all over the world had Einstein doing their homework despite the fact that he had refused the request on the grounds that it would not be fair. The legends themselves, melting in the harsh

light of investigation, show not so much what sort of man he really was as what kind of man the world thought him.”

--Ronald W. Clark, *Einstein, The Life and Times*, (Avon books, N.Y., 1972 p. 310)

Mrs. Kamala Sarathy's Description of Sai Baba's Knowledge of Music:

“When I first came to Puttaparti, Swami used to sing many songs of classical Indian music as an experienced, trained singer. Our family and the Kuppam family were both trained in music, but still Swami would sometimes correct us, also on the text of the songs and the timing of the music. He was a very good singer. My late music teacher, Mr. Chidambara Iyer, who was a violinist with All India Radio in Delhi and once went with me to Swami, was much impressed with his outstanding knowledge of music, although he had never had a music teacher. Sometimes he would sing some rare compositions of Thyagaraja that only learned musicians would know.

Now they no longer sing classical songs at bhajans, only popular bhajan songs. In the evenings when my music teacher used to massage Swamiji's legs, Baba would often sing some rare compositions of Thyagaraja. So my music teacher asked him: 'Where did you learn these songs?' Baba then answered: 'Thyagaraja had these songs from me, Thyagaraja was inspired by Rama', meaning that Swami was the origin of Thyagaraja's music. “

---- Quoted in Haraldsson, *Miracles Are My Visiting Cards*, p. 150.

Where did Sai Baba learn this music? An hypothesis suggests itself when we read the previous page of Haraldsson:

“Mrs Kamala Sarathy...first met Swami in 1949...” ---Haraldsson, *ibid.*, p. 149.

This information, along with the following, makes Sai Baba's feats seem much less remarkable.

Data for Alternate Hypothesis, As Reported by Mrs. Sarathy:

“The twin brothers Mr. B. V. Lakshmanan and Mr. B. V. Raman are by profession singers of classical Indian music. They came to know Sai Baba in February 1948 when they were asked to sing at the inauguration of a temple by Sai Baba in Guindy Madras. After the inauguration Baba came to the mand and asked if they would come to Puttaparti for the Sivaratri festival... ‘We stayed for a while around Sivaratri and were frequently in Puttaparti after that.’...The singers became very close to Baba and served as personal attendants of a kind. From 1949 to 1963, they stayed with him several months a year and led the singing of the bhajans. When Baba went on visits, for example, to Madras or Venkatagiri, then they, especially Raman, would accompany him.”

--Haraldsson, *ibid.* p. 156.

Mrs. Sarathy's music teacher, Mr. Iyer 'once went for a visit'. It is obvious that if Mrs. Sarathy began visiting Sai Baba in 1949, then Mr. Iyer's visit must have been no earlier than that. Yet beginning in 1948 [the classical musicians were spending prolonged periods of time playing music together with Sai Baba](#). **Plainly, Sai Baba had plenty of opportunity to learn classical Indian music from Laskhmanan and Raman**, if not from others even earlier. In investigations of supposedly paranormal feats or abilities, one should always be cautious of claims like, "He couldn't have learned it through normal means." People who believe these claims without investigating them will themselves learn very little through normal means; and one hopes for their sakes that there are paranormal ways of acquiring knowledge--otherwise they will be very ignorant!

Materializations.



There is not one single scientifically controlled study of his supposed "materializations". There are thousands of reports, but these are mostly made by advance believers in his powers, and he is proven on film and by testimony to have been using sleight of hand many times

Sai Baba "he even took a person out of the morgue of a hospital 12 hours after he had died." This has been definitively proven not to be the case by the researches of Prof. Erlendur Haraldsson of Iceland, who investigated thoroughly and interviewed all the doctors involved. All denied that the patient, Mr. Walter Cowan, had died or that

any death certificate (as claimed) had ever been issued. What Mr. Gutter believes on the basis of hearsay is refuted by the facts and also by the testimony of another devotee, a young man known to me too, as reported on the web by Sharon Purcell, who was there with the Cowans throughout that period.

Swiss Watch Materializations

T. Ganesh U. Pai in Conversation with a Sai Baba Devotee Who Is a Lawyer

I told him, "The godman you mentioned had given a Swisswatch, allegedly produced from thin air by waving his apparently empty hands, to one of my brothers. Any dispute on this?"

"No", he replied.

"Then let us go into the facts about the watch so produced." I said. "One of the possibilities explained is that, prior to giving this watch, the godman transforms himself into another form and appears in Switzerland, Hongkong, Japan or such other place, lands in a watch shop, buys the watch and then reappears in his original form before his devotee and presents the watch. Mind you all this is supposed to have happened in a split of a second."

I added, "Granting this was true, then the godman did not go through customs and immigrations before he left his country. He purchased a watch paying foreign currency not released by the reserve Bank of India and again returned without the knowledge of customs and immigration authorities. This would amount to smuggling the watch. It is not only to my brother that he had presented the watch. He had given to thousands of others. Would this not lead to the fact that your godman is involved in a smuggling racket?"

"If this is not the version, the second possibility explained is that on account of his divine powers, he is able to move things from one place to another. If this be so, I added, "You all say that your god man does not accept anything from any one and if he has no other business or occupation, he could not possibly have any possessions, and so it should be concluded that this watch did not belong to him. Still he has managed to produce it, and it amounts to stealing the same from somewhere."

"The third possibility is that as he has claimed to be the Creator himself, he has the power to materialize this watch from thin air! If this is true," I said, "**had he created his own brand, possibly we could not have said anything. But he has created duplicate watches of well known foreign companies with their monogram, serial number etc., without their knowledge, consent or license to produce. This amounts to infringement of their patent rights.**"

"The only possibility I can think of," I said, "is that some devotee like you might have presented him one watch which he hid somewhere in his person and brought it out mysteriously as a magician would do. But you all deny he would do so. If his production is not like that of a magician, the other methods, if true, would amount to a fraud! That is all, your honour", I said.

The lawyer, not being able to give me any logical explanations to the questions posed by me, left the place, remarking, "You are incorrigible."

From an article by T. Ganesh U. Pai, in Indian Skeptic#1 May 1988 pp. 23-25.

Water Into Gas

According to the story, Sai Baba was in a car that would not start because the tank was empty. He ordered that water be poured into the gas tank. Water was poured in, and lo and behold, the car went for miles.

Premanand's Response to These Claims:

“...Baba dipped his finger in the can and ordered the contents of the can to be poured in the petrol tank.”

All were surprised. What! Water into the petrol tank? The faithless forgot to check whether the water can contained petrol or water. The order was so instantaneous, the driver was so quick and he emptied the contents into the petrol tank. He switched on the ignition and the car started...The faithless did not want to be small minded and with limited intellects, and so they joined the faithful and sang his glories. "His divine will indeed can create anything anywhere and instantly." This incident happened 18 years ago.

On 30th May 1976 Baba went to Shrishaila in Kerala via Gudalur to lay foundation stone for a college there. Mathrubhum! reported that tens of thousands of people assembled there with longing in pouring rains to have a glance of him who had proclaimed himself `God of Gods'....Though Baba did not desire publicity, the press had been invited with all paraphernalia to take photographs and report the function of the Sarvadaivathwa Swarupa. The land was transformed into a fairyland with decorations, but as Sathya Sai Baba did not like pomp and show, he ordered the rains to wash everything out. Though an elephant with well dressed girls on both sides with lights and 'thalappoli` waited to welcome the God, because the rains were heavy he could not be welcomed.

After the laying of the foundation, Baba returned to Ooty in full splendor of the great welcome of the devoted people of Kerala but on the hills the car would not move as even the car was thunderstruck by the heartfelt welcome at Shrishaila. As the car did not move, Baba could have waved his hand to repair the car with his genuine power which transformed earth into sky and sky into earth. But the car did not move, and he had to go by another car. Only after the mechanics from a well known workshop came and repaired it, the car returned to Baba's Nandanavanam...

(Source: Premanand, Lure Of Miracles, pp. 46-48.)

