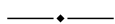


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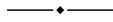
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## PART I



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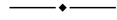
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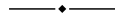
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PREFACE  
2016 EDITION



Indian spiritual wisdom says that man's only purpose in life is to seek God in this birth. For millennia, experience has honed this to practical methods whereby human beings move in graded doses from Dharma, Artha and Kama to Moksha. Moksha is the ultimate stage where the soul, as *Jivatma* merges with the Oversoul or *Paramatma* in Divine Bliss. Though we always think that only the soul is in search of the Divine, the reverse also is true i.e, the Divine also pines for union with the *Jivatma* and hence uses several stratagems towards this end.

One of the ways by which God tries to woo humans is to manifest Himself as a human and elevate the ordinary to the extraordinary. He manifests Himself in various forms, as Avatars, Rishis, Mahans and Siddha Pursuhas. His Holiness Bhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was one of them and the unique way by which He spread the message of truth was to Divinely materialise typed articles on various topics encompassing the essence of the four Vedas.

To reassure the world that the physical body is only a temporary and ephemeral abode of the immortal soul, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal continues His Divine Mission as Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. The Divinely materialised articles, a first in the spiritual history of the world, initially, when they were first vouchsafed to Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal were typed either in English or Tamil. *Tiruvacagam* says that the Divine is older than the oldest and newer than the newest. We can understand the truth in this statement, as the articles materialised by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal are straight from the laser printer! Hinduism is always in the vanguard of progress and this is but one small example of that fact.

In the series of books published under the generic title Holy Panchakshara, we are happy to bring out not only the earlier volumes which had contained the articles materialised by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal but also the current ones vouchsafed to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.

Needless to say, we are grateful to M. Gopinath and Mr. Santosh Nilaver who have made a contribution for the republication of this book and also to the band of volunteers whose deep devotion to the Guru is denoted by the painstaking proofreading of the typescripts, and redesigning of these books. These individuals, like the foundation pillars of a superb building have remained invisible. Our grateful thanks to them too.

May we all benefit intellectually and spiritually by reading these precious gems and assimilate the eternal truths embedded in them. May the Grace of the two Gurus always abide by us all.

Om Tat Sat.

V. D. Ramanathan  
27 January 2016

## MESSAGE

The Great Master Siddha Purusha of the highest order, His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal hails from the sacred Hill of Pandrimalai - a very venerated place of Lord Shiva.

Born with divine marks on His hand and feet (Sanku, Chakra, Vel, Flag and Shatkona) which He has shown me. He alleviated the sufferings of humanity. He was the Lord Personified and I was extremely fortunate to be the recipient of his Divine Grace.

Lord Muruga has given us a worthy successor of this Great Saint - Sri Sakthivadivel Swamighal - His disciple and grandson. He has inherited all the Noble Qualities of His Master and is continuing the great tradition of Siddha Purushas.

I am sure that the Book Master Mystic, The Tradition Continues, containing Devotees Experiences and Divine Articles materialised by both the Masters will kindle Devotional fervour in the minds of the readers/devotees all over the world and turn them Godward.

My Blessings to All.

OM-TAT-SAT

Sri Sargurunathar Thunai  
Koviloor Adheenam.

## GURU'S GRACE

L V. RAMANATHAN

*Guru's Grace links*

*The unlinked,*

*Unlinks links*

*It links things*

*That No man Thinks.*

*The Thought out*

*Of Ignorance*

*God is nowhere*

*Culminate in the Wonderful feeling*

*GOD IS NOW HERE*

CHAPTER 1  
SOME UNFORGETTABLE  
EXPERIENCES

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A. B. NAIR

*Editor, The Free Press Journal and Former Sheriff of Bombay*

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DIVINE EXPERIENCES  
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I venture to share with thousands of readers of the Journal some unique experiences my esteemed friend and I, Sri. S. Ramakrishnan, Editor of the Bhavan's Journal, Bombay, had at Madras in October last.

Some time back Sri Ramakrishnan received a letter from Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal stating that he had been directed in a dream by Lord Sri Guruvayurappan to show him and his family a vision of Mother Goddess Parashakthi and that he should meet Swamiji on Friday, October 9, 1970, at Madras.

As at that time Kulapati Munshiji was in Sri Harkisondas Hospital, Bombay, undergoing treatment for acute bronchial pneumonia, Sri Ramakrishnan implored Swamiji to excuse him and give him another opportunity. Swamiji wrote back appreciating the position.

Later Sri Ramakrishnan received a telephonic message from Sri P.V.Narasimha Rao, Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Vice Chairman of Bhavan's Kendra, enquiring if he could urgently go over to Hyderabad for a day or two to discuss an issue concerning the Bhavan.

After getting the approval of Kulapatiji whose health had by then improved somewhat, Sri Ramakrishnan went to Hyderabad on October 11 and then to Madras on October 13. He went to Swamiji's camp at Madras at "Kairali", Sri K.K.Varma's residence at Nungambakkam. It was 9 p.m., After prostrating before Swamiji, hardly had Sri Ramakrishnan seated himself, when from among the large number of assembled devotees, a young girl became "possessed" - a divine spirit had entered her.

Addressing him, the girl said in effect: "I am Mother Alamelu Mangai of Tiruchanur. Pandrimalai Swamighal is my son. When did I call you?"

Why are you late in coming?”

As directed by Swamiji, he prostrated before the “possessed” girl i.e. Mother Goddess, by way of apology and soon she became normal.

After some time, Swamiji graciously asked him to hold a piece of blank paper in one hand and a pen in the other. Swamiji then prayed to Lord Muruga. After a minute, Sri Ramakrishnan opened the piece of paper and found in it an upadesa for him written in English.

Swamiji asked him to extend his stay by a day. On the second day, around 5 p.m. when I went to Swamiji Sri Ramakrishnan too had come there. At that time he requested Swamiji to materialize an article for publication in the Bhavan’s Journal. Swamiji then asked Sri N. Mahalingam of Coimbatore, who had come with me to mention the subject. But he, however, left the choice to Swamiji. Then Swamiji asked him to hold a piece of paper in one hand and a pen in the other. In a minute, he opened the paper wherein were inscribed the words “World Experience” in English.

Swamiji then said: “Ramakrishnan can have an article in English on that subject. Swamiji then offered prayers to Lord Muruga to kindly bestow unto him an article on the subject!

Lo! The article, beautifully typed on bluish paper, with an illustration, soon descended. The contents of the magnificent article were read out and everyone present appreciated its sweep and depth of thought. It appeared in the Bhavan’s Journal of November 15,1970. Soon thereafter, Swamiji materialised with a wave of his hand the traditional copper-pot containing Ganga Jal and gave it to Sri. Mahalingam. Swamiji then playfully gave some flowers into the hands of Sri Mahalingam and asked him to throw them on any one present.

Sri Mahalingam did so. At once the person on whom the flowers fell became “possessed” and shouted “O, Muruga! Pandrimalai Swami!” and started rolling on the floor.

At the bidding of Swamiji, a lady devotee sprinkled on the “victim” a pinch of sacred ash given by Swamiji. Instantaneously he was restored to normalcy and he prostrated before Swamiji.

A sadhu, Vibuti Samiyar, was among the audience. He is a great upasaka of Ganapati. He gave a Ganapati Murti (Idol) in Swamiji’s hand saying that it was a powerful deity and he was worshipping it for years.

Swamiji held the Murti in his palm and closing it, asked the Sadhu, Sri Mahalingam and myself to hold his closed palm tightly. Swamiji then prayed to Mother Parasakthi to take away Her son, Vinayaka Murti, from his hands.

When Swamiji opened his hand, the Murti had disappeared. Later, at the behest of Swamiji, the same Murti was found in the pocket of Sri Mahalingam.

I have heard that it is rather difficult to materialise holy darbha or kusa-grass. Swamiji got it in a trice.

Another incident that took place was this. Swamiji gave Sri Mahalingam a long string of 5 or 6 yards and asked him to cut it into several pieces. He did so with the help of a pair of scissors. At the bidding of Swamiji, all the pieces at once joined together perfectly and became the original string.

I stayed back for a couple of days more. On the next day I requested Swamiji to explain the truth about the siddhi of being able to move in the world invisible to others.

Swamiji gave a practical demonstration of it. On his direction, Swamiji was tied firmly with strong ropes to a pillar on the first floor of his host’s house. The room was then closed. When opened after some time, Swamiji was not to be seen at the pillar! He was, however, located in exactly the same tied-up manner near a window downstairs in the same house.

Here are some more miracles of Swamiji:

At the request of Sri Varma, Swamiji materialised in an instant with the grace of Lord Muruga, the horoscope of both his son and daughter in which were also indicated when they would be married.

Swami Shuddhananda Bharati, a well-known poet, scholar and freedom fighter, is a great devotee of the Swamiji. Sri Bharati wanted to take a photograph of himself along with Swamiji but none among the devotees had a camera with him.

Bharati then supplicated: “Swamiji, with your infinite powers, won’t you materialise a camera?” The Swamiji sportingly asked those present for the brand and the country of origin of the best camera. Someone suggested a particular Japanese make. Swamiji recited a hymn to Lord



Muruga and instantaneously a new loaded camera of the said brand materialised and several photographs were taken!

Swamiji then offered the camera to anyone who would pay its price to Lord Venkateswara of Tirupati. Sri T.L.Viswanathan, B.E., offered the price of Rs.1001. Swamiji directed him to remit the amount to T.T Devasthanam office at Tirupathi. He did so and after producing the receipt took delivery of the camera. To Sri Viswanathan it is a prized possession and he affirms that it works perfectly well.

I would recount one particular instance in which Swamiji bettered the best of medical brains. Smt.Parijatham, headmistress of a school was seriously ill. The best medical opinion, including that of Dr. P.Narendra, F.R.C.S. (England) F.R.C.S. (U.S.A.), a well known Neuro Surgeon of Madras, decided on surgical intervention. The lady and her father, Sri T. Chengalvaraya Pillai, are greatly devoted to Swamiji. Sri Pillai pleaded with Swamiji to avert the operation and cure his daughter. Swamiji thereupon gave Sri Pillai a lime fruit and vibhuti, asking him to keep the fruit beneath the lady's bed and apply vibhuti in the afflicted part of the body. The father and daughter carried out Swamiji's instructions with unflinching faith. A couple of days before the date of operation, a panel of doctors examined the lady and to the surprise of the doctors, not even a trace of the earlier complaint could be detected.

Another recent instance, Dr. A.D. Pusalkar, who was Assistant Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Asst. Editor of the Bhavan's 'The History and Culture of the Indian People' (for Vol. I-V) and now Director, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, was advised to undergo an intestinal operation for suspected cancer. Dr. Pusalkar was very reluctant to undergo the operation. He had read about Swamiji in the Journal. On behalf of Dr. Pusalkar, his student Dr. Nambiar, phoned Sri Ramakrishnan at Madras. At his request Sri Ramakrishnan submitted the case to Swamiji on October 14. Swamiji gave vibhuti and advised that the operation should be undergone but assured safe and quick recovery.

On October 16, immediately on his return to Bombay, Sri Ramakrishnan gave the vibhuti to Dr. Pusalkar. He applied it all over the abdomen and said that he had decided to cancel the operation unless the Swamiji advised the contrary. Thereupon on October 23, Sri Ramakrishnan

again wrote to Swamiji seeking his advice telegraphically. Two days later he received Swamiji's telegram reading: "Letter seen. Operation should be done." Dr. Pusalkar was successfully operated upon and has now recovered with a negative report for cancer affliction!

When friends saw him at his residence a few days ago, he told them that he would not have got the operation done but for Swamiji's assurance and insistence.

Last but not the least, let me narrate a unique and almost indescribable and thrilling experience vouchsafed to my humble self and Sri Ramakrishnan on the night of October 14, 1970 at Madras. It was well past midnight and it took Swamiji a couple of hours more to give vibhuti to the devotees assembled and send them home one by one.

Sri Ramakrishnan and I were asked to stay back. It was around 4 a.m., the sacred, solemn Brahmamuhurta. Swamiji took us inside the Puja room and after ensuring the closing of all the doors of the bungalow, he took us into the ante room and asked us to be seated there and chant continuously "Om Ishwari". We did so. Swamiji who was in deep worship came to us. Seating himself beside us, he prayed or rather supplicated Mother Parasakthi: "Mother! At the bidding of Sri Guruvayurappan in my dream to show You to devotee Sri Ramakrishnan, he has come here. Sri Nair too is here by chance. This humble servant of yours took the liberty of inviting him also to see you. Won't you, Mother give them your darshan? They are your children. Please give them darshan in your Shantaswarupa. Mother! I beseech you, please, first let them hear the exposition of a Bharatanatyam Theermanam in 16 matras."