THE AIRPLANE RESCUE "MIRACLE"

This is a very popular story that was doing the rounds in 1995-6.

Myth: An airplane, preparing for landing, in Venezuela, ran into some very serious trouble. The pilot announced that all was lost. A Sai Baba devotee on board prayed to Sai Baba, and saw Sai Baba appear in the skies!!!! He appeared to be holding his right hand, palm facing up, and actually holding the plane, till it landed safely. The Sai Baba devotee, quickly took out her camera and snapped a picture of "Swami in the skies, among the clouds" (Rs 50-/- in PN, by the way) . This incident was reported in The "Venezuela Times" next day as "Indian Saint appears in mid air to save plane"



Effect: Spectacular!!! What a great miracle!! Swami is giving another example of his Omniscience and control over nature and saving Grace!!! Reported to all and sundry, along with thousands of copies of the photo sold and distributed. When Sai Baba was asked about his comments, he said grandly after taking a look at the photo "*where a devotee's heart is pure, Swami would even save hundreds of people by traveling anywhere*". Later, news trickles in from the inner circle that actually as the plane was going to crash; Swami was telling those around him that he had just been to the other part of the world to save a plane as a devotee had called. How fantastic!!!!

Fact: Like most landings, the pilot was expecting a bumpy touch down, that is all. And like all Sai Baba devotees (if any of you have ever flown with Sai Baba devotees, you will know what I am saying), this particular devotee instantly started praying to Sai Baba. She had with her a copy of "Avatar" by Howard Murphet which she was reading and held the book close to her heart. As it was quite into early evening and slightly dark, she saw the reflection of the photo on the book cover on the glass window of the plane (the picture she took is an exact replica of the photo on the cover of "Avatar", surrounded by clouds). She was already in a panicky state of mind, and greatly excited, snapped what she thought she saw through the glass window, with her camera. The situation with the plane was ok, and they landed alright.

This was never reported in any newspaper, and **there is no paper called "Venezuela Times"**. All the extra stories about Sai Baba talking about the incident when it is supposed to have happened were later additions, and Sai Baba had later addressed a person during a group interview and said " didn't I tell you when I was going to save that plane? " and of course, the close devotee said "yes, you did, Swami" , who would quarrel with God ????

Result: One more spectacular "miracle" goes into the records! sets out.

SATHYA SAI BABA TELLS UNTRUTHS ABOUT HIS OWN HEALTH?

"One day, nine years ago, after having a head bath, I wanted to dry My hair. One of the American doctors had lovingly presented a hair-drier to Me. When I was trying to use the same, the power supply was cut off. It was restored when I was having a close look at the drier. Consequently, a sudden gust of hot air ripped through My eye damaging the retina. I was least perturbed. One eye is sufficient to see this wide world.

Dr. Hemanth Murthy (ophthalmic surgeon) pleaded with Me to undergo an eye operation as well, along with the hip surgery. The damaged retina, which was removed from My eye, was as dark as charcoal. Since then I am able to see clearly with both My eyes "

posted on the large Sai website
(June, 2003)<http://free.hostdepartment.com/m/manojap/darshan2.htm>

This may sound perfectly normal to the 'untrained eye' (pun intended), however if we examine this closer we find that :

- What is the chances of a common hair dryer damaging the retina?
- Retina was removed? Mmmm!

The retina is protected by the cornea and the lens, so it is highly unlikely that it could be damaged by a quick blast of hot air from a hair dryer!

This report is therefore judged inaccurate, which is very typical of so many reports on Sathya Sai, definitely not excluding his own statements either. An 'edited' version of his discourses appears monthly in Sanathana Sarathi for July 2003, where Sathya Sai Baba is reported saying he had a lens replaced. The cornea could have been damaged and the lens (protected by the cornea) could possibly have been affected. But the accounts are contradictory, as usual. As often happens, Sanathana Sarathi reported differently... that Sathya Sai Baba said it was the lens that was damaged.

And now Sai's contradicting statement:

"One day, some nine years ago, I was trying to dry My hair with a hair dryer presented to Me by an American doctor." (Note: he claims he NEVER accepts anything from anyone!!) "I am not accustomed to using modern gadgets. When I was trying to use the same, the electricity went off. While I was having a close look at the dryer to know why it was not working, electricity was restored. Consequently, a sudden gust of hot air blew into My left eye and **damaged the eye lens.** But I was least perturbed. I thought, one eye is sufficient to see this wide world. Sahasra Seersha Purusha Sahasraksha Pad (God has a thousand heads, eyes and feet)."

"When I was in the hospital for hip surgery, Dr. Hemanth Murthy (ophthalmic surgeon) prayed to me to undergo and eye operation as well.He performed the operation and replaced the lens. Since then I am able to see clearly with both My eyes. (Loud prolonged applause)"

---(Discourse, 5 July 2003)

We can also surmise that Sathya Sai Baba may not have suffered retinal damage for 9 years (it is a very serious condition) but have simply had an operation for an advanced stage of cataract, which is blurring of vision and, if untreated, leads to blindness. Cataract which affects the lens can result from a former trauma and also from old age. Medical textbooks state that traumatic cataract can follow bruising or penetrative injury.

The accident with a hair of his elephant, Sai Geetha, which pierced one of his eyes may have been the true cause . Glass-blower cataract comes of long exposure to excessive light and radiant heat (eg. in the glass-blowing and iron-smelting industries). Cataract can also result from diabetes. In senile cataract opacity develops very slowly as a degenerative process in later life.

Replacement of the lens is a standard treatment precisely for cataract. Cataract is undoubtedly an illness, not just the result of an accident. In Sathya Sai Baba 's case it would most likely have grown worse over the period of nine years. This amounts to physical ill-health, which he always says he never has. **But now he admits of ill health:-**

"For the past one month, all of you could not have Swami's Darshan. What is the reason? The reason is the ill health of this body. I have neither taken upon Myself the illness of anybody nor has it emerged from this body. Today I am revealing the truth to you."

As usual, Sathya Sai Baba and his medical cronies reveal as little as possible about him, it seems, and often not even the actual facts. This is not surprising in view of his constant claims of always being in perfect health because he is so pure, selfless, patient, persevering etc., allegedly. resulting in perfect bodily health (i.e. no roga or 'illness!'). He said, perhaps rather injudiciously, on June 2nd, 2003 in his discourse:

"Doubt is like a cataract that blurs our vision. A person with cataract in his eyes cannot see his own wife and children even if they are standing by his side. Similarly, one with doubts cannot see God. You have to undergo 'cataract' operation to have vision of God."

How could he then admit to having had a cataract himself? It would be that much too patently revealing

His servitors evidently want to confuse the issue and so cover over the facts. Their typical secrecy and the "official reason" (i.e. a cover-up lie) about what had happened is evident from the posting from <http://geocities.com/manojap1000/darshan.htm>

"On 4th early morning darshan was cancelled. The official reason given for the cancellation of the morning darshan was the central trust meeting. It is learned that in spite of physical injury to his leg he attended the central trust meeting in the morning of 4th June. All the central trust members had come for the meeting.

By afternoon the message has spread and hordes of anxious devotees came to Whitefield. The officials informed that there is only slight injury and darshan is temporarily suspended.

It is learned that Swami will give darshan only after he has willed his injury to heal and when that happens only he knows."

As in Sanathana Sarathi, the 'Kingdom of Sai' website also reported Sathya Sai Baba as saying:

"This eye has not seen the world for the last 9 years (Swami indicated His left eye). Now I am able to see very clearly."

The "all-knowing avatar" whose name is "truth" and claims to be "all-seeing" and to know the past, present and future of everyone and everything. He speaks of having a thousand eyes!! [Why does he need physical eyes then? Who can tell - "it is all his mystery, you see"] He has previously stated:-

"Doctors know that in the eye there are billions of cells which react to light rays. If any of these cells are affected, the vision is affected...." And "I am 70 years now. I can see even an ant that is far away. It is physical power. What is the reason? Diet control.." (Sanathana Sarathi, July 1995, page 171-2 also Sathya Sai Speaks Vol. 28 - p. 186).

"I do not suffer from any kind of disease because there is no trace of greed in Me. That is why I am always healthy..." (Sanathana Sarathi September 2002, page 257f) 186)

"Purity, patience and perseverance. With these three you are bound to acquire good health and bliss. You may believe it or not. But the truth is that these three are responsible for my health (Arogya) and bliss. " (Ananda)" (Sanathana Sarathi July 1995, p. 173)

In November 1998, my close friend V.K. Narasimhan, the editor of Sanathana Sarathi, who confided in me regularly about many of his personal matters - especially those concerning diverse very troubling events he had witnessed and heard, told me that Sathya Sai Baba had just told him that he was in 100% good health. He reported that Sai Baba had also told him once that, during the 1980s, his elephant Sai Geetha had pierced

one of his eyes with a hair on her trunk, which are as sharp as needles. This had caused him much pain at the time and a bloodshot eye, he told VKN, but he said that it had healed up naturally without medication. I had seen that he had a blood-red eye for some weeks early in 1985, and also again some years later.

V.K. Narasimhan had - on Sai Baba's advice - suffered a temporarily successful operation to one eye in 1992 which became infected by Prashanthi's germ-laden dust. Directly, Sathya Sai Baba applied vibuti on the veranda but this failed to cure the infection... so VKN lost his vision totally within a day or so. All this was well known to staff and insider residents of the ashrams, who never publicise anything that could reflect back on their Lord and Ruler. Despite that, Sathya Sai Baba insisted that he continue editing Sanathana Sarathi, though he told me several times that he really wanted to compose a book on the question of avatarhood instead (he doubted that Sai was what he claimed, certainly not omniscient or omnipotent). Considering his own eye problem, he would certainly have discussed any eye problem Sathya Sai Baba might have had at that time and the alleged successful retina operation, as he exchanged news with him and was close beside him for hours daily from then on until he fell ill and was hospitalised and died in March 2000. But he had heard nothing about it.

In short, since one simply cannot rely on what Sathya Sai Baba says about his own condition, for what can anyone rely on him?

Scientific Studies on Sai Baba



Prof Erlendur Haraldsson

Picture 4 University of
Iceland Faculty of Social
Science

Prof Erlendur Haraldsson, has written many papers, on Sai Baba, however even though he has never been allowed full access to Sai Baba in a controlled laboratory situation, *“Regrettably, Sai Baba has never yielded to requests for him to participate in controlled experimental testing of his apparent abilities. As a result the evidence supporting his phenomena consists of informal observations, a wealth of eye witness testimony, and films/videotapes when he is seen producing allegedly paranormal phenomena “* (see Haraldsson & Osis, 199; Osis & Haraldsson, 1979; Haraldsson 1987)” Haraldsson & Wiseman 1995)

Prof Erlendur Haraldsson bases 100% of his argument on the fact that there are hundreds of eyewitnesses to the phenomena therefore it must be real. He places himself in a position of support for Baba with the lack of scientific data. Purely, unscientific. His conclusions on the Nov 1992 video footage of Sai Baba fraudulently ‘materializing’ a gold chain, where:

1. Poor quality of tape which “leaves much to be desired and limits inferences that can be drawn from it...”
2. Material was recorded in “ less-than ideal conditions”
3. Film footage have been edited parts were missing.

Unfortunately this man is a professor; this is an example of science ‘gone bad’. This report and others of this professor shows how one can impose one’s own belief into a concept and call it science.

Haraldsson wrote that the biggest materialized object that he saw was about 5 inches (12.5 cm) big and according to him, some miracles attributed or performed by SSB resemble the ones described in the New Testament.

In 1976 the physicist rationalist and then the vice chancellor of Bangalore University Dr. H. Narasimhaiah who founded and chaired The Committee to Investigate Miracles and Other Verifiable Superstitions **publicly challenged Sathya Sai Baba to perform his miracles under controlled circumstances, a challenge which Sathya Sai Baba ignored.**

The committee exposed a boy called Sai Krishna that, according to the committee, had SSB’s endorsement as a fraud. SSB said in one of his rare interviews with the press (Blitz magazine September 1976) that he had no connection to Sai Krishna and that he found the attitude of the committee improper and that the committee did not understand spiritual life. As a result of this episode, a public debate about SSB raged for months in Indian newspapers.

The Canadian skeptic Dr. Dale Beyerstein concluded in 1994 in his extensive literature study of SSB's claims and miracles that SSB's extraordinary claims needed extraordinary evidence and that SSB provided insufficient evidence to support them.

The 1995 TV documentary "Guru Busters" by UK's Channel 4 accused the guru of faking his materializations. The magazine India Today published on 4 December 2000 a cover story about the Baba and the allegations of fake miracles quoting the magician P.C. Sorcar, Jr. who considered the Baba a fraud.

The skeptic and amateur magician Basava Premanand asserted that he has been investigating SSB since 1968. He also asserted he was a member of the Sathya Sai Organisation between 1968 until 1974 and showed in the 2004 BBC documentary Secret Swami that he could produce some of the same acts as SSB that the latter presents as miracles, such as materializations by sleight of hand and the production of a lingam from his mouth by regurgitation. Critics such as David C. Lane and SSB's former followers have footage of his alleged materialization on their websites that they consider at least suspicious and at most evidence of fraud.

In 1986 Premanand and K. N. Balagopal, a rationalist advocate in the Supreme Court of India, filed a court complaint against Sathya Sai Baba for allegedly violating the now repealed Gold Control Act that imposed restrictions on the "manufacture, possession, sale and transfer of gold" since Sathya Sai Baba "materialized" gold ornaments to be given to devotees. High Court Judge Justice Y.V. Anjaneyulu, a follower of SSB, dismissed the complaint citing that an article materialized by spiritual powers cannot be said to have been manufactured, prepared or processed.

(Source: http://www.experiencefestival.com/a/Sathya_Sai_Baba/id/1896954)

Haraldsson's Report of Sai Baba's Reasons for Refusal:

Baba went into a spirited discourse, aimed at us, attacking scientists. He said that scientists could not understand the spiritual, and he insisted that the spiritual starts where science ends. We found ourselves back to our earlier discourse on the need for experimentation and empirical research on paranormal phenomena, of which he was allegedly a master.

When we showed Baba the few things that we had brought with us to test the paranormality of his materializations experimentally, he politely put them aside. It would be black magic to exhibit his powers that way, he stated. (http://www.rfjvds.dds.nl/ex-baba/engels/articles/p_holbach/dbbooke/6sundry.htm)

Sai Baba's Excuse for Refusing Scientific Tests:

Here are Sai Baba's excuses:

"How can science which is bound to a physical and materialist outlook investigate transcendental phenomena beyond its scope, reach or comprehension? This is a fallacy on the face of it. One belongs to the material and the other to a spiritual plane. *Science must confine its inquiry only to things belonging to the human senses*, while spiritualism transcends the senses. If you want to understand the nature of spiritual power you can do so only through the path of spirituality and not science. What science has been able to unravel is merely a fraction of the cosmic phenomena; it tends, however, to exaggerate its contribution..."

“As I have said before, Dr. Narasimhiah and his group are like the Telugu men who go to the cinema to see a Tamil film. They will see only the dancing, the fighting and violence, the heroes and villains, the star with a beautiful face and these kinds of superficial things, but they will lose the subtler aspects such as the music and the poetry, the plot, the dialogue, the jokes and the like.”

“However as I have said again and again, those who want to understand me are welcome here. It is the spirit of the investigation that is important. Foreign parapsychologists have come here and examined me in such a positive and constructive spirit. You have seen their reports. They do not write letters or make public demands.

Narasimhiah's approach was improper; that is why I rejected it. If it were not so, he would have been welcome.”