Then our ears had the feast of the clear sound of jingling of anklets in perfect rhythm.

Thereafter Swamiji got up and opened the door of the Puja room. His whole frame became aflutter. His body taut and his hair stood on end, showing a high state of concentration of his power, while we watched in animated expectancy.

He beckoned us to get up and embraced us.

At the other end of the room, at a distance of about 10 feet, we saw the resplendent figure of Mother Raja Rajeshwari, not flat as in the picture but in three dimensional form as in flesh and blood, at once benign and radiant, the diadem or kireeta on the head, emitting a

captivating rainbow of flashes. She looked exactly like Raja Rajeshwari, commonly seen in the framed pictures in our homes, but she was alone.

“Have the fill of your eyes” Swamiji said affectionately. We perspired profusely while our hearts thumped like racehorses. After a few minutes Swamiji asked us to prostrate before Mother and we did so.

Gently nodding Her head the Mother there upon raised both Her hands horizontally in front as though blessing us and disappeared.

Swamiji thereafter brought near us the tiara or kireeta worn by Mother Parasakthi. It was beautiful and shining resplendently with the immaculate art that had gone into its making, with innumerable gems, diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, pearls and corals set in it.

This is the most memorable experience, which will ever remain enshrined in our memory.

Sometime ago Swamiji had told us that a couple of years ago while he was staying with a famous businessman, (I am withholding the name), his host requested Swamiji to enable him to have darshan of Ishwari. Swamiji discouraged him, telling that such a blessing was not for the asking. For days and days he repeated the request. At last Swamiji agreed to do so, on condition that he alone would have the darshan and that he should tell none about it. In his eagerness, the host agreed. Around 10 p.m. one night Swamiji and he were returning from the Madras Marina after a stroll. They were near the entrance to the lawns of the Madras University. The businessman again returned to the subject.

Swamiji then and there asked him to stop and look yonder, inside the lawns. He saw a dazzling damsel, Mother Parasakthi, and he sighed impromptu “Oh! Ishwari!” In a minute, the figure disappeared. The businessman expressed his gratefulness to Swamiji and they both returned home.

The businessman was naturally in great ecstasy. Disregarding or forgetting Swamiji’s injunction, he mentioned the occurrence to his wife. Hardly had he finished his narration, he became totally blind!

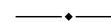
It was with great trepidation and hesitancy that I write this article.

Swamiji had assured us that as we did not ourselves seek darshan, the calamity that visited the other gentleman would not descend on us in case we narrated the incident.

However, he warned us that our “progressive and learned” friends would scornfully dismiss the narration as rubbish and even taunt us that we were victims of hallucination. The less progressive and not so highly ‘educated’ would, out of pity for us, explain it away as make-believe. The doubting Thomases, the irreverents and cynics may laugh at what has been recounted and dub it as either an illusion or auto-hypnotism or suggestion or even a deception. But throughout India’s 5000 and more years of history, generation after generation, venerable seers and sages as well as able, blessed individuals and Siddhas have been vouchsafed with supernatural powers as a result of intense tapas and sadhana.

Their God like deeds are beyond the limits of our mundane intellectual process.

I have prayerfully recounted our experiences in the spirit of sacred duty as many others throughout the ages have done in our Janmabhoomi and will go on doing so.



CHAPTER 2  
SWAMIJI'S GRACE  
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BANDRA K. SWAMINATHAN  
*Mumbai*

All of us know that Swamiji possessed Divine powers even from His early childhood. These grew as He Himself grew up in age. That process was helped very much by some Holy Sanyasins and Divine Sages, who appeared before Him at different times and blessed Him to attain more and more “Divine Sakthi”. He was able to perform miracles, which could not be even dreamt of by anybody. Of course He did not perform those miracles for “showing off”, but only when necessities arose for them for helping people in distress. For instance, at the age of 6-7 years, He could save snake-bitten people from death and various other persons from trouble-ridden situations. He used it also for convincing some persons that there existed a Divine Power, which could do anything unimaginable or regarded as impossible of achievement in this world.

He was using that “Sakthi” mainly for helping all persons who were in difficulties and who came to him for succor. He loved the entire humankind and helped all persons without regard to any caste or creed. HIS HEART WAS FULL OF LOVE FOR ALL.

He had travelled all over India and also visited many foreign countries on the invitation of the persons living in those countries, who used to come to India and take Him to their countries and bring Him back to our country, after a stay of four weeks, six weeks etc. As He had attained all the “Siddhis”, He could reduce or increase the size of His body and could also travel through air (Vayu Margam) invisible to others. By this method, He used to visit the Palani temple of Lord Muruga and Tirupati temple of Lord Venkateswara every day both in the morning and evening before commencing His pooja to the Lords in His own pooja room.

He could transform sand into sugar or sugar candy or salt, flowers into oranges, apples and coconuts. Broken coconuts, after the water

was poured out, when joined together, would become again like original coconuts and when shaken, we could feel the water making noise inside. He had the power to call ghosts to appear before Him and His disciples and speak and answer his queries.

The devotees/disciples used to take Him to different places in India and He would stay in those places for some weeks giving satisfaction and peace of mind to those bhaktas. In 1952 and again in 1956, He was taken to Delhi by a devotee by the name of Sri T.V. Kamalashwamy, who was a Parliament Member and Swamiji stayed with him for some weeks in his quarters, on both the occasions, several hundreds of persons including Ministers and Parliament Members and others used to visit Him everyday and take His blessings. The late President Dr. Rajendra Prasad was among those who met Swamiji in 1952 and got his blessings.

In Delhi, many miracles took place. One day, there was a talk about Siddhis and Divine Power between some of the visitors and Swamiji. Some of them asked whether a person tied securely to the wall in one room, with his hands and feet also tied, could move to another place without being seen. Swamiji told them that it was possible and asked them to tie Him up to the window frame of the bedroom and also His hands and feet were tied up securely. Then all the windows were closed and locked, then the doors of the room also was closed and locked from outside. All those persons were standing outside and with anxious expectations as to what would happen.

The adjacent room was the Pooja room. After about 15 minutes, from the pooja room Swamiji called out to those persons to go in. When they entered they were thrilled to see Swamiji tied in that room to the window, with His hands and feet also tied, in the same manner in which they left Him in the bedroom. So He demonstrated to them that there was nothing impossible for Him.

Another day, a Chinese person, who had heard about the leelas being performed by Swamiji, came to see Him. The Chinese man had a girl friend living in Calcutta and he wondered whether he could see her, he himself sitting in Delhi. He put that question to Swamiji and Swamiji told him that it was possible and obliged him to see her moving about in her house in Calcutta. The Chinese man was spellbound, did several namaskaras to Swamiji and then left.

Yet another day, a doctor came along with some of the Ministers and

MPs and after doing namaskar to Swamiji, wanted to know from Him how the miracles were happening. Would it be possible to make them understand the basis on which such miracles were taking place, he asked. Swamiji simply smiled, did not reply to him, instead, beckoned to a little girl, who was playing a little distance away in the same hall, kept her near Him and held her left wrist for about 2/3 minutes, then patted her back, asked her to go and play again. She jumped up and joined the other children already playing in a corner in that hall.

The doctor felt disappointed when no reply came from Swamiji to his query and he was sitting with a sullen face looking at Swamiji. Swamiji, after sending the child back to play, turned towards the doctor and spoke to him as under:

SWAMIJI: I believe you are a doctor of Medicine and you know everything about the human body.

DOCTOR: Yes, Swamiji.

SWAMIJI: When a person is dead, you certify that the body is dead and then only the cremation would take place. On what grounds do you certify that body as dead?

DOCTOR: The symptoms I take into consideration are, first the pulse-beat. If it has stopped then it indicates that the heart has stopped, gradually the body becomes very cold. That coldness also is an indication of the absence of life.

SWAMIJI: Now, applying those methods, can you examine that girl child and let us know whether she is alive or dead?

The doctor showed consternation in his face because that child was very much alive, playing with the other children and talking etc. He blinked at Swamiji with surprise in his face. Swamiji insisted that the doctor should examine that girl child. He called her nearby and touched her. He was surprised that the body was ice cold! On checking the pulse, he found that there was no pulse beat at all! He called for a mirror and held it near her nose and there was no formation of vapour on the mirror, an indication the girl was not breathing at all.

All the symptoms attributed to a dead body were present in that child, yet she was quite alive talking and playing etc. The doctor was puzzled. Swamiji smilingly asked whether he could declare that child as dead because he found all the symptoms described by him for a dead

body! The doctor replied that he could not.

SWAMIJI: You have studied medical sciences and you are an expert about the human body. Can you tell me how this happened?

DOCTOR: (Spreading his hand helplessly, replied) I do not understand it at all!

SWAMIJI: In the same manner none could explain how the Divine Miracles are taking place. They just happen and there cannot be any scientific explanation, because they are beyond the comprehension of the so-called science known to us, human beings!

What a wonderful way of exposition! Then Swamiji called the girl near Him, held her wrist for one minute and then asked the doctor to test her again. The experience was a wonder of wonders! The coldness had gone away, the body was quite warm and the pulse-beat had started. She was quite hale and healthy according to the Science known to human beings!

Again on another day in 1956, some persons started discussing the subject of ghosts, which was quite a strange matter for discussion. Anyway, one person had started the topic and the following exchange took place.

Visitors: Swamiji, are ghosts really in existence or do people simply talk about them for creating fear in the minds of others?

Swamiji: It is true that ghosts do exist. If you want to see them, I can show them to you.

Visitors: (Quite bewildered, some of them said) We want to see proof of their existence, when can we see?

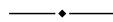
Swamiji: If you like, tonight itself, after 12.00 midnight, if all of you are ready to go with me to the burning ghat (smanan).

They all agreed. Swamiji accompanied them to a smasan after midnight, where they saw many bodies burning. Although there was nothing to fear, when they were with Swamiji, yet, as they walked, their dresses got entangled with some plants in the bushes there and the noise created by jumping frogs in the water in the tank nearby, made all of them shudder with instant fear and they started wondering what they were going to see. Swamiji drew a big circle and asked all of them to stand within the circle and cautioned them that they should not go outside that circle under any

circumstances, until He told them to do so.

He also told them that there was nothing to fear, but they should not try to look at the figure of the ghost when it finally appeared before them because it would be a huge and horrifying figure and they would lose their mental balance. Hence, they should lower their faces so as to direct their sight towards the earth only. He assured them that it could not enter the circle drawn by Him and so there was nothing to fear, He added. Suddenly, they all heard a deafening sound as if a huge tree was falling down with a lot of noise. The earth below their feet trembled, as though there was an earthquake. Naturally all of them started feeling nervous. Then Swamiji asked, “Hey, have you arrived? What type are you. The BLACK (Karuppan) or CHAINWALA (Sangilian i.e. one holding a chain)?”

Immediately, they heard the jingling sound of a chain and so Swamiji said, “So, you are a Sangilian (Chainwala), now let us hear your voice”. Immediately, a thundering sound was heard with echoes, which was chilling the blood of those who were present there. Then Swamiji asked it to show its form and instantly a huge and tall figure appeared before them, with lots of black hair on its feet. The devotees saw those feet and the locks of black hair on them and had an instinctive feeling that the figure before them must be very tall. Hence, all of them gasped and almost stopped breathing. Then Swamiji said to the ghost “You may go” and immediately it disappeared. Thereafter all those devotees including Mr. Kamalashwamy, who was with them, started breathing a little easily. All of them admired the extraordinary power held by Swamiji which could order even ghosts to appear before Him



CHAPTER 3  
MYSTIC EXPERIENCES

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We, of this generation are doubly fortunate. On the one hand, we are witness to the breathtaking and undreamt of fantastic achievements of science and on the other we have men of super science - GODMEN, who by the control and direction of their inner Powers, or Siddhis are able to achieve the incredible; affirming thereby the limitless Powers of the human psyche. The Miracles wrought by the Godly represent the efflorescence of the Divine Grace to instil faith, and help reform irreverent, sceptic, misguided humanity to enable them move Godward, Their God like deeds are beyond the limits of our mundane intellectual process.