-Sai Baba, Interview with Karanjia, reprinted in Sandweiss, Spirit And Mind, pp. 252, 253

[Beyerstein, Dale Dr. (1994) Sai Baba's miracles: an overview available online at:
http://www.rfjvds.dds.nl/ex-baba/engels/articles/p_holbach/dbbooke/cont.htm]

World Bank Issues

*"All the authorities of the World Bank came here. They declared, "We have not heard about and we have not seen, in any place or in any country, this kind of seva. (Applause) Sathya Sai Baba is giving water like this to Madras which is somewhere else (far from Puttaparthi)." Today a phone call came saying that the World Bank authorities had said, "**We will give the entire cost of this.**" (the project to supply drinking water to Madras) (Applause)*

"See! On Ugadi day! Sacred results will come when there are sacred feelings.

"The Bank authorities said, "You don't need to think anymore (worry) at all. You don't need to come to us again. We will give help to you. We will give any number of crores." (One crore is ten million rupees.)

This all sounds highly improbable, even on first sight. Consultation of the World Bank website (www.worldbank.org) provides the following helpful information:

*"The World Bank is a lending institution whose aim is to help integrate countries into the wider world economy and promote long-term economic growth that reduces poverty in developing countries. ... It provides loans to member countries ... **The World Bank lends only to developing or transition countries...**"*

So: the World Bank LENDS money to SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS, not to non-governmental institutions like the SSO.

Internet

"(Swami prompts the translator to say internet and the translator says "Internet".) "Swami has no connection with any internet. There is no connection between internet and Swami. Not only today, but forever. At no time there will be any connection." – Sai Baba

Ironically, since 1999, the SSO has supported three huge official Internet sites for spreading publicity and archival material about SSB, and the number of unofficial sites spreading the SSB story has mushroomed.

The Little Bible

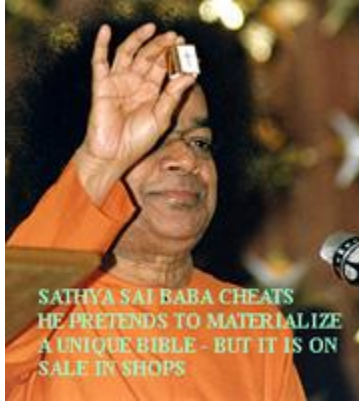
The so-called '**little Bible**' that Sathya Sai Baba pretended to 'manifest' at Christmas some years ago and claimed was unique, **was identical in appearance to one sold widely in India and elsewhere**, and which can even be bought at Sathya Sai Baba shops here and there, such as in Australia, according to Brian Steel's investigations. All of these 'miraculous' productions fit a pattern... the name of which must surely be 'cunning deceit'. Then there are the golden lingams that Sathya Sai Baba doubtless swallows (an oft-demonstrated yogic technique, such as by the convicted Swami Premananda and wandering fakirs) within 24 hours of Shivarathri day, and which he then regurgitates with much ado, claiming that all the gold of which it supposedly consists was present in his body all along. This last is quite preposterous.

Brian Steel investigations

"Perhaps to live up to his audience's expectations of spectacular Christmas revelations, however, Baba goes on to announce and to produce what he refers to (XXIX, p.394) as "a book compiled in Britain around 1530 A.D. containing **all the information about Jesus gathered during the preceding centuries**. The Russians condensed all the material in a small book [in which language?] which they preserved in a place on the Black Sea coast [not named]." The official report continues: [Svaami produced the little book by a circular wave of His hand and held it before the audience.] "This is the book. You can see the cross on the cover page. **The book was designed to demonstrate the common features of all religions**. What is contained in this book is not to be found even in the Bible. **It contains an entirely new account of the life of Jesus.**" [Bold type added]"

He continues.

"Apart from SB's three conflicting descriptions of the book's contents, this is a most disturbing performance because on a video of the 'materialisation', Baba merely seems to pluck the miniature book (2 and a half centimetres by 3 and a quarter) from below the ledge of the table he is leaning on. Photographs of Baba holding up the tiny book were immediately circulated in Puttaparthi. One of these is on the cover of the Spanish edition of the January 1997 issue of Sanathana Sarathi (El Eterno Conductor) for that same month. However, the mysterious book appears to be nothing more than a copy of the "Good News" edition of the New Testament, freely and cheaply available in India , and overseas. (See Chapter 6) [Of Sathya Sai Baba: God or Guru?]"



Sathya Sai Baba pretends that this is a very special tiny Bible - which he was claimed to have "materialized" during his Christmas Discourse in 1996 (*but did not let anyone inspect it and it was seen no more after the discourse*). Now the reason for its "disappearance" is obvious... **for it is on sale in many shops, and can also be bought on-line** as in the above capture of details from the website. In fact, this Bible contains nothing but a selection of texts from the Old and New Testaments, including all of the four gospels. However, that is not at all what Sai Baba claimed it to be: "a book compiled in Britain around 1530 A.D. containing **all the information about Jesus gathered during the preceding centuries**. The Russians condensed all the material in a small book [in which language?] which they preserved in a place on the Black Sea coast [not named]." (Sathya Sai Speaks, Vol. XXIX, p.394). The

official report continues: [Svaami produced the little book by a circular wave of His hand and held it before the audience.] "This is the book. You can see the cross on the cover page. The book **was designed to demonstrate the common features of all religions**. What is contained in this book is not to be found even in the Bible. **It contains an entirely new account of the life of Jesus.**"

This last claim is a complete and utter calculated lie, for it contains no such thing whatever! Someone had obtained a copy and given it to him, no doubt, and - assuming that his followers would automatically believe he had materialized it - he invented a cock-and-bull story about its origin. Did he not carry out this charade - this adharmic cheating - to try to attract more Christians to his sheepfold and give his lagging followers a bit of news, which they always crave?

The researcher Brian Steel writes:

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Sai Baba bomb claim demolishes his credibility

(December 7th 2008)

Some days before the horrendous Mumbai terrorist attack, where grenades and bombs were used, Sathya Sai Baba pronounced "**India will never have any such attacks**" - but India did, and has had many such attacks (see below). This is another stupendous gaffe by the self-proclaimed Omniscient Omnipotent Creator of the Universe!

Sathya Sai Baba said in his Convocation address, 22-10-2008:-

“India is the only place where people are not worried about any attacks. In America , Germany and other countries, they cant eat well or sleep well. There is fear of bombs always in those countries. But in India, there is no fear of bombs. India will never have any such attacks.” Sathya Sai Baba 22-10-2008

The complete falsity of the claim that India is the “only place which is not worried about any attacks” is clear to everyone. There have been a long series of bomb attacks in India - **the whole Air India building in Bombay was blown to bits** with great loss of life and terrible consequences in the form of riots. The **seven separate train bombings in Mumbai in July 2008** earlier this year had a devastating effect. That there is such fear of bombs in Germany or USA that its peoples “cant eat or sleep” is the height of absurdity! The fact is that most Indians can’t eat well due to massive poverty - at least 40 million live on under US\$1.- per day.

Car Giveaway.

“Everyone gets a new car!”

So now I turn my attention to the the reward Raju’s policy

<http://www.saipetition.net/cgi-bin/pet.cgi>

Appendix

Public Petition for Official Investigations of Sathya Sai Baba and His Worldwide Organization

TO: ALL GOVERNMENTS, HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS, ALL RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS, NGOs, POLITICIANS AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONARIES, AND THE MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL COUNTRIES.

This Petition is to bring attention to serious allegations of child molestation and homosexual abuse by Sathya Sai Baba at his ashrams in South India, involving many victims there including boys and young men visiting from other countries. Another grave concern is the issue of unresolved murders at Sai Baba's main ashram in 1993. Sathya Sai Baba, an Indian man who claims to be the full manifestation of God on earth, is worshipped by several million followers from most countries of the world. These followers include heads of state, royalty and other well-known dignitaries. In the highest echelons of the Indian government, judiciary, and civil service (IAS) are many followers, including former Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee and the current Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh.

Sathya Sai Baba has been charged by many individual victims of his assaults. The world's leading investigative newspaper media have reported on his alleged sexual molestations of numerous boys and young men from all over the world, many of whom were raised to believe that he was God Almighty. Some of the many highly credible personal testimonies can be examined at <http://www.saiguru.net/> or at <http://www.exbaba.com/>.

Certain officials of the Sathya Sai Organization have failed in their moral and compassionate duty by disregarding and not alerting membership to the allegations, thus putting minors at risk in Sai Baba's presence. (In some countries, sexual abuse is taken so seriously that Mandatory Reporting laws exist.) These officials, some being educators and health care professionals, have lacked the moral courage to exercise due care, instead complying with a campaign of secrecy and cover-up, the alleged molestations having continued for at least 30 years. A directive was issued to various high office-bearers in the organization banning discussion of these allegations in the centres.

The US State Department is aware of these many allegations of sexual abuse and in effect for all US travellers going to India, making specific reference to Andhra Pradesh State, where Sathya Sai Baba's main ashram is located. (see below, 1-) In mid 2004, as referred to in the BBC's *The Secret Swami*, the US State Department confirmed to the BBC that Sathya Sai Baba was, in fact, the Indian religious teacher referred to, but not by name, in its warning to US travellers to Andhra Pradesh.

Further, a British MP has lodged questions in the House of Commons concerning possible risk to the children of UK citizens visiting Sai Baba in India. (see below, 2-)

UNESCO officially withdrew from an educational conference planned for September 2000 at Sai Baba's ashram under the auspices of the Sathya Sai Organization, citing "widely reported allegations of sexual abuse involving youth and children ... levelled at the leader of the movement in question, Sathya Sai Baba." (see below, 3-)

In June 1993, Sai Baba passively stood by while six persons were murdered in his apartments in Prashanthi Nilayam independent township, his main ashram, known to be completely under his strict control. After discussions between Sai Baba's officials and the local police, the police shot at close range and in cold blood killed four of these persons. Although Sai Baba reportedly first spoke to the intruders and remained nearby throughout the whole episode, conferring with his officials, he was not even questioned by police or law investigators! Due to their serious inconsistency and ineptitude, the case was taken over from the local police by the CBI, but the entire investigation was subsequently quashed by government order by the intervention of devotees of Sai Baba holding top positions of political power. Thus, no adequate court action was taken and no justice or redress was possible for the victims' families. (see below, 4 and 5-)

In terms of human rights, local governments, as well as the national government of India, are obliged to investigate all well-founded accusations of violations of human rights they receive. To sustain police or judicial inactivity violates the human rights of the victims and turns also the civil authorities into violators of human rights.

We appeal to all those who wish that these matters should be properly investigated, and who wish that the responsible persons be made accountable through proper legal process, to PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION. We especially appeal to all religious and spiritual leaders, NGOs, politicians and official functionaries, and the media organizations of all countries to participate. This Petition is for the benefit of the general public and will be sent to any relevant authority that may forward the Petition. Please see sign-up instructions on the page.

The initiators of this Petition (see the Undersigned, below) each left the Sathya Sai Baba cult for various reasons. Some have been active members of the Sathya Sai Organization for many years, others did not hold office in the SSO but were devoted followers. See personal resignation letters at www.saiguru.net

SOURCE DOCUMENTATION

Source documentation for the above matters is to be found on the Internet at a number of websites, as follows:

1. The US State Department's warning to citizens travelling to Andhra Pradesh, November 23, 2001:

India - Consular Information Sheet

Under the heading CRIME INFORMATION found under 'Consular information' at http://travel.state.gov/travel/warnings_consular.html - by scrolling down and selecting 'India', and scrolling down on that page one reads:-

"U.S. citizens should be aware that there have been reports of inappropriate sexual behavior by a prominent local religious leader at an ashram or religious retreat located in Andhra Pradesh. Most of the reports indicate that the subjects of these approaches have been young male devotees, including a number of U.S. citizens. Although these reports are unconfirmed, U.S. citizens should be aware of this information and contact the U.S. Consulate General in Chennai for further information." (The page remained as posted by the U.S. State Department as of 2006)

As of May 25, 2004, the U.S. State Department will verify that the 'local religious leader' is in fact Sathya Sai Baba. For enquiries other than by the Media, contact: John C. Peters, <PetersJC2@state.gov> Phone: 202 64... Citizen Services Specialist for India, American Citizen's Services Unit. U.S. State Department. Washington, D.C. For further details, click here.

Sai Baba is by far the most prominent religious leader in Andhra Pradesh. The actual name was no doubt omitted only because charges have not been laid.

2. British MP Tony Colman's question in Parliament and letter to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Tony Blair's reply. (See: Motion in The House of Commons, U.K. by M.P. Tony Colman - which is from the UK's House of Commons website and Letter by Prime Minister Tony Blair)

3. The International Headquarters of UNESCO issued a formal Media Advisory on September 15, 2000 (go to UNESCO advisory here) stating that it would no longer sponsor or take part in a conference it had been due to co-organize with the Institute of Sathya Sai Education (Thailand) and The Flinders University Institute of International Education (Australia). The Advisory said that UNESCO was no longer associated in any way –

through sponsorship, organization or participation of any kind – with the conference and that UNESCO was deeply concerned about widely-reported allegations of sexual abuse involving youths and children that had been levelled at the leader of the movement in question, Sathya Sai Baba. (The complete text of UNESCO WITHDRAWS FROM CONFERENCE – Paris 15/9/2000 – can be read on the website www.saiguru.net). Neither UNESCO nor any other branch of the UNO has had any cooperation with the Sathya Sai Organization since then.

4. The four executed followers, who reportedly only wished to speak to Sai Baba, killed two of Sai Baba's attendants in a knife fight. Sai Baba later publicly declared that there was no attempt on his life.

Commenting upon the murders at the time, the International Chairman of Sai Baba's Organization and a member of the Sathya Sai Central Trust, Indulal Shah, stated to pressmen: "...the matter is purely internal and we do not wish to have any law enforcement agency investigating into it." (The Hindu, 10-6-1993). The only possible meaning of this is that the International Chairman of the Sathya Sai Organization would put the perpetrators of such major crimes completely above and beyond the law. This is exactly what has occurred so far.

5. For a documentation of most relevant reports, transcripts, proceedings and related materials on the murders issue, examine the 844-page book *Murders in Sai Baba's Bedroom* by B. Premanand (publ. Premanand. 11/7 Chettipalayam Road, Podnadur, 641 023 Tamil Nadu, India). An overview covers the history of the alleged sexual abuses by Sathya Sai Baba. Transcripts and other data can be examined at <http://home.hetnet.nl/~ex-baba/english.html> – under the textbox "Murders" (see especially: "Excerpts from newspaper reports about the murders in Sai Baba's vicinity").

6. The BBC one-hour documentary "The Secret Swami" for BBC2 & BBC WORLD television (2004), in which first-hand testimonies about the sexual allegations and about the murder investigations are given - and in which leading persons in the Sai Organisation and former Indian Government are questioned - can be viewed in summary and short video clips ([click here](#))

Sincerely,

THE JuST GROUP (Just Seekers of Truth),

*****END OF PETITION*****



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

23 January 2002

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your letter of 2 January about Sai Baba, and the possibility that I might meet him on my recent visit to India.

I very much appreciate you and your constituent's warnings of the potential meeting with Sai Baba. In the event, I did not encounter him during the visit.

Officials in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and other Government Departments are aware of the many allegations against Sai Baba. Our High Commission in New Delhi and Deputy High Commission in Chennai continue to monitor the situation closely. However, as I understand, FCO Ministers explained to you last year, there is little that the Government can do. Those who have complaints against Sai Baba will have to take them to the Indian police. No formal charges have been brought against him.

I am sorry that your constituent feels that he was treated discourteously by FCO officials. They have had frequent contact with him in the past, and have always tried to be helpful. On this occasion, they passed his concerns about the possible meeting instantly to my staff in No10 and to officials in India.

Yours ever,

Mr Tony Colman MP

Tony

**IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE OF 1ST
CLASS, PENUKONDA.**

Crime No. 25/93 of Puttaparthi P.S.,

POST-MORTEM CERTIFICATE

No. 36/93

Regarding the body of the male aged about 40 years, Named Suresh Santharam Prabhu. Requisition received at 1-00 p.m. on 7-6-93 from the M.E.M. of Puttaparthi with his letter No. 25/93 dated 7.6.1993. Body in charge of Police Constable No. 118 Named Rama Murthy.