His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal (Master Mystic) and His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal (The Great Master's Disciple and Grandson) are Siddha Purushas of the highest order and I would like to share with the readers a few miraculous experiences, I had on some occasions when I had gone to get their Blessings.

Once I had gone to Tirupathi with the Great Master, and after Darshan at the Temple we got into the car. Those were the days of anti-Hindi agitations and frenzied mobs were attacking all passing vehicles on which paper posters of anti-Hindi slogans were not pasted.

I remembered this and was sharing my concern with my friends who were seated in the car. Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, who was in the front seat noticed our worried faces and asked for the reason. We explained the problem to Him. We asked Him, “Swami, how do we get hold of the Paper poster to paste on our car?” Swamiji looked around and pointing to a poster which was firmly pasted on the nearby wall, He asked, “is this the poster you want?” We said “yes”, Swamiji opened the door, got out of the car and walked towards the wall. We followed Him. Swamiji looked at us with a smile, opened his right hand palm and slapped the wall. Lo! We were astonished to find a brand new Paper Poster was

falling down and needless to say we returned to Chennai safely.

The second breathtaking incident happened at the Tiruchanur Goddess Temple near Tirupati. In this Temple it is customary to have 'Ardhajama Seva', (Midnight Pooja) to the Goddess Alamelumanga Thayar. After this Pooja was over the Great Master blessed devotees. I was the last to fall at His feet. After Blessing me, He took me inside the 'sanctum sanctorum' and asked the Priest who was standing near the deity to leave the place. Swamiji then closed the door of the sanctum sanctorum. Only the two of us were there standing in front of the Goddess. The Great Master stood in front of the Idol and asked me to stand by His side. Then, pointing His right hand index finger towards the Goddess idol, He said, 'Look there'. When I looked, I just could not believe my eyes! The Great Master Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was standing next to the Goddesses idol. I looked to my left and He was standing there too! I was dumbfounded to see the simultaneous presence of the Master in two positions - standing to my left near me and also standing next to the Goddess! As I was watching this strange phenomenon Swamiji said to me with a smile - *"If in this Goddesses Temple I can stand next to HER you can guess who I am"* and added *"share this experience of yours with others after I depart from this world"* Blessed were my eyes to behold this Marvel which will ever remain enshrined in my memory. We are all extremely fortunate to have a God incarnate as our Master.

After the Great Master, His Disciple and Grandson, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal continues the tradition of Siddha Purushas and has inherited the noble qualities of the Master. Calm, soft spoken, and with an ever-smiling countenance, radiating the divine Personality, He has alleviated the sufferings of many people who have approached Him for a cure. The extraordinary happening which took place when I met Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal he left an indelible mark in me and I have no doubt that 'HE IS A SPARK FROM THE GREAT COSMIC LIGHT'.

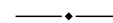
One day I met Sakthe Swamiji and gave Him three volumes of 'Thulasi Ramayana' which I had translated from Hindi to Malayalam. Swamiji was very happy and received the Books. After a while He said "By the Grace of Thatha (Grandfather Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal) I will materialise and give you an article on Thulasi Ramayana". Sakthe Swamiji stood outside the Pooja room and closed the doors leaving a

6" gap in between the Pooja room doors. He then prayed. I heard a sound, resembling the rustle of papers being shuffled. Then I witnessed the miracle of two sheets of paper descending into Swamiji's hands! He gave the papers to me. Neatly typed under the heading Thulasi Ramayana was an article in two pages which contained the essence of 'Thulasi Ramayana' written by me in 3 volumes!

Dear readers! The inadequacy of reason or mental logic is conceded by many great intellectuals like Upton Sinclair (American Nobel Laureate) and great scientists like Albert Einstein. The intellect is incompetent to penetrate and reach that which is above and beyond its limited ken. The Great Master Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal used to say, *"The one that is within human comprehension is science, and the one that is beyond human comprehension is Divinity."*

Let me conclude with the Golden saying of the Great Master - *"The one who sees (God) cannot dissect. The one who dissects cannot see (God)."*

My humble pranams to the Holy Feet of My Masters



“THADATHMANAM SRAJAMYAHAM”  
(THEN I GET MYSELF BORN)

—•—  
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*“Yada Yada Hi Dharmasya  
Glanirbavathi Bharatha  
Abhyudhanamadharma  
Thadatmanam Srajamyaham”  
(The Bhagavad Gita)*

The Lord said: “Whenever righteousness declines and unrighteousness flourishes, then I will take re-birth (on the earth)”. Yes! God the Master of the Universe, gave to the world a Siddha Purusha (Holyman) Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, endowed with miraculous spiritual powers to alleviate the suffering of humanity in this scientific age and show the way to God to multitudes of seekers who were yearning to lead a noble life.

His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was born of well-to-do parents, whose home was in Pandrimalai, an off shoot of the Kodaikanal range of mountains which has been mentioned in ‘Thiruvilayadal’, the famed Tamil religious classic containing stories of Lord Shiva. His mother went, as was the custom, to her parents’ house for her delivery. One day she was lying in an inside room, while her parents were sitting in the next room, when she suddenly called them and told them that a resplendent Being in the garb of a Sanyasin, had come into her room and, after blessing her, had given her some Vibhooti (sacred ash) and told her that the baby she was carrying would become very great, and then had gone out of the room. Her parents were very surprised to hear all this, since no one could go into their daughter’s room, without passing through the room in which they had been sitting, and they had seen no one. So they concluded that she had

dozed off and had dreamed all this. But they had to change their minds when they saw the fragrant Vibhooti in her hand!

When He was a small baby, Swamiji would suddenly disappear from His cradle for hours together at a time! His mother would frantically ask all her neighbours whether anyone had seen her baby, and would get answers in the negative. Finally, He would as suddenly reappear in the cradle, bathed and fragrant, with Vibhooti and Kumkumam smeared on His forehead, and sometimes with the ‘Namam’, the religious mark of the Vaishnavites.

When He was a little older, a Siddha, known as “Aachanda Malai Paradesi”, arrived in Swamiji’s village and accepted the boy as his disciple. Swamiji spent a long time wandering all over India, visiting holy shrines, in the company of His Guru. When He finally returned home His parents begged Him to marry and settle down. Swamiji hesitated at first, wondering whether it would be right to get married, but quickly came to the conclusion that realizing God while in this married state was more noble than renouncing the world and shirking one’s duties. He married, and His Partner in life was a saint Herself, the ideal wife to Her divine husband.

Swamiji’s fame began to spread far and wide. The late President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Lal Bahadur Shastri were among the many well known personalities who were benefited by His divine powers. He visited USA, South Africa, Mauritius, Nepal, Singapore, Malaysia to bless His disciples/devotees there.

Since there was no proper road to Pandrimalai, His devotees begged Him to live in a more accessible place. So He came down to Dindigul and later moved over to the Om Namasivaya Ashram at Chennai in South India.

Since many people have written about Him and described the many miracles He has performed, I shall not attempt a repetition of those, but shall state some of my own experiences with regard to Him.

I heard of Him for the first time from Dr. Narendran, one of the leading Neuro Surgeons of India. As a rule, my husband and I were rather sceptical about such things. But when a man of science a brilliant doctor like Dr. Narendran related to us his strange experiences regarding Swamiji, we were intrigued, and desired to meet Him.

First my husband went alone to Dindigul, and the second time I accompanied him. Both times Swamiji was extremely courteous and hospitable. Though we carried with us an impression of Him as a person of dignified bearing, impeccable and highly polished manners, we were not given any hint of divinity. The third time my husband went with Dr.Narendran the whole picture changed, Swamiji showed him many miracles. He took some flowers and put them in my husband's hands and when they touched his hands they turned into a coconut! This was four years back, and the coconut remains as fresh even today.

Another miracle occurred when Swamiji asked him to take in his hands some water from a puddle of rain water lying nearby. My husband did so, and then Swamiji asked him to smell it and the muddy water had changed into clear rose water! He showed several other miracles. My husband was given a good glimpse of Swamiji's divinity, and he returned home, dazed from the impact of the divine personality, and brimming over with praise for Swamiji. After hearing all that had happened, I was awestruck too, and there grew in me a great desire to see things for myself. My chance came three months later when Swamiji came to Madras and stayed in the house of Dr. Kumaravelu, Deputy Director of Medical Studies, It was then that I first came into contact with His divinity and that was an experience I cannot describe.

Well might I quote Newman and say:

*I saw thee once, and naught discerned  
For stranger to admire;  
A serious aspect, but it burned  
with no unearthly light,  
I saw once more, and awe-struck gazed  
on face, and form and air;  
God's living glory round thee blazed  
A Saint-a Saint was there!"*

*Only He is more, far more than a Saint.*

He showed many miracles, but they formed only a small part of the divinity that I experienced. It was as though my capacity for emotion, for feeling, was raised to the highest pitch possible, and then came into violent contact with an object whose property of stirring up emotions was of immeasurably immense proportions. It seemed to me as though I were 'moving about in worlds not realized'. What is the cause for

these reactions? Nothing that I can name or define. I cannot pin them down to a particular moment either. They were due to no particular thing He said or did. *They were just the effects of the initial contact between a divine personality, ready to give, and a human one ready to receive.* I also felt as though I was wrapped in a warm cocoon of divine love and protection. Divine love, divine bliss all these were mere empty sounding words, conveying practically nothing to me till then, but now those words glowed with truth, pulsated with vibrant life.

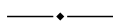
While He was staying in the house of Dr. Kumaravelu, Dy. Director of Medical Studies, Swamiji came to our house one day in response to our entreaties and did Pooja there. While He was there He spent a little time on the terrace on top of the house. He suddenly said to us, "I shall bring Lord Venkatachalapathi here", and holding out His empty hands with the palms facing upwards, He requested the Lord of the Seven Hills to give Him *akshatha* the sacred rice from Thirupathi Temple. A second later we got a strong smell of camphor and then Swamiji held His hand over my husband's and *akshatha* flowed from His hands into that of my husband. A little later my husband noticed that his watch had stopped, presumably about this time. After everything was over and Swamiji left the house the watch started moving again all by itself!

That same day we had arranged dinner for about twenty five people as we expected some of Swamiji's devotees to come. Actually, more than a hundred people turned up, and Swamiji asked them all to dine with us. We were taken aback, and did not know what to do, Anyway plantain leaves were set down for people to eat from, people sat down, everything was served and they started eating. After one group of people finished eating a fresh group would sit down to dinner, Finally everybody ate heartily and left. We had bought about thirty five plantain leaves, but more than a hundred people ate from fresh plantain leaves when only thirty five had been bought and we found about fifteen leaves remaining! Dinner prepared for 25 people proved to be more than enough to provide hearty meals to all, with many extra helpings included, for over a hundred people, and not only that but plenty remained in the vessels! We were able to get only about sixty 'pappads', (a kind of savoury side dish) and each guest was served two of them and there were still a few pappads remaining after dinner was served for more than a hundred people! We were dumbfounded at that time, but later we heard this had happened many times before when Swamiji had gone to homes where meals had been provided for



a certain number of people and a much greater number had turned up. We had read in the 'Puranas', (religious classics) of a vessel being given to Prince Dharmaputra by the Sun God, which was capable of providing grand feasts for any number of people who cared to accept the Prince's hospitality; but we never dreamed that we would get an equivalent of the *akshyaya patra* (never emptying vessel) in our house in the twentieth century.

Once Swamiji said that He would get us divine messages. He told us to bring a piece of paper each, and when we had brought them He asked us to examine them well and see whether there was anything written on them. They were blank. He then rolled up the papers and gave one to each of us, and told us to hold the rolled-up piece of paper in one hand and a pen in the other. When we did so he asked us to meditate deeply on God. A few seconds later He asked us to unroll the papers and look. We did so and found that each paper contained a different message, written in the Malayalam script. (Malayalam being our mother-tongue) and couched in the Tamil language my message peculiarly appropriate to me and that given to my husband just right for him.



CHAPTER 5  
OUR DEBT TO SWAMIGHAL

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VEENA MUTHANNA

*Coorg*

Swamiji was introduced to us by my sister and brother in law, Mr. & Mrs. K. A. Nanjappa, in 1982. I visited Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal with a throat problem. My doctor had diagnosed it as a paralysed muscle. I could not swallow even small quantities of any liquid, saliva etc., I was advised to take sleeping tablets and rest the throat every time this problem came up.