Identification and caste marks:

- 1) A Block mole on the Left Chest.**
- 2) A Block Mole on Left thigh.**

The body was first seen, by the under signed at 3.30 p.m. on 7.6.1993.

Its condition then was not decomposed.

Post-mortem commenced at 3.30 p.m. on 7.6.93.

Appearances found at the post-mortem. A Hindu male of well built and well nourished. Rigor Mortis present all over the Body.

***Injuries:* (1) An oval shaped injury on the Right chest back in the Scapular Area 3 cms x 2 Cms. Edges inverted and abraded. Singeing present. The injury entered into the chest cavity by breaking Right scapula and 2nd, 3rd and 4th ribs. Posteriorly the Injury passed into the upper lobe of Right Lung on the posterior as pech. 1 cm x 1 cm. Oval in shape. Lung Lacerated Right thracie cavity contained 5 ounces of Blood. Left Lung normal and pale. Heart normal and pale. Stomach normal pale and empty. All other organs are normal and pale. The above Injury is Firearm Injury of wound of entry.**

***Opinion:* Died of shock and hemorrhage due to Firearm Injury about 12 to 36 hours Prior to Autopsy, the injury is Ante-mortem. Bullet from the Right Lung removed and preserved.**

Penukonda,

Dt. 7.6.93.

Sd. G.V. Prasad.

(Dr. G.V. PRASAD) C.A.S.

Seen: Id. M.VR.N.,

J.F.C.M.

9-6-93.

Sealed: District Munsif's Court, Penukonda.

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IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS

MAGISTRATE, PENUKONDA

Cr. No. 25/93 of Puttaparthi P.S.,

POST-MORTEM CERTIFICATE

No. 37/93.

Regarding the body of a male aged about 25 years. Named: K. Sai Ram, Requisition received at:1 p.m. on 7-6-93 from the S.H.O. of Mandal Executive Magistrate Puttaparthi with his letter No. 25193 dated: 7-6-1993 Body in charge of Police Constable No. 118

Name.....

Identification and caste marks:

I) A.B.M. left side Neck.

2) The body was first seen, by the under signed at 1-15 p.m. on 7-6-93. Its condition then was not decomposed. Post-mortem commenced at:1-15 p.m. on 7-6-93. Appearances found at the Post-Mortem: An Hindu Male, Moderately built and nourished. Rigor Mortis present in all four limbs, An oval shaped 3 cm x 2 cm left side of the Neck, Abraded color present, skin is inverted. Singing present. The Injury is entoenee of the fire arm towards the right side of the neck (2) Lacerated wound, Irregular 3 ½ cm x ½ cm Edges are everted communicated from the Ist Injury. Thyroid cartiloge and Hyrid bone and cortiloge broken. This is Exit of the fire arm Injury.

Internal Features: Heart and lungs congested and normal. Stomach contain rice and normal and congested. All other organs are normal and congested. Neck vessels (not lizable).

***Opinion:* Died of shock and hemorrhage due to Fire arm Injury about 12-36 hours prior to autopsy The Injury is Anti-mortem only.**

Penukonda.

8-6-93.

Sd. Dr. G. Sumathi, W.A.S.

Seen: Id. M.V.R.N.

J.F.C.M., Pkd., 11-6-93.

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IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL FIRST CLASS

MAGISTRATE, PENUKONDA

Cr. No. 25/93 of Puttaparthi P.S.,

POST-MORTEM CERTIFICATE

No. 38/93.

Regarding the body of a Male aged about 28 years. Named: Jagannatham Requisition received at 1.00 p.m. on 7-6-93 from the Mandal. Executive of Magistrate, Puttaparthi P.S. with his letter No.25/93 dated 7.6.93. Body in charge of Police Constable No. 118 named Rama Murthy and Party.

Identification and **Caste** marks:

1) A Block mole Right Elbow joint.

The body was first seen, by under signed at 3.30 p.m. on 7.6.93.

Its condition then was Not decomposed.

Post-mortem commenced at 3.30 p.m. on 7.6.93.

Appearances found at the post-mortem an Hindu Male Moderately Built and nourished, Rigor Mortis present in all four limbs.

Injuries: An oval shaped Injury on left side of the Axilla 2 cm x 2 cm. Abraded colum present skin is inverted, singeing present. It is entered into the chest cavity by braking the under with ribs and costileges. This is entrance of the Firearm Injury. 2) Lacetated wound on the left side of the chest, Sub-stemnal area 4 cm x 3 cm., irregular, edges are everted underneath ribs are Fractured, at is continuous from the 1st Injury. This is exit of the Firearm Injury No.1). 3) Oval shaped Right side of the 2nd suter costal area, Abraded colum present Edges are inverted, singing present entered into the Thoracie cavity. 4) Lacerated Right sufeo mammary area, edges one everted 4 cm. X 4 cm Irregular underneath ribs are Fractured, it is continuous from the 3rd Injury also called Firearm Exit. 5) Oval shaped Injury palmar aspect of the right hand 3 cm x 3 cm. edges are inverted, Abraded colum present it is entered by braking the tons, muscles and Bones of the lateral aspect of the Right hand and exits on dorseme of the hand (Right).

Internal Examination: Fracture of the less sided 7th and 8th ribs and Right side 2nd and 3rd Ribs and 8th, 9th and 10th Ribs Fractured left lung Laceration present. Right lung upper lobe laceration present. Liver is Lacerated. Thoracie couits contains Blood. Stomach contains rice Normal and congested. All other organs are Normal and congested. Hyoid Bone normal. The above fire Injuries are firearm Injuries.

Opinion: Died of shock: and hemorrhage due to Fire arm Injuries, about 12 to 36 hours, prior to autopsy. The Injuries are Anti-mortem only.

Penukonda.

Dt. 8.6.93.

Sd. Y Sumathi,

8.6.93

(Dr Y. SUMATHI), W.A.S.

Govt. Hospital

Seen: Id. M.V.R.N.

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Sd K. Brahmaiah,

Examiner.

IN THE COURT OF THE SESSIONS JUDGE, ANANTAPUR

Present: Sri Ch. S.R.K. Prasad, B.Sc., B.L., Sessions Judge

Monday the 26th day of July, 1993

4th Sravan, 1915 S.E.

Crl. R.P.26/93

Between:

State by the Deputy Superintendent of

Police, C.I.D. Tirupathi represented

by the Public Prosecutor

.....Revision Petitioner

And

1. Vijays Shantharam Prabhu.

2. Boyapati Ravindra Babau & Ravi

.....Respondents

This Revision coming on this day for final disposal before me in the presence of Sri A.G. Neelakantha Reddy, Public Prosecutor for the Revision Petitioner and of Sri K. Ravindrakumar, G. Venkata Rao Chowday, G. Jyothi Pasad and Sri P. Prabhkara Rao, Advocates, for the Respondents, the Court made the following:

ORDER

I. This Revision Petition is filed under Section 397 Cr. P.C. against the Order of the Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class, Penukonda passed in Cr1. M.P. 613/93 in Cr25/93 relating to Puttapparthi P.S., dated 15-7-1993 refusing to grant police custody of the 2 accused namely Vijayashantharam Prabhu and Boyapati Ravjndrabadu @ Ravi and directing the Investigating Officer to *interrogate them in the Sub-Jail premises after taking permission.*

2. The facts that arise for consideration can be briefly stated as follows:

On the strength of the complaint given by the Inspector of Police, a case in Cr. No. 25/93 of Puttapparthi has been registered under Section 324, 326, 307, 332 and 302 r/w 34 I.P.C. and Sections 3 and 5 of Explosive Substances Act relating to the alleged murders, firing by the police and the attempt to commit murder of Sathya Sai Baba in Baba's Mandir at Prasanthinilayam, Puttapparthi. During the course of investigation both the Respondents were arrested on 3-7-1993 at 16-30 hours at Civil Lines, ... (illegible) ... Ashwani Chowk, Nagpur City Maharashtra State. They were produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate at Nagpur City and they were granted four days journey period to produce the ... (illegible) ... accused before the Judl. Magistrate of 1st Class, Penukonda, the Inspector of Police, C.B.C.I.D. who took over

investigation has sought for the remand of the accused to the police custody on the ground that there was a criminal conspiracy and that has to be investigated. There upon the learned Magistrate having found that they were already interrogated and refused to grant remand to police custody. However, they were directed to approach the court for seeking permission to interrogate them at Penukonda Sub-ail. Aggrieved by the said Order dated 15-7-1993, the Public Prosecutor has preferred this Revision.

3. The Respondents have appeared through their counsels and opposed the same and supported the order of the Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class, Penukonda passed in Cr1. M.P. 613/93 dt. 15-7-93.

4. The point for consideration is whether the order passed in Cr1. M.P. 613/93 by the J.M.F.C. Penukonda dated 15-7-1993 is a valid order?

5. *Point:* This court is not going into the other aspects of the matters except the correctness of his order. It is firstly contended by the counsel appearing for the respondents that the Revision is not maintainable where as the learned Prosecutor has contended that the Revision is maintainable since the rights of the investigating agency is affected. Section 397 Cr. P.C. reads as follows:

397. Calling for records to exercise powers of revision:

1) The High court or any Sessions Judge may call for and examine the record of any proceeding before any inferior Criminal Court situated within its or his local jurisdiction for the purpose of satisfying itself or is itself as to the correctness, legality or propriety of any finding, sentence or order, recorded or passed, and as to the regularity of any proceedings of such inferior court, any may, then calling for such record, direct that the execution of any sentence or order be suspended, and if the accused is in confinement, that he be released on bail or on his own bond pending the examination of the record.

2) The powers or sanction conferred by sub-section (1) shall not be exercised in relation to any interlocutory order passed in any appeal, inquiry, trial or other proceedings.

3) If an application under this Section has been made by any person either to the High Court or to the Sessions Judge, no further application by the same person shall be entertained by the other of them.

It is clear from Section 397 (2) Cr. P.C. powers of revision shall not be exercised in relation to any interlocutory order passed in any appeal, inquiry; trial or other proceedings. Obviously; this is an interlocutory order passed by the Lower Court. Whenever, an interlocutory order is passed by the lower court, a revision lies only when the right of the party is affected. This is a case where the Investigating Agency has got a right to seek for remand to police custody. Their right has been recognised under Section 167 Cr. P.C.

6. It is stated in 1982 Cr1. L.J. 1103 State (Delhi Administration (Vs. Dharmapal and others as follows:

"Under Section 167(2) Cr. P.C. the Magistrate has power to alter the nature of the custody and vice versa during the first period of 15 days mentioned in Section 167 (2) Cr. P.C."

It is also stated in 1991 Cr1. L.J. 820, B.S. Rawat, Asst. Collector of Customs Vs. Mohamed Azan Khan and others, which is as follows:

"Section 167(2) Cr. P.C. enables the Magistrate to authorise detention in such custody as the Magistrate thinks fit and also proviso (a) to Section 167(2) Cr. P.C. only prohibits the custody of police beyond the period of fifteen days."

It is clearly stated in 1980(2) Cr1. L.J.748, Batna Rarn Vs. State of Himachal Pradesh, as follows:

"The power of Magistrate to grant police custody for 15 days is unaffected by the period of detention in police custody under Section 57 Cr. P.C."

It is clearly stated in A.I.R. 1978 Supreme Court, 1025, Smt. Nadini Satpathy Vs. P.L. Dani and another as follows:

"The spirit of Act 22(1) is that it is fundamental to the rule of law that the services of a lawyer shall be available for consultation to any accused person under circumstances ... (illegible)... appointing him as Public Prosecutor and the principle laid down 1980 (2) A.P.L.J.H.C. ... (illegible) ... G. Ramakrishna Reddy vs. State, do not arise in this case in view of the filing of the Revision by the Public Prosecutor and seeking permission by the Prosecutor to address the arguments on behalf of the regular Public Prosecutor."

7. It is also contended by the Public Prosecutor that Custody under Section 57 Cr. P.C. does not constitute custody within the meaning of Section 167 Cr. P.C. It is also stated by the Prosecutor that there was no investigation made in this case and the accused were not interrogated. Adverting to the same, the lower court has observed that Investigating Agency might have interrogated them during the custody. I have perused the Case diary. The Case diary does not bear any such thing. Obviously it is only suspecting. The Investigating officer has not gone to Nagpur as can be seen from the records. He was produced directly into court. The stray questions put by some other officers and answers elicited orally and such-a-thing did not amount to interrogation by the Investigating Officer. The Superior, however high he may be cannot assume jurisdiction in a case where Investigation ceased by a particular officer. He is only competent to investigate, interrogate and record 161 Cr. P.C. statements. If the Superior wants to interrogate he must take over the investigation and then only investigate. Obviously, the Investigating officer has not gone to Nagpur and there is no ground to presume that he has interrogated. The interrogations if at all took place in his absence, does not constitute the investigation under the provisions of Cr. P.C.

8. Coming to the contention of the learned Prosecutor, that the custody under Section 57 Cr. P.C. should not constitute custody under Section 167 Cr. P.C. He has cited a Judgment in 1980 (2) Cr1. L.J. at page 748. It is stated by the Himachal Pradesh High Court that the power of Magistrate to grant police custody for 15 days is unaffected by the period of detention in Police custody under Section 57 Cr. P.C. In view of the principles laid down in the said decision, I disagree with the contention of the counsel appearing for the respondents that the clause under Section 57 Cr. P.C. has to be taken as police custody under Section 167 Cr. P.C. for the purpose of interrogation.

9. The contention advanced by the learned counsel for the respondents that the important witness namely Baba is not examined and the Trustboard members are not examined and the property which was found in Vocational Centre which do not under the supervision of the accused, did not hold water

at this stage. This court is now concerned purely about the correctness of the order passed by the lower court refusing to grant police custody.

10. There is much force in the contention of respondents counsel that there is no F.I.R. registered against the accused and there cannot be an automatic movement to police custody. This court has to see at this stage whether some material is available for grant of police custody. No doubt the fact of alleged conspiracy could not find place in the remand report. The F.I.R. has not been altered till now. Some Suit case and explosive substances and Potassium Cyanide are said to have been found. It is rightly contended by the Prosecutor that they need investigation. One has to remember that the remand was granted under Sections 324, 326, 307 and 302 r/w 34 I.P.C. and Explosive Substances Act.

11. My attention is also drawn by the Prosecutor to the following facts namely the accused are moving together and one of the accused stated that something will happen on 10th and there was recovery of Potassium Cyanide. No doubt, they are there.

12. It is also contended by the respondent's counsel that the revision for the police custody of the accused is not warranted since they have been in custody for more than four days and they have been interrogated at their places in view of the alleged statements said to have been made before the Magistrate in the lower court.

Reliance is placed on a decision reported in 1989 CrL. L.J. 501 State of Gujarat vs. Swami Amar Jyothi Shyam. It is clearly stated in this decision as follows:

"It is true that when the need for remand to police custody is made out, the Court should grant such remand and should facilitate proper and complete investigation. But, it cannot be said that an order of remand to police custody is to be granted as a matter of course. S.167 (3) makes it clear that the Magistrate has to record reasons for granting remand to police custody. It does not expressly provide that for refusing such custody reasons shall be recorded. This is an indication that though investigating agency is to investigate into cognizable offence without any interference from judiciary, it does not mean that whenever request for police remand is made, it is to be granted. The police has to make out a case that the custody of the accused with the police is necessary for further investigations".

It is also stated in 1985 CrL. L.J. 1325, K.T. Advani Vs. The State, New Delhi that if the right to the presence of counsel be fundamental to the rule of law, it makes little difference if the investigation is one under the Code of Criminal Procedure or independently of it in view of provisions of Article 22 (1) of the Constitution.