When I first visited Swamiji with this problem, He asked me to take a bath and visit him again in the evening. With his bare fingertips, he straightened the twisted nerves in my throat and asked me to gulp my saliva. Then I realised that I was all right. Swamiji told me that it was due to the cold that the nerves in my throat were getting twisted, paralysing the muscle. He advised me to keep my throat always warm during cold weather. By Swamiji's grace, ever since then this problem has not cropped up.

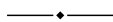
Some time later I had gone to thank Swamiji for saving my husband who had just recovered from a heart attack. Swamiji told me not to worry and assured me that as we are his family, He would take care of all of us.

A few days later, in madikeri (coorg) four children and I were returning home from a visit to my uncles house. I was driving and suddenly I felt an insect stinging my foot. I bent down and as a result, I lost control of the wheel and swerved off the road. Coorg being a hill station, the car was toppling down a dip of 30 feet. As this was happening, I took my hands off the wheel and held on to the black chord that Swamiji had tied on my wrist and prayed to him reminding Him of His promise of protection to save us all. Miraculously, the car stopped tumbling and it landed upside down with its four wheels above against the front door of a Shri Ram Mandir We all managed to crawl out with the help of the people around. No one was badly hurt and even the car also did not

suffer any major damage. On my next trip to Swamiji, I thanked Him for saving us. He laughed and said “I heard you calling out and saved all of you by stopping the car then and there. A minute later, the car would have gone further down a dip and then none you would have survived.”

Every night I used to thank Swamiji before going to bed for protecting us. One particular night, it was rather cold and was raining. I was afraid that my throat problem would recur. Then I prayed to Swamiji and prayed that I should die before Him as I was scared to live without his soothing presence in the world. I fell asleep. I felt Swamiji was talking to me and He said “As long as I am in this body you have to write or visit to reach out to me, but once I leave this body I can be everywhere at the same time, so it will be easier for you to reach out to me because you just have to think of me and need not write or visit.” Soon after this dream a few nights later I received a call from Ms. Kaveri informing me of Swamiji passing away. But for the dream I had only a few days earlier, I would have been devastated by the news, but instead because of the dream I felt that Swamiji was closer to me than ever before.

Ever since, I have always felt Swamiji’s presence. Sakthevadivel Swamighal and Premamma have also been taking care of us in the same way and I thank them. May their Grace continue to fall on us for all time to come.



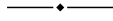
CHAPTER 6  
THE STRANGE CASE OF SCANNER  
VS  
SRI-LA-SRI PANDRIMALAI SWAMIGHAL  
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MS. KAVERI APPIAH  
*Chennai*

My cousin suddenly took ill and was rushed to the hospital, where a scan was done. A blood clot in the blood stream was located. The doctor concerned advised him complete bed-rest and fixed up a date for an operation to remove the clot. Meanwhile, my brother who has always been an ardent devotee of our revered Swamighal, heard of this and brought our cousin to Madras to receive Swamighal’s blessings. As soon as Swamighal saw the patient, he advised him against surgery. All his ailments, he said, were due to mistakes made in the previous surgery and another attempt at surgery such as the one recommended will prove disastrous. He advised him to take only mild medicines to mitigate his severe frequent headaches.

The patient went back to Bangalore much relieved. At the behest of other well wishers he met a few visiting American doctors. They advised him to get himself admitted in an American hospital for further investigations. The patient accompanied by his wife went all the way to America and got himself admitted into a hospital, where after innumerable tests, the doctors pronounced the same diagnosis as that of Swamighal and gave the same advice. At that moment, the patient had a darshan of our divine Swamighal in front of his bed. Soon after his return to Bangalore, he rang me up to inform me of his safe return and the divine Darshan he already had. It was about 6 p.m. in the evening, when I got the message. I rushed to ‘Om Nama Sivaya Ashram’ and informed Swamighal of the divine darshan and asked him whether it was true. Swamighal’s reply was characteristically guileless.

“Yes. As soon as I heard the doctor pronounce the same diagnosis as mine, I made myself visible to the patient only for a split second.”

That is all he said. At this I fell at his feet and returned home, a more enlightened and thankful person.



CHAPTER 7  
OH DEATH WHERE IS  
THINE VICTORY!

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B. SADASIVAM  
*Salem*

*“They never sought in vain that sought the Lord aright” – Burns*

*“During the dearth in Gilgal (canaan) there was made for the sons of the prophets porridge of wild herbs some of which were poisonous. When the sons of the prophets tested the porridge they cried out, there is death in the pot. Then Elisha put into it some meals and its poisonous qualities were counter acted.”*

This is old history. Do such counter actings happen now? It happens, just as it happened in the life of the ever sixteen immortal Markandeya whom death could not embrace when he in total surrender and faith embraced The Lords Siva Linga. Similar things happen even now by the might of Sivaraja Yogis who seek the Lord aright and never seek in vain. One such incident in the life of the devout devotee of His Holiness Sri-La- Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, Sri Bommanna Chettiar of Salem occurred on the night of 21-10-77 at ‘Om Namasivaya Ashram’ Madras. Sri Sadasivam, his son, also a devout devotee of His Holiness speaks of it. Let us hear him.

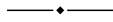
It was predicted by an astrologer that my father would have a ‘kandam’/calamity in his seventy second year. My father sought the holy feet of our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. I accompanied him to Madras to meet our Swamiji. Our Sadguru did special pooja for my father and invoked the blessings of the Lord to save him from any misfortune no less than death. It was midnight on 21-12-77. The gathering of devotees inside the big pooja hall was requested to leave the hall. The hall was closed, even all the windows were closed with my humble self, my father and His Holiness alone were inside the hall. My father was holding in his hands a basket containing the pooja materials and he felt that there was a huge force trying to snatch away the basket but he held it tight as instructed previously by our Swamiji.

When His Holiness performed the pooja with the bell ringing, the tongue of the bell disappeared!

There was another surprise on the same night. A three-legged dark brown cat was found hopping from one end of the hall (Agni corner) to the other end. It disappeared all of a sudden in the manner it made its miraculous appearance in the hall. When His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal said that the animal that disappeared was none other than Yaman, the Lord of Death, I felt a shudder pass through my frame. Soon I realised that the danger of death hovering over my father had disappeared. How better can my father and I devoted to our Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal for over thirty years express our indebtedness and gratitude to our Sadguru than by prostrating to Him in total surrender and love?”

*Happiness does not depend on what you get, but on what you give.  
Your only insurance against tomorrow is what you do today.  
See the best even in your enemy and imbibe it.*

“The prayer of faith shall save the sick” proclaims The New Testament (James V. 15) Such is the case stated above.



CHAPTER 8  
DIVINE EXPERIENCE

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V. GOPALDAS  
*Chennai*

Many miracles are attributed to His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal’s divine power. His healing touch has cured many patients who had been suffering from incurable ailments. Here is yet another experience of a patient, Shri Gopaldas, who was suffering from a heart ailment when he visited the Swamighal on 2-3-1977.

Until his encounter, Shri Gopaldas was a sick man, frustrated in life with no hopes of living. His meeting with Swamighal ultimately cured him and today Shri Gopaldas enjoys sound health and has become an ardent devotee of Swamighal with firm conviction of Swamighal’s divine powers. Shri Gopaldas narrates, in his own words, the transformation that took place in him since the day of his meeting with Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal.

“The first time I came to know of His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was when I saw a photograph of Swamighal at Sekar Emporium at Kodambakkam, Madras. I developed severe pain in the chest sometime in August 1976 and was under continuous treatment for six months but found no cure. I met his Holiness on 2.3.1977 at the Marina Beach in Madras near the Gandhi Statue where He usually spent His evenings with His disciples. I again met Swamighal as directed by Him at Om Namasivaya Ashram on 4.3.1977. Then began a series of treatments under the direction of His Holiness, who is the Doctor of Doctors and who can effect the cure of incurable diseases by mere sight, touch, or with His thought. I smeared my forehead and body with the sacred ash that He gave. I knew that the panchaksharam was working wonders on my physical system. I could feel a slow and steady change in me every time I smeared my forehead and body with the sacred ash. Swamighal’s Divine Healing Touch created a metamorphosis in me and I was cured of my ailment. I have no hesitation whatsoever in acknowledging the supreme Doctor in our Swamighal who I realise is

God in Human Form.

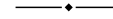
I owe my existence to Him. His Holiness is both my God and Guru.

I am happy to say that now I do not have any physical ailment at all. I am no longer a heart patient but one in the enjoyment of sound health by the Grace of my Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal.



CHAPTER 9

## SWAMIJI'S GRACE



BANDRA K. SWAMINATHAN

*Mumbai*

I always thought in my mind that Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was actually an Avatara Purusha of Lord Muruga, although Swamighal used to say that He was only a Devotee of God Muruga and not His Avatar.

He used to say that everyday He did Pooja to Adhi Ganapathi in the morning and evening. He used to say that after entering the Pooja Room and closing the doors and windows, He would go to Palani and Tirupati and have darshan of God Muruga and Lord Venkatachalapathi, return to His pooja Room and start His pooja of God Adhi Ganapathi.

Everybody will start thinking how it is possible to make such visits to these two temples everyday and that too, two times a day. It is not possible for normal persons to make such visits, but for Swamighal it was possible because He possessed all the Siddhis, one of which is called "Anima" which gives the power to reduce the body to a very small size when needed and then regain the original body. He used to reduce His body in this manner, get out of the room through a hole in the window, then go to Palani first. After reaching there, He would regain His original form get into the temple, have darshan etc., and then after coming out of the temple, again reduce the size of the body, go to Tirupathi to have darshan of Lord Venkatachalapathi and thereafter return to His Pooja room. After re-entering the Pooja Room, He would regain his original form and then do the Pooja to God Muruga. The Pooja would conclude in about half an hour and at that time, God Muruga would appear before Swamighal and accept His Pooja. By the Grace of God Muruga, only our Gurunadhar Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was able to carry on the above programme and was also able to perform many miracles as given below:

Whenever He touched some flowers, they were transformed into sugar candy.

Whenever He lifted flowers and dropped them, they were changed into fine garlands.

When He touched ordinary water, it was transformed into rose water,

Whenever He requested God Muruga to give His Prasad to Him (Swamighal), immediately, fine smelling vibhuti used to come in His Palms, which He graciously gave to His devotees and Blessed them.

When Blind Persons were taken to Him, by wiping their eyes with His Palms, He used to give them eyesight. He was also able to give the power of speech to those who could not speak and power of hearing to deaf persons, whenever such persons were taken to him.

With His devotees He used to visit Palani Murugan Temple several times in a year to attend the various festivals that took place there. Similarly He visited the Tirupathi Temple with His devotees once in a year for attending the Annual Celebrations in that Temple. When one such trip was undertaken in 1980, some of the devotees had the good fortune to see the Divine Rekhas in His Palms, Arms and Feet, which are described as:

“Sankhu, Chakram, Arukonam, Sevarkodi, Trisulam. Janda, Sakthivel, Vajravel, Vetrivel and Arulvel within Vetrivel.” Those devotees also had the good fortune to hear His discourses on various themes of virtue.

During the 1965 trip, Swamighal and his devotees were taken to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru High School, where He was given a grand welcome by the school authorities and several speeches were rendered by many devotees. One of them was the famous Sri T.D. Meenakshisundaram who compiled the book ‘Thathuva Deivam’. He said in his speech as follows:

“Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is a great bhakta of Sri Vishnu, Sri Shiva and Sri Muruga. Only due to great devotion to these Gods, such auspicious rekhas are found on his Palms, Arms and Feet.”

Next day, Sri Meenakshisundaram purchased a copy of a book called “Venkatachalapathi Suprabatham” and at the request of Dr.T.V.Ranganathan (a famous eye surgeon), who was standing near him, he opened the book just casually and started reading the printed sloka on that page. The meaning of the sloka is as follows:

*“The fact that on your Arms, Feet and Palms, the Punya Rekhas of Sankhu,*

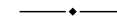
*Chakram, Dwajasthambam, Amrutha Kalasam, Mango leaves, Vajrayudam and Karpaka Viruksbam are present show that clearly You are the Vaikuntanathan and none else”.*

On hearing the above meaning of the sloka, all those standing near Him, were immersed in holy thought and devotion. The fact that such emblems existed on the Palms, Arms and Feet of Swamighal clearly conveyed the truth that Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was really an Avatara Purusha.

So all those baktas approached Swamighal and described to Him whatever they had read in the book and said that they believed that He was really an Avatara Purusha only. Immediately, Swamighal replied, *“Samy, I am only a Muruga Bhaktan, not His Avatar. I do not have any Deiva Amsam (Divine Attributes). I am only an ordinary man, like all of you. I am only worshipping Him (Murugan) and am trying to obtain His Grace, for helping all those who approach me for help. This is the actual fact and all of you must understand it”.*

All of them wondered how simple He was. However, all of them said, “Although you are a human being, you have Divine Powers which others do not possess. So you are actually a Divine Person only”. Swamiji simply smiled and kept quiet.

Note: This is based on the book Tatwa Daivam.



CHAPTER 10  
SADHANA TO PERFECTION

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M. S. RAJENDRAN  
*A Devotee*

Foreword: This is the narration of a senior disciple of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal on “Electrifying Spiritual Truths” and the disciple’s own “Sadhana to Perfection.”

Since the matters revealed and mentioned here are very secretive and not to be divulged, this disciple kept it back. But, for the past four or five years, I have repeatedly requested this devotee to reveal or release it for print and at last he consented to do so now. The Great Guru Himself answers many mystical questions posed by some of His disciples and therefore, I consider this revelation in importance next only to the materialized articles and speeches of our two Gurus.

The article is split into two parts, the first part being questions (Q) asked by the said disciple and answers (A) are the secret truths revealed by the Great Master in the years 1984 and 1985. The second part is the thrilling account of the disciple’s own jivatma merging with the Super Soul and Lord Muruga appearing.

This disciple was first initiated in 1959, with eleven mantras given progressively by the Great Master in person and then another five after passing away, coming in dreams with a slate and chalk piece! The disciple felt his soul merging with the Super Soul in 1989 and in 1995, Lord Muruga appeared!

This is a clear example of one of the ever so many disciples, whom many of us do not know, realizing God and proving how the Great Master is indeed the Greatest Guru and if we apply ourselves properly, we can also achieve Union, since the Great Master does not discriminate and only goes on the strength of our bhakthi to Him and our sadhana.

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PART ONE

QBD - Questions by disciple;  
ABS - Answers by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal

QBD - What is karma and how does it influence now?

ABS - The karma of previous life accounts for the circumstances that arise in the present birth (janma) the way one deals with a situation depends on the knowledge one has gained in dealing with the circumstances that arose in the previous life.

QBD - What is real knowledge?

ABS – The last birth has moulded every aspect of the present birth. The experience as per the new horizons of the present situations is the result of thoughts acquired after experimenting in the previous birth situations. Indeed, it means that there is nothing like free will. Your every action is predetermined to lead you to real knowledge that remains dormant in you. “That all are one and nothing is separate from you.” This is true knowledge and self realization.

QBD - What do the senses and intellect do in this present birth?

ABS - Senses control the mind. Intellect is the depository of experience, result of action in dealing with situations in the previous life. Intellect, drawing on the net result of several experiences of previous life, gives the prompting to the mind to act through the body in an improved way to experiment on the new horizon of situations, in this birth.

QBD - Can you please explain about the Soul and the Super Soul, Swamiji?

ABS - Yes, I will explain. The Soul is a thumb-sized mist like moving in the body with minute buds all over and a coating. The buds are created out of experiences in the several previous lives. There is a pinhead of light on the right side of the heart. This is the resident Super Soul. This can be reached through a zig-zag way, with the opening of this road remaining closed. The pinhead keeps the soul earth bound. There is a magnetic attraction between the earth and the pinhead light. The wandering Soul, by Guru’s blessing reaches the opening to the pinhead light and merges with it, like mercury merges with mercury. Now

there is no separate individual Soul, Dwaitham becomes Adwaitham. After the merger, the individual soul is a bit more free and the Earth's attraction is almost completely removed. The soul and Super Soul then travel together to the centre of the head. Realization is completed there, that everything is one and only shape differs.

QBD -What is the role of control of the mind in this process, Swamiji?

ABS - The control of mind is almost impossible, until you reach a certain stage. Till then, it is impossible to control the mind, since the mind is in the control of the senses. After you reach a certain stage, the senses and the mind are completely controlled and a type of blankness comes over the mind. No thought, no reaction – just machine.

Till this stage is reached, what one can do is to just let the mind wander the way it wants, do not interfere, but never allow it to control action. Do not act the way the mind wants. Allow things to drift, where action automatically follows, dictated by the Super Power, the heart, by His Blessings. After merging with the Super Soul, it has its own momentum and with His Blessings, moves towards the centre of the head and here the Guru shows the Ultimate, the self, the light that is in everything, everywhere.

QBD - What are Mantras? How does the Guru Help?

ABS - Mantras are the words, which have all the powers. The Word contains the whole World. By this Word, we can reach Him and know everything and acquire all knowledge and power. There is a very old man sitting before an ancient cave, a very big cave with a VEL (Spear) kept by his side. The VEL is very big, very, very, big. The man is very, very old. Nobody knows his age, may be thousands of years. He has been blessed with all the powers, the knowledge, all mantra sakthis of this world and other worlds also. He is the Aadi moola parama guru.

Guru should know the Word and He would have gained everything and He has the power to pass it on to the sishya. This is the key to open up the Knowledge lying dormant in you. With this power of mantra you will progress. Only fate will lead you to the proper Guru, who will take you to the Final Goal.

## PART TWO

(Personal Experiences of the realized disciple, in his own words, much abbreviated for obvious personal reasons)

At Dindigul, when Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal (The Great Master), initiated me, I felt I was walking through chest high water. I felt I was in a strong magnetic field. The feeling became stronger and stronger and on the advice of the Great Master, I stayed back for five days for the feeling to vanish.

At Madras, I used to have an uncontrollable feeling of sleep, which the Great Master explained as the normal course in the initial stages of Sadhana. I used to experience pain in various parts of the body and He said this was normal when VASI rises. He taught me breathing which gave much relief.

In Madras, whenever I entered the Ashram, a 1ft by 1ft, white light, mist-like, used to come merge into me. When I told the Great Master, He said that the power in the Ashram is Blessing you and asked me to report back its growth. About a month before the Great Master passed away, the mist had grown to my full height and merged with me. The Great Master then told me, it is a matter of few days, when you least expect, Lord Muruga will come and give it to you. When I asked what I should do, when Lord Muruga came, the Great Master told me that, Lord Muruga would instruct me further.

In the year 1989, I suddenly felt, while praying, a needle like thing, one inch long, moving upward from the stomach and reaching the heart region and knocking at something like a very small white Dot. The Dot opened up, the needle-like thing entered and passed through in a Zig-Zag way of a Tube, in which one end there was an opening with a red tape outside. A white light was glowing outside and the light was burning downward. Then a very sweet merger of this needle with the light was felt. It was very, very cold and the merger very, very sweet. This I felt was the merger of the Soul with the Super Soul.

At times, I felt an intense and strong breeze accompanied by thunderous sound, during further Sadhana. I also had the help of a very, very tall person, wearing golden ornaments.

The Great Master appeared in my dream and corrected my sitting

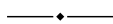


posture for Japam. My hip pain and breathing trouble vanished. Between the years 1993 and 1994, the Great Master appeared in my dream and wrote five Mantras (on a slate) for me to repeat progressively and gave me advance information on things, which were to happen in the future.

In the years 1993 and 1994, several health problems plus electrifying spiritual experiences occurred simultaneously. There was lightning in the central back of the head. On the back side of the head, this something exploded like lightning and something started oscillating left to right and back. The thing, which was oscillating was very bright and very white greenish. This was repeated. I felt that I was losing consciousness and a feeling that I was dying. The whole thing lasted a few seconds and I sat up.

After nine months of the above experience, one morning when I started pooja, I felt a hairline being formed from top to bottom on the back of the body inside and some unusual feeling and movement inside the hairline at the back of the body. After about fifteen minutes of pooja, I suddenly felt cold and something hit the top backside of the head, coming from the lower portion of the neck. I felt an unusual happening in the brain, which is hard to explain. Then I felt short of breath and started yawning. I became unconscious, though I remember still doing the Japa mentally.

Then, in the year 1995, I had a vision of a very young boy aged about 10-12 years, very beautiful and having a fine personality. The boy wore a black thread around his neck, by his side there was a cobra with a raised hood. The vision lasted a few seconds. Lord Muruga instructed me further, as Swamiji said He would.



CHAPTER 11  
SUPERNATURAL POWER OF  
SRI-LA-SRI PANDRIMALAI SWAMIGHAL

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SRI. P. R. KRISHNA RATHNAM  
*Chennai*

With the blessings and permission of our guru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, I wish to narrate an event which revealed the supernatural power of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal This took place during the year 1980.

My wife and I had the good fortune of meeting Swamiji everyday in the evening, before Swamiji left for the beach. We used to accompany Him and return along with Him to the Ashram. We used to wait till late in the night to receive the sacred prasatham from Swamiji's blissful hands. After listening to Swamiji's teachings, advice and about several miracles, we used to take leave of Him after having the "Ekantha Seva". We felt that we were the most blessed.

It so happened that one day after returning from the beach, Swamiji asked "Have you been to kottam (Secretariat)"? I replied, "No Swami". After a couple of days, again Swamiji put the same question to me - I gave him the same reply saying that I did not go to the Secretariat. Like this, Swamiji went on asking several times periodically. I was wondering why Swamiji was asking me again and again whether I had been to the Secretariat. One day, I decided to go to the Secretariat. As I was walking into my Department viz: "Rural Development and Local Administration Department", the concerned Section Officer told me, "Only yesterday somebody came here to enquire about your promotion and I informed him that your promotion matter has been finalised and the G.O. was under issue". I was really amazed at this news, since nobody on earth knew about my promotion proposal pending with the Government.

I was never inclined to bother Swamiji seeking His help every now and then. I sought His grace specifically for achieving any object,

only if it was absolutely unavoidable. As such, it was really surprising as to who could have gone to the Secretariat to find out about my promotion! It was very kind of Swamiji to have gone there in disguise to do the needful for my promotion. I was certain that none else could have intervened in this affair, except Swamiji. My joy knew no bounds at this kind gesture of Swamiji and I know not how to express my gratitude to Him.

The same evening I went to the Ashram to meet Swamiji as usual with my wife. Without batting an eyelid, Swamiji simply asked me, “have you been to the Secretariat?” I replied, Swami before I could go, you seem to have gone there and done the needful for issue of the G.O. for my promotion which was pending for quite a long time. I am at a loss to know how to show my gratitude to you Swami” For this, Swamiji smilingly said, “Why should I go there? He (Lord Muruga) would have gone there. He takes care of all my devotees and attends to their needs Himself. He does not let down any of my devotees at any time”.

This one incident would show how much we have been enjoying His Grace all along. These days, His Grandson and our mentor and Guru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal is playing Swamiji’s role with the same solitude and compassion as His guru did. No day passes without our prayers to Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamiji and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. Our profound prayers that we may continue to have their Blessings always.



CHAPTER 12  
MY SADGURU  
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MAJOR P. K. LOGANATHAN  
*Chennai*

To my wife, son, daughter and myself, Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is Brahma, Vishnu, Maheswara and Para Brahma incarnate.

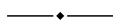
Since 1958, my Sadguru has appeared in my dreams and continues to do so even now. The time when I was preparing for my B.Com examination in 1958-59, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal blessed me in my dreams giving me a white flower and predicting my success. This experience made me realise that faith in the Sadguru should be implicit. But in this scientific age, man does not easily accept theories about Divinity. Divine dispensation is beyond the ken of human perception.

Unless one reposes unquestioning faith in the Sadguru, one will not have the opportunity to experience His omnipotence. I may cite one example. I was posted to Sikkim in 1963 on being commissioned in the Army with the Blessings of my Sadguru. This was in the aftermath of the Chinese aggression when we had to undergo rigorous training at high altitudes. In the course of an operational exercise, I had to cross a river along with my troops. Being in command, I had instructed my jawans numbering about fifty, not to make any attempt at crossing before I had completed a survey of finding a suitable place for negotiating the turbulent river. But an overenthusiastic jawan named David tried to display his physical prowess, while I was away at a distance surveying. He waded across the river with one end of a rope tied around his waist. The other end was held by his colleagues standing on the bank of the river. As Fate would have it, the rope tied around the waist of David snapped midstream. At a distance I heard the other jawans shouting that David was being washed away by the fierce undercurrent. To my shock, I saw only the hands of David above the water waving helplessly while he was being dragged away in the river, which was strewn with sharp edged boulders. The jawans of my Company gave up hopes of rescuing David. I did not. I had faith in my Sadguru. He had once told

me “I will come to your rescue wherever you are if you perform an act as explained.” I performed the act and kept praying to Him. I told my colleagues that David would be saved. They laughed at me saying that David had no hopes of surviving the ice-cold water having strong undercurrents. But I stood by my statement. I again told my colleagues not to be dejected but instead go down the riverbank in search of lost David. Time passed by. Suddenly, I heard a cry that David was seen on the opposite bank of the river lying unconscious. Thereafter he was retrieved and brought back to life with expert medical aid. A few days later, I asked David to narrate what had happened. All that he remembered was that he felt a certain force lifting him bodily and placing him on the ground. My Sadguru saved David.