It is also stated in A.I.R 1978 Supreme Court, 1025, Smt. Nandini Satpathy vs. P.L. Dani at para 53 as follows:

"Section 161 of the Criminal P.C. enables the Police to examine the accused during investigation. The prohibitive sweep of Art.20 (3) of the Constitution goes back to the stage of police interrogation not commencing in court only. Both the provisions substantially cover the same area, so far as police investigations are concerned. The ban on self-accusation and the right to silence, while one investigation or trial is under way, goes beyond that case and protects the accused in regard to other offences pending or imminent which may deter him from voluntary disclosure of criminatory matter.

The phrase compelled testimony must be read as evidence procured not merely by physical threats or violence but by physical threats or violence but by psychic torture, atmospheric pressure, environmental overbearing and intimidatory methods and the like not legal penalty for violation. So the legal perils following upon refusal to answer or answer truthfully cannot be ... (illegible) ... prosecution may lead to legal tension in the exercise of Constitutional right, but then, a stance of silence is running a calculated risk. On the other hand, if there is any mode of pressure, subtle or crude, mental or physical, direct or indirect, but sufficiently substantial, applied by the policeman for obtaining information from an accused strongly suggestive of guilt, it becomes compelled testimony, violative of Art. 20 (3)."

It is stated in para 54 as follows:

"A police officer is clearly as person in authority. Insistence on answering is a form of pressure especially in the police station unless certain safeguards erasing duress are adhered to Frequent threats of prosecution if there is failure to answer may take on the complexion of undue pressure violating Art. 20 (3) Legal penalty may be itself not amount to duress but the manner of mentioning it to the victim of interrogation may introduce an element of tension and tone of command perilously hovering near compulsion".

It is also stated in Paras 58 and 59 as follows:

"The spirit of Art. 22 (1) is that it is fundamental to the rule of law that the services of a lawyer shall be available for consultation to any accused person under circumstances of near custodial interrogation. Moreover, the observance of the right against self-incrimination is best prompted by conceding to the accused the right to consult a legal practitioner of his choice. Lawyer's presence is a constitutional claim in some circumstances in our country also, and, in the context of Art. 20 (3) is an assurance of awareness and observance of the right to silence, Article 20 (3) and Art. 22 (1) may, in a way, be telescoped, by making it prudent for the Police to permit the Advocate of the accused, if there be one to be present at the time he is examined. Over-reaching Art. 20 (3) and S. 161 (2) will be obviated by this requirement. If an accused person expresses the wish to have his lawyer by his side when his examination goes on, this facility shall not be denied, without being exposed to the serious reproof that involuntary self-crimination secured in secrecy and by coercing the will, was the project."

13. A close scrutiny of the said decisions clearly show that the respondents are entitled to consult his advocates during interrogation. It is also further observed by that the Lawer's presence is a constitutional claim in some circumstances and the context of Art. 20 (3) is an assurance of abuses and observance of the right to silence it is also observed that Article 20 (3) and Art. 22 (1) may in a way be telescoped by ... (illegible) ... for the police to permit the advocate of the accused when he expresses the wish to have his lawyer by bis side which his examination goes on, this facility shall not be denied, without being exposed to the serious reproof that involuntary self-crimination secured in secrecy and by coercing the will, was the project.

14. Keeping in view of the said principles I now proceed to deal with the facts. Obviously the F.I.R. does not make a mention of criminal conspiracy. It is said to be brought to light during investigation after examination of some witnesses. Properties recovered and suspected to be belonging to the first respondent. His interrogation absolutely necessary to get at the truth and the Investigating Officer has got every right to have police custody for the purpose of investigation. I also find that sufficient safe

guards have to be, imposed in this case in the light of firing four accused who were said to be locked in a room.

15. In so far as second respondent is concerned, no material has been seized. Exfacie there is no material to seek police remand at this stage. The record shows that he was not present at that time in the premises itself. If these are taken into consideration seeking police custody to the 2nd respondent appears to be without any basis. However; he can be interrogated in the sub-jail premises after due permission. In so far as 2nd respondent is concerned the order of the Judicial Magistrate, Penukonda appears to be correct. Since there is no basis for taking 2nd respondent into police custody to enquire as the F.I.R. is not altered till now and the conspiracy is not mentioned even at the time of arrest and production before the Nagpur Court.

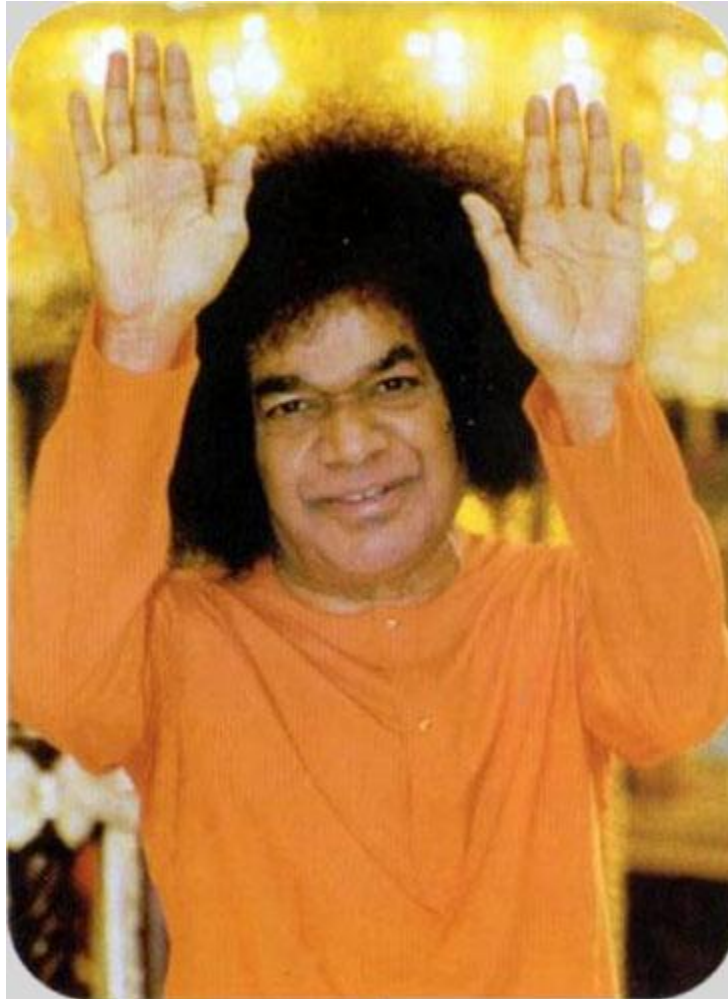
16. In so far as the first respondent is concerned, the Investigation Officer is entitled to have police custody for the found etc. As I have already stated that some safe-guard have to be imposed in this case, taking into consideration of police firing at four accused and killing them. Hence, the order in respect of first respondent is liable to be set aside. In so far as the order of the lower court relating to the 2nd respondent is liable confirmed. The Revision is partly allowed setting aside the order refusing police custody in respect of first respondent. The police are granted custody of 1st respondent for a period of 10 days subject to the following conditions.

- 1) The 1st respondent shall not be moved out from Anantapur.
- 2) The 1st respondent shall be interrogated in the premises of Superintendent of Police, Anantapur.
- 3) If the 1st respondent desires to have the presence of the counsel it shall be complied with.
- 4) If lawyers were to be permitted they shall not interfere in putting questions to the 1st respondent.
- 5) No third degree methods shall be adopted for interrogation.
- 6) The Magistrate shall certify the physical condition of the first respondent prior to handing over him to the police custody and shall also certify the physical condition after reproducing from police custody to Judicial custody.
- 7) The **mode and method of interrogation is left to the Investigating Officer.**

In so far as the 2nd respondent is concerned, the Revision is dismissed. Revision is ordered accordingly.

Dictated to the short hand writer transcribed by him and corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 26th day of July, 1993.

Sd SESSIONS JUDGE



**“That’s all for now folks, and I’ll see you in the interview room.
I have got plenty of nice OIL waiting for you. See ya soon boys!!”
-- your Hubba Hubba Baba**