Even today, after more than three decades, I cannot forget this memorable incident that proved that our Sadguru is omnipresent and omnipotent. He continues to be in our midst in the form of Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.

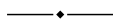
Faith alone is what matters!



CHAPTER 13  
SOME OF THE INDIRECT INDICATIONS BY  
SRI-LA-SRI PANDRIMALAI SWAMIGHAL OF  
HIS COMING MAHA SAMADHI  
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A DEVOTEE

1. About a month before his Maha Samadhi, Sri Swamighal told His disciple that generally one likes to eat what he liked most in his younger days before death. In the course of further discussion he said that he liked to eat channa kurma in His younger days and He wanted to eat the same now. As desired, the disciple started to provide channa kurma daily but did not realize that Swamiji had started counting his days.
2. Sri Swamighal had allowed one of His disciples to keep some of His dress material in one almirah on the ground floor and kept it locked for a long time. It remained unused. Just one week before his Maha Samadhi He asked His disciple to break open the almirah and bring the material to Him otherwise when He sleeps off someone may misuse it.
3. Just five days before His Maha Samadhi the disciple was to put a lock as previously instructed on the outside of the staircase leading to the Pooja Hall. The lock was brought and shown to Sri Swamighal and a carpenter came to fix it. Swamighal then said “Now this is not required as you may not continue to stay in the Ashram when I have slept off.”
4. As death nears (2 to 3 days before) one may not see his own shadow, my shadow has now merged with me.
5. The disciple was staying in a single room on rent of Rs.150/- per month. A better offer of accommodation for Rs.350/- was received. The disciple placed it before Sri Swamighal for approval (This happened just 3 days before Maha Samadhi). Swamighal then said “You are not going to stay in Madras for a long time, maybe ten days. Then why make this change? Only If I am here you wish to stay here”.
6. At about 12.15 a.m. At night before His going to bed on 10th December, He said to the disciple that He may sleep off the next day

morning in clear tone, but would be present with all His disciples, devotees and anyone who has come before Him for blessings at least once helping him in his days on earth to solve his problems and ultimately lead him to achieve his salvation. “This is my promise” When the disciple started crying, Swamighal said, “You go and sleep and come up early morning.” Then the disciple took the key of the telephone to contact some senior members. Swamighal noticed it and said “don’t contact anybody now” and took back the key. He said that He had gone through such a situation twice before but this time it seems different. The Next day morning Swamighal woke up early about 4.30 AM and put the light on in the sitting room. The disciple went up immediately and did Namaskar, when he saw a PIN head light just before the toe in the right leg and enquired as to what it was, Swamighal said “This is one Jyothi and you may not get another chance to do Namaskar again. So do Namaskar again and take blessings.” After Namaskar, the disciple asked whether whatever He said the previous night was true. Swamighal said “God’s will, will be done, you will reach your ultimate goal soon. Don’t worry, I shall meet you there and all my disciples, devotees in the assembly hall itself, when they come over and lead them further.”



## CHAPTER 14 AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

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V. RAVI  
*Chennai*

I would like to share, once again, through the columns of the ‘Light of Pandrimalai’, one of the greatest miracles I have been witness to, since the time our Gurubhagwan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal shed His Mortal Coils in 1986.

I have been a regular visitor to the Ashram ever since 1972 when I had the great fortune of coming under the divine grace and care of our great master Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. However, my visits to the Ashram remained almost frozen during the period 1985 to 1988 when I was shifted, on transfer, to Mumbai and Kolkata. While on a brief visit to Chennai in 1988, I was fortunate to meet Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. That was my first visit after He had ascended the ‘Peetam’ of His illustrious Grandfather. At the very first meeting with Him I realised that here is a ‘Sadguru’ who would further enrich my spiritual journey. Prostrating at His Holy Feet, my wife and I sought His blessing for an early return to Chennai, for seeking greener pastures in our spiritual life. Needless to say that this request was granted and we came back to Chennai during December 1988.

Our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal formally initiated me into spiritual life when I got my mantra diksha in July 1988. My spiritual life was further strengthened when Sri Swamighal gave me more ‘mantras’ during the years 1990, 1994 and 1995.

I would now like to share with you a miracle, which I consider the greatest which I have witnessed since I came under the divine grace of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. The incident relates to the year 1990.

One day, while on a regular visit to the Ashram, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal told me and my wife that ‘Thatha’ would shortly give His darshan to both of us. Initially we thought that our Gurubhagawan would probably appear in our dream. Sensing this, Swamighal told us

that 'Thatha' would physically appear before us and give His darshan. He fixed up a date for us and asked us to be present in the Ashram by 6 p.m. He, however, told us that this was to be kept a secret by both of us.

Accordingly, both my wife and I reached the Ashram in the evening on the appointed day. On reaching the Ashram we were taken by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, to a room upstairs. Once in that room, Swamighal asked us to sit down. Then He went near a door of that room and started praying. After praying for some time, He opened the door partly and then asked me to come and see through the partly opened door. What a sight it was! Through the partly opened door, I saw our Gurubhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal standing in that room, looking at me, with His face smiling as ever and His Hand raised Blessing me. With my head bent low, I folded my hands in deep reverence to Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. I was totally stunned. Was I dreaming? Only in Cinemas, I had seen Gods and Goddesses, appearing before their devotees in their original form. But here, I saw Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, in flesh and blood, standing and blessing me. I could not even open my mouth, so spell bound was I. I just kept looking at our Gurunadhar for about a minute. Then Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal called me back and asked me to resume my seat. I can certainly vouch that, due to the grace of our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal physically gave me His darshan during the year 1990. However, He did not speak to me during this darshan.

After I had resumed my seat, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal asked my wife to come to the door to have darshan of our Gurubhagawan. She also had darshan of our Gurubhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal for about a minute in the same way as I had earlier. To be frank enough, we had never even dreamt of anything as having the physical darshan of our Gurubhagwan (after He had sheld his mortal coils) and as such a darshan was out of the ken of our comprehension. While thanking Them for this infinite mercy, our only prayer to our Gurubhagawans Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal is that we should ever be at the feet of our Holy Masters serving them.

Even today, a reminiscence of this momentous event brings tears of joy in our eyes in the feeling that we have achieved the purpose of this birth.

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CHAPTER 15  
GOLDEN SAYINGS OF GURUNATHAR

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COMPILED BY:  
R VIJAYA RAGHAVAN

1. It is easier to find a thousand Gurus but difficult to get a true disciple.
2. Find out where God is and what He is.
3. Self knowledge alone is true knowledge. He who does not know the self can know nothing else.
4. God is sugar candy to those who have faith in Him and a lump of hard stone to those who have no faith.
5. If you wish to know God, first know thyself.
6. To be known by those who do not know and not known by those who know.
7. We are slaves to our senses, slaves of our wives and children, slaves of praise and slaves of this and slaves of that.
8. A disease is not destroyed by repeating the name of medicines.
9. By your grace, pray make my devotion adequately strong, hold me always by the hand and protect me.
10. A man who has committed a mistake and does nor correct it is committing another mistake.
11. True love of God is to be gauged not by sentimented effusions but by purity of character and the spirit of dedication and service.
12. All things are possible to him who believes, still more to him who hopes, still more to him who loves.
13. God is infinitely perfect, infinitely adorable, infinitely apart from evil. He is willing to make you like Him if you wish it.
14. A friendly eye covered never sees faults.
15. Without submission of the heart and mind to the will of God,

devotion and perfection cannot exist

16. A beggar cannot be a giver.
17. God concerns Himself with how you offer, but not what you offer.
18. The basic purpose of life is self-realisation by permeating oneself with the idea one's existence in this world is to be of God, for God, through God and by God.
19. It is the fate of every truth to be the object of ridicule, when it is first proclaimed.
20. Of course men and women are equal as human beings though their functions are different.
21. We cannot forget that God has given a special function to women to be a mother, which cannot be changed.
22. Experience is a school where a man learns what a big fool he has been.
23. Life is short but is long enough to ruin any man who wants to be ruined.
24. In prayer we seek to augment our finite energy by addressing ourselves to the Infinite source of all energy.
25. God it seems, has not forgotten me, even if I tried to forget Him.
26. The individual can realise Godhead with the help of one of the millions of ways of worshipping the form and the formless.
27. The "Mantra" does not fructify even though repeated a hundred lakhs of times, if the "Sadhaka" does not know the meaning or the potency of the "Mantra".
28. It does not matter, the distance that one covers, it matters only the direction in which one goes.
29. God is a circle whose centre is everywhere but its circumference nowhere.
30. Good company will promote virtuous thoughts. Evil company will promote vicious thoughts.
31. Without devotion one cannot attain wisdom through learning or through conversion to another religion.

32. Those who are wise won't be busy, and those who are too busy can't be wise.

33. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and a few to be chewed and digested.
34. God is Breathless, Deathless, Ancient, Formless, Colourless, Omnipotent, All pervading, All Knowing, All Wise, All Bliss, Divine, Sinless, Most pure, Subtle, Beyond imagination Without Parallel, Supreme Spirit and Un-manifested. He is seated in the hearts of all.
35. Unless we go to the teacher with the faith that he can give something by way of real knowledge we cannot hope to gain anything.
36. To enjoy a spiritual life it is not necessary to ignore the materialistic world; if you want to realise the Creator, start realising the beauty of "His" creation first.
37. The Bhakta, Bhakti, and Bhagvan are identical.  
Closer is "He" than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.
38. If a man will begin with certainties he shall end in doubts, but if he will be content to begin with doubts he shall end in certainties.
39. To contain things we must empty ourselves.
40. That which is right is right under all circumstances.
41. Many of us pretend to be what we are not, while many wear the aspects of men over the souls of beasts.
42. Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.
43. I keep six honest men. They taught all I knew. Their names are What, Why, When, Where, How, Where and Who.
44. Life is a struggle and struggle is essential for life. We have to fight for our very existence. We live dangerously and fight with nature. This is also essential.
45. We are human beings and our aim, our duty, our interest, our development, our purpose of life lies in remaining a human being.
46. A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.

47. If you have faith in God, Help comes in time, impossible becomes possible - this is the mystery of the mysteries.

48. He who knows others is learned. He who knows himself is wise.

49. Undivided devotion to the Guru and uncompromising control of the senses are necessary. These two are sure means to attain the ultimate objective of life. That is the lesson which our great saints have taught us.

50. Even at present there are amongst us Godmen who are capable of converting dreary deserts into lands of plenty. One should search, seek and find out such a realised Guru.

51. A disciple should stick to one Guru only for God realisation. If he seeks Guidance from different Gurus, he cannot achieve anything. By digging in different places one cannot strike water, but if one digs deep in one place, water will be found.

52. Do all the good you can

By all the means you can

In all the ways you can

In all the places you can

At all the times you can

To all the people you can

As long as ever you can.

53. To escape from criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

54. In character, in manners, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.

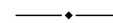
55. The high-souled person witnesses his own body acting, as if it were anothers. As such how can he be disturbed by praise or blame.

56. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your self confidence, as old as your fear, as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

57. Life consists not in attainment, but in the effort to attain, not in success, but in the struggle to succeed. But in the pursuit of knowledge, there is no arrival, there is all journeying, there is no attainment. It is effort, there is no success. It is all struggle.



CHAPTER 16  
LORD KRISHNA



How the article was materialised by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal

S. RAMAKRISHNAN, EDITOR, BHAVAN'S JOURNAL

*Bombay*

Monday, March 30, 1970. The midnight hour was not far away. Hundreds of devotees had thronged in and near the small ground floor tenement of Sri S.S. Subramanyam, one of the humble devotees hailing from a lower middle class family, at No.B-6, Anklesaria Building, Cherai, Thana, (on the outskirts of Bombay City), to have a glimpse of His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. Some unknown force had taken me thither. Of course, the devotee, who was blessed to play host to Swamiji that evening had invited me. Some pressing preoccupations and distance deterred me and I was undecided.

Yet, something impelled me go to all that distance. At 8 p.m., accompanied by my mother and wife, I left my residence at Peddar Road, reaching Thana about 9 p.m. The puja was in progress. Aarti was over, Swamiji commenced the distribution of vibhuti (sacred ash). We were called into the puja room. After paying my soulful obeisance, I requested Swamiji to bless the Bhavan's Journal with another article, in continuation of the one on Sri Rama, which he was gracious enough to materialise at the residence of Sri T.S. Swaminathan, I.C.S. (Retd.), 'Chandralok', Napean Sea Road, Bombay. Swamiji's countenance lit up with a benign smile.

"So after Rama, Krishna! Well, that is how it should be. After Sri Rama comes Sri Krishna, to complete it all," said Swamiji.

Swamiji then bade me, Dr. T.V. Ranganathan, M.V.B.S. (Mad.), Z.O. (Vienna), L.O.D.O. (London), of Tiruchi, Sri TV Kamalasami, former Member of Parliament, and two or three others who were in the puja room to stay out awhile. We moved into the adjoining room, which was packed to capacity with devotees, when Swamiji opened the door and stood beside the entrance. He beckoned me to stand in front of

him. He directed me to hold my palms outstretched. I obeyed. Then Swamiji's gaze was transfixed on me. Then flowed out from Swamiji's lips, a soul-stirring Tamil hymn to Lord Muruga, an exquisitely short one, divine and full of ardour. He then supplicated, in Tamil, in sweet, slow and subdued tone: "O Muruga! You answered my prayers and blessed the Bhavan's Journal with an article on Sri Rama. They have sought me again for one on Sri Krishna. I beseech you to grant this request...Please grant. Please."

The voice of Swamiji grew less and less audible the intensity and fervour more and more.

With awe and reverence, the hundreds of devotees and I stood watching this direct communion of the Sage with the Divine. No sooner had Swamiji repeated for the third time the supplication 'Please grant' than we saw his whole frame in tremor for a brief 20 or 30 seconds; a rich and rare effulgence shone on his face.

An indistinct sound as though of shuffled papers followed. I beheld a sheaf of foolscap sheets that suddenly descend on the palms of Swamiji. Instantaneously he placed it in my hands. Synchronising with the descent, the assembled folk involuntarily raised the chant: "Muruga, Muruga!" Here was a marvel their eyes and mine had been blessed to witness.

After the first flush of amazement had subsided, I could manage to have a close look at the sheaf of paper in my hand. On top was the caption "Lord Sri Krishna". Five and a half typewritten pages had been securely fastened with twine at the left hand top corner. The quality of paper, the typeface and the colour of the ribbon were exactly as the previous article on Sri Rama.

Perceiving the eagerness of the devotees, I sought Swamiji's permission to read out the article. After I had read the original in English, Dr. Ranganathan translated it into Tamil, sentence by sentence.

While I was reading the article, I had noticed a few corrections in ink. As Dr. Ranganathan was rendering the words "Cosmic Form", which had been typed in small letters instead of capitals at the beginning, I muttered that the letters "C and 'F'" on page 5 had been corrected into capital letters in ink. I also mentioned that I had noticed five or six corrections in ink of the spelling in the typescript.

At this Swamiji said that the article was typed by one of the nine Ranaveeras (lieutenants) of Lord Muruga, and the corrections in ink were by Lord Muruga Himself. Swamiji had a small piece of paper in his hand. His countenance suddenly transformed as on the earlier occasion.

In this state of trance, flourishing his forefinger, Swamiji touched the paper and said, "O Muruga! Indicate the corrections You have made."

He then gave it to me. Therein were listed corrections in ink in 8 lines, with an indication that the first correction was on line 15. Sir A.S. Dixit, Advocate, Shiv Sena Councillor and Vice President of the Thana Municipality, residing in the same building, who was also in the room, asked for a correction-list from me and verified it.

Our wonder and astonishment did not stop there. I casually looked up at the wall clock in the room. It was just a few minutes past midnight. I ventured to mention that the article on Sri Krishna had descended in an inexplicable flutter, into the palms of Swamiji, at the same holy midnight hour, when the Lord took birth at Mathura as the son of Devaki and Vasudeva in the prison. Not only the hour, the day was also Ashtami of the dark half of the month (Krishna Paksha Ashtami). Of this auspicious coincidence I was to learn the next day while chatting with a friend.

I took courage to broach this breath-taking, supernatural occurrence with Swamiji. Swamiji remarked: "Bharata Varsha is a great punyabhoomi. This ancient land of ours has been trodden by the holy feet of a continuous succession of saints and sages. Many god-possessed supemen roam amidst us unnoticed even today, with power surpassing millionfold the one to which you were witness. They care not to present themselves before us. We must seek out such god-men. Then only will India and the world have real salvation. Not a blade of grass moves without His will. After all, I am but one of the humblest among the devotees of Lord Muruga."

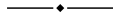
Has not Lord Sri Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita said;  
Avajananti mam moodaha manushim thanmashritham  
Param bhavamajanathaha mama bhootha maheshwaram

"The foolish ones in this world do not recognise Me, the Lord of all creatures, for, as I am concealed in mortal vestures they fail to see My



transcendental form.”

Modern India will have many greater deeds wrought by Divine Power, declared Swamiji.



CHAPTER 17  
MAHASIVARATRI:  
THE DAY OF DELIVERANCE  
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INTRODUCTION

His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal is a Siddha Purusha of the highest order and a Self Realised Soul. He hails from Pandrimalai Village situated in the Kodaikanal Range in Madurai District in Tamil Nadu.

His Holiness is an Adhikara Purusha with Divinely endowed Ashta Siddhis with a Holy Mission of alleviating the sufferings of humanity and to guide aspirants on their onward march for spiritual upliftment, in accordance with the Divine Sankalpa of Lord Muruga, His Ishta Devata. His Holiness is a standing example of a perfected soul without any Ego and in communion with the Lord Absolute. The Divine Grace is therefore full in Him.

His Holiness, amongst other innumerable siddhis has been materialising type written articles in English on various topics and subjects of spiritual importance. These articles which are mostly sought for by His devotees according to their desire are obtained straight away by the mere volition or wish of His Holiness and are published in various journals, particularly in the Bhavan's Journal, which is widely known and read throughout the world.

Once such Divinely materialised article dealing with “Mahasivaratri, the day of Deliverance” is reproduced in this brochure. The article was obtained thus.

On 18.2.72, His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal graced the humble abode of Dr. Shri.T.V.Ranganathan, M.B.B.s., L.O., Z.O. (Vienna) D.O. (London) of Tirucharapalli (Tamil Nadu) There was a large gathering of distinguished people and bhaktas as usual in his abode on that day. Since the arrival of His Holiness was in the immediate wake of “Mahasivaratri”, this subject with the significance came up for discussion, around 9.00 p.m. that day. Shri R.N.Sankaran, Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board spoke on the

importance and significance of Mahasivaratri with the permission of His Holiness. His comments provoked *the audience to make a united humble request to His Holiness, to instruct the Devotees* present regarding the true import of Mahasivaratri. His Holiness happily did so and also clarified certain involved points which came for discussion. But still, Shri. R.N. Sankaran, Dr. Shri T.V. Ranganthan, Dr. Shri. P.S. Kumaravelu, then additional Director Medical Services (now Member, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission), Shri. T.V. Kamalasingam, former Member of Parliament of India, Shri. M.G. Chari, Chief Archakar, Mirasdar, Padmavathi Thayar Temple, Thirupathi, Shri. T.D. Meenakshisundaram, former Registrar, Annamalai University and others present made a fervent appeal and submission to His Holiness for the materialisation of an article in English on this subject. His Holiness Swamikal kindly consented to do so. As has happened on several occasions, a three paged freshly typed article with the usual peculiar aroma came flying into the hands of His Holiness. This article was published in the issue of Bhavan's Journal dated April 16th 1972.

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#### ARTICLE

*(Vouchsafed to Aasaan Sadguru*

*Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamikal to gratify the desire of his disciples.)*

*"Yah Ksheeraambudhi manthanodbhava Mahaa Haalaahalambheekararn  
Drushvtaa tatra palaayitaansuraganaann Naaraayanaadeentadaa  
Sampeetvaa Paripaalayajagadidam Viswaakbhikam Sankaram  
Sevyonassakalaapadaam parbaran Kailaasavaasee Vibbuhu"*

Lord Sankara, the ruler of Kailas, is the one to be worshipped in order to ward off all dangers and evils assailing all. It was given only to Him to save the universe with His tremendous act of self-abnegation in drinking the dreadful poison Haalaahala that rose out of the Milky Ocean when it was being churned for getting the Celestial Ambrosia and drive all the Devas including the Lord Narayana and all the Rakshasas. This supreme act of sacrifice on the part of Lord Sankara took place exactly at midnight on the day preceding the New Moon in the month of Maagha. That day came therefore to be known as Mahasivaratri and

it became auspicious and dear to Lord Siva. It all happened like this.

In order to restore prosperity and wealth and get Amrita, lost on account of the folly of Indra, the Devas and the Rakshasas joined together on the advice of the Creator Brahma and the Preserver Vishnu and began churning the Milky Ocean, making use of Vaasuki, the Serpent Lord, as the churning rope. As they pulled hard, a frightful poison of the severest intensity issued out of Vaasuki's mouth and fell into the Ocean. As the process went on harder still, fire issued from out of it. Vishnu could make the fire subside. But the poisonous fumes continued unabated and many fell down unconscious. Others ran away from the place to their abodes. But the effect of the fumes were felt even there. There was total fear of annihilation. Then Brahma and Vishnu took all the Devas with them to Kailas to make their supplication to Lord Sankara.

Lord Sankara heard the sound of their prayer. He told Ganapati who was by his side: "O Heramba! Listen. This whole universe is actuated by the Ego, Ahamkaar. Sakti, the Time Spirit, created the three qualities of Sattva, Rajas and Tamas". Just as he was speaking thus, Sakti manifested herself in Siva who merged in her assuming the shape of a Linga. On seeing this divine vision, Ganapati was astounded. He found Brahma, Rudra, Vishnu and all in and of the shape of the Linga and Sakti without any differentiation of identity or dynamism. Also innumerable crores of globes of universe were found merged in the Lingamurthy. The Linga was immersed in Prakriti and Prakriti was pervaded by the Linga. Sakti and Linga were found mutually internal. Ganapati praised the Lord, the Lingodbhavamurthy.

On hearing the praise of Ganapati and out of compassion for the Devas and the whole creation, the Lingodbhavamurthy made the poison into a tiny ball and took it in. He kept it in the neck portion of the mouth. The neck became black earning for him the name of Neelakanta.

The Devas praised him.

*"Hara Sambho Mahaadeva Visvesaamaravallabha  
Siva Sankara Sarvaatman Neelakanta Namostute!"  
"Salutations to the Lord going by the names of Hara,  
Sambhu, Mahaadeva, Visvesa Amaravallabha, Siva,  
Sankara and Neelakanta who is Sarvaatman,  
being present in all."*

By Lord Siva the worlds were saved from total extinction. The gods and the Rakshasas were freed from their stupor. All praised the Lingamurthy. Lord Siva then came out in his own shape from the Linga and said: "Of what use are these Yajnas and meditations and other acts of welfare without any contact of mine with them? You wanted Amritha from the Milky Ocean. Well and good. But you have neglected me, Mrityunjaya, the conqueror of death. That was why you came very near annihilation. We had enjoined that Ganapati should be worshipped first before venturing on any mission. Without worshipping him and Goddess Durga at the beginning of any work, one can meet only with insuperable obstacles. You have all been puffed up with Ego thinking of yourselves as the mainsprings of all action. Curb that Ahamkaar and act humbly for the well-being of the universe". Thus admonished, the gods including Brahma and Vishnu prayed to him for the success of Amritha-manthan. They made Chandra, the Moon God, and Goddess Ganga reside in the matted hairlocks of the Lord to keep him cool and unaffected by the effects of the poison Haalaaahala. The Lord thus became Somasundara.

*"Yasyapranaamamaatreña santi sarvaascha sampadaha  
Sarvdsiddhipradam Sambhum tam vande Somasundaram!"*

Salutations are for the Lord beautified by Soma, the Moon God, by worshipping whom only we can achieve all our desires and get all riches. He also became Gangadhara. He said that any one deigning to worship him on every chaturdasi or fourteenth day in the dark part of the month and on Monday would have all his or her desires fulfilled apart from worship to him on Mahasivaratri day. Mahasivaratri thus was a day of deliverance to all from death physically and mentally and a day of deliverance of the gods from the tentacles of the Ego. It became the day of days when Lord Siva could be easily pleased. Any one who fasts on that day and keeps awake all night whether thinking of the Lord or not would surely attain the grace of the Lord and get salvation. A hunter called Chanda got upon a tree one day after the day's work was over to escape from a wild animal. He kept all night vigil. In the course of his sojourn in the tree he tore out some leaves from it and let them down. These leaves fell on a Linga which was under the tree without his noticing its existence there. The day happened to be Mahasivaratri day and the tree happened to be a bilva tree sacred to Lord Siva. In the morning he got down from the tree and went home where his wife kept awake all night waiting for his arrival. They had

no food that night. She had meat ready for him. But by the time they came back it was swallowed by a dog. The wife wanted to kill the dog. But the man prevented her from doing so. He said: "I am satisfied as the dog is satisfied. This wretched body is only transient. Much care for its protection is mere foolishness. Forgive the dog." As both of them kept awake during the whole of the night and fasted without having the knowledge that it was Mahasivaratri, they attained salvation.

Mahasivaratri is so auspicious that Lord Siva sheds his grace on any one who even accidentally and unintentionally listens to his sankirtan on that day. Once a Brahmin widow led an evil life and had a son by a Chandala. That fellow became the worst sinner, a gambler and a thief to boot. One Mahasivaratri day he came near a Siva Temple. There was a discourse at that time on the blessed acts and qualities of Lord Siva, the All merciful and Omnipresent Yogeaswara. As he kept awake all through the night listening to the discourse he became blessed. In the next birth he was born to Chitrangada and ruled the country. He attained spiritual elevation and developed deep devotion to Lord Siva. It was he that was later born as Veerabhadra, the destroyer of Dakshayajna.

Contemplation of Lord Siva on Mahasivaratri day is very fruitful. The worshipper will have longevity of life, success and prosperity in all fields without let or hindrance. The Linga form was assumed to dispel the avidya of Brahma and Vishnu. They were made aware of the unity of the Trinity Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswara. Worship of the Linga on Sivaratri day will lead us from untruth to truth, from darkness to light and from death to immortality. One who is true, courageous and pure and has faith in the unconquerable majesty of Lord Siva will get Rudra's inspiration from his inner being and gets released from this bondage of samsaara. It is only upto Lord Siva, the Somasundara who has the Moon God that controls the mind in his locks of hair in good grip, to transform the minds of people, make them spiritually alert and attain oneness with Him. Hence the importance of the night of Siva when the mind can undergo this magic alchemy and become one with the cosmic mind. So we shall pray:

*"Brahma Muraari Suraarchita Lingam  
Nirmala Bhasita sobbitha Lingam  
Janmaja dbukeka Vinaasakalingam  
Tatpranamaami Sadaasiva Lingam!"*

Prayers are unto the Linga of Sadaasiva worshipped by Brahma and Vishnu, the vanquisher of the giant Mura, to the Linga shining in full crystal splendour with pristine purity and unto the Linga that wipes out the sorrows of births. Siva is Brahmaanandaswaroopa, the eternal bliss and Nirvikaara, unaffected by change. He is found resting in the minds of men of purity. He does not make any discrimination between persons or things and does not have any prejudice. He bestows auspicious things in abundance on his devotees and makes them immortal. He is the redeemer and one who utters his name 'Hara' even without intention or volition is sure to attain him. He is sulabhprasanna - easily propitiated. What other day can you have to think of him than the Mahasivaratri day, the day of deliverance of the universe from Haalaahala of Ahankaar?

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(Excerpts of various happenings during  
Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's  
visit to South Africa and Mauritius)  
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CHAPTER 18  
GURUBHAGHAVAN  
IN MAURITIUS  
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**WELCOME TO A GOD MAN**  
by Swami Venkatesananda, Mauritius

On the 12th of March, Mauritius will be blessed by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. He will arrive from India for a two-day stay in the country before proceeding to South Africa.

India is a land of mystics; among them Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is one of the greatest. Many of them wield supernatural powers called siddhis; to him they are natural and therefore he manifests them without showmanship or ostentation. His being is totally attuned to the divine and thus he is holiest among holy men. Many devotees when confronted with the famous question, 'Have you seen God?' answer, 'Yes, I have indeed seen Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal

An enormous volume of over one thousand pages describes in breathtaking detail the countless miracles that the Swamighal has performed. They include materialising objects from grains and sugar candy to holy water from a distant shrine, prophesying the future and warding off evil, like saving help and even resuscitation of the dead.

It is said that during his tour to Sri Lanka when his party found a shrine closed, the curtain mysteriously lifted in response to Swamighal's prayer. It is said that he was having his lunch in a devotee's home in Madurai when he suddenly stretched out his arm and strained to hold back something no one else could see; that arm had saved someone who was about to fall to his death from a distant cliff.

I was in Madras during a birthday celebration of Swamighal and I heard with my own ears an eye witnesses and beneficiaries recount how Swamighal literally brought the dead back to life. I also heard how a pinch of sacred ash given by him saved the life of an American girl who had been seriously injured in a motor car accident near Madras and who was in a coma. She was not even a devotee of his.

During his brief stay in Mauritius, Swamighal will give a discourse at the Sivananda Yoga Ashram of the Divine Life Society in Rose Hill at 4 p.m. on Saturday the 13th March. It is also hoped that he will give his blessings to individual devotees. Devotees wishing to have his darshan are requested to contact Dr. P. Ringadoo at telephone No. 43-470.

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**Invitation to Sri La Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal sent by  
The Rt. Hon. Dr. Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam K.V.,  
P. C. Prime Minister of Mauritius.**

His Excellency the Governor-General requests the honour of the company of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal at a garden party to mark the Eighth Anniversary of Independence on Sunday the 14th March, 1976, from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Le Reduit R.S.V.P.

Please bring this card with you

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**Light**  
**A Yoga Bulletin Refreshing Reminders**

Sri-la-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's lightning visit in March took Mauritius by benign storm. Hundreds of people saw him, heard him and received his blessings. The Sivananda Yoga Ashram was filled by men, women and children who came streaming in to attend the only public meeting organised. The Prime Minister graced the occasion with his presence, along with several other Ministers of Government.

Swamighal delivered an inspiring address on "How to see God". With delightful illustrations from every day experiences, he declared that is only when the five elements which constitute our personality (the five senses, etc.) are brought under a unified control and harmonised, and our whole being is directed to God that god can be realised.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is one of the greatest among living sages and mystics. Wherever he travels in India thousands gather around him. They come to him for diverse reasons. As Krishna points

out in the Gita, people worship God (and sages and yogis, too) for relief from suffering and from poverty, out of curiosity or without any motivation at all. All forms of devotion are indeed noble! However, it is good to remember that, as Vasistha points out, wealth is needed only to sustain life. Life is sustained only in order that self-knowledge may be gained. Hence, a great sidha like Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal reminds us that though we may approach him for relief from suffering or for his blessing in our business ventures, our sole aim in seeking his holy company is to know “How to See God”.

A similar call issued from another platform during the same weekend. H. E. Sir Raman Osman (Governor-General of Mauritius) said, during his brilliant address at the Celebration of the Birthday of Prophet Muhammad that “Often the form is emphasised more than the spirit of religion” and exhorted his listeners to seek the spirit and to express it in their daily life. My Gurudev Swami Sivanandar was never tired of reminding us all: “Life without religion is death. Religion is God-realisation.

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**The Natal Mercury, Monday March 15th, 1976.**  
**Swami to open New Temple: By Mercury Reporter**

One of India’s leading spiritual leaders, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, who is said to perform divine miracles to “*create faith in God in the minds of atheists*”, is expected to visit Natal on March 14 to open a new temple in Pietermaritzburg later in the month.

Mr A. S. Pillai, a Pietermaritzburg businessman and philanthropist, who arranged for the Swami’s visit while he was in India, said yesterday that the Swami would be accompanied by three aides: Dr. T. V. Ranganicker and Mr Ramakrishnan, private secretaries and Mr C. P. Mohanrangam, a flutist.

The Swami has been invited to open the Northdale Siva Nyana Sabha’s temple project. The sabha was formed about 20 years ago to promote the religious cultural and educational needs of Northdale Hindus.

A large murthi or statue of Lord Shiva, which is expected to arrive in Durban by sea, this weekend from Madras, where it was made, will be installed in the temple by the Swami. The murthi was commissioned by

well known Pietermaritzburg Hindus Dr.S.Beharie and Mr R.C. Naicker.

Sri-la-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is renowned for his ability to ‘materialise’ articles including pendants in the form of Hindu deities, including Lord Shiva, Lord Rama and Lord Krishna. Mr. Pillai said yesterday that it was hoped to screen a full-length documentary film made two years ago at Swamiji’s birthday observance in Madras in two cinemas in Pietermaritzburg and Durban before the Swami.

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**The Natal Mercury, Monday March 15th, 1976.**  
**Noted Swami Here**

A touch of the mystic East was brought to Durban’s Louis Botha Airport last night when Hindu men and women queued to prostrate themselves before a noted spiritual leader from Madras, who is said to possess divine healing powers.

The Swami, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, had just arrived from India via Mauritius to consecrate a new Hindu temple in Northdale, Pietermaritzburg next Sunday. After being showered with garlands of welcome the Swami was driven to Pietermaritzburg by Mr A. S. Pillai, a businessman and philanthropist, who sponsored his visit to South Africa.

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**The Natal Witness, Tuesday, March 16, 1976**  
**Swami to consecrate PMB Temple. Special Correspondent**

An Indian Swami, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, from Madras in India arrived in the city late on Sunday night. The Swami was brought to South Africa to consecrate a Rs. 40,000 Hindu Temple at Northdale, by a well known Maritzburg businessman A. S. Pillai. The Swamy was welcomed by prominent members of the Indian community, including Mr J. N. Reddy executive chairman of the South African Indian Council. Dr M. B. Naidoo and Dr. Behari, Chairman of the Siva Nayna Sabha whose temple the Swami is to consecrate on Sunday, March 21.

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## Great

Speaking at the Louis Botha Airport Mr.Reddy said that it was a great day for the Indian community to have such a great person as Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal to visit South Africa.The Swami is believed to possess remarkable powers which he himself cannot explain.

It is believed that when the Swami was a little boy he was very fond of playing near a temple. A Sadhu (saint) always visited this temple and handed out coins to all the little boys who played there, except the Swami. The high priest at the temple noticed this and questioned the Sadhu. On explanation the sadhu said:

“How can I give coins to someone greater than myself?

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## Flash

A local journalist, Mr.Shan Pillai, said last night that he was taken aback when he first met the swami in Madras. When he tried to photograph the Swami, his flashgun refused to go off. Mr. Pillai then sought permission from the Swami to have his photograph taken and it was only after that the flashgun started working.

Three devotees of the Swami have accompanied him on his visit to South Africa. Among them is an eye surgeon Dr T. V. Ranganathan, Mr. C. P. Mohanarangam, a renowned flutist in India having won several awards and Mr. Ramakrishnan.

Several thousands from all over South Africa will come to Pietermaritzburg on Sunday to witness the Swami consecrate the temple. The temple at Pietermaritzburg by Mr A. S. Pillai, a businessman and philanthropist, who has sponsored Swamis visit to South Africa.

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### **The Natal Witness, Tuesday, March 16, 1976 Swami to consecrate PMB Temple Special Correspondent**

An Indian Swami, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, from Madras in India arrived in the city late on Sunday night. The Swami was brought

to South Africa to consecrate a Rs. 40,000 Hindu Temple at Northdale, by a well known Maritzburg businessman A. S. Pillai. The Swamy was welcomed by prominent members of the Indian community, including Mr J. N. Reddy executive chairman of the South African Indian Council. Dr M. B. Naidoo and Dr. Behari, Chairman of the Siva Nyana Sabha whose temple the Swami is to consecrate on Sunday, March 21.

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### **The Natal Witness, March 17, 1976. *Swami Criticises Caste System:* By Ramesh Ramlal**

A visiting Hindu monk from India, Swami Pandrimalai Swamighal yesterday sailed upon the Indian people to get rid of the caste system because it could only lead to disharmony and frustration. “Does a black cow yield black milk” he said.

The Swami, who is known to thousands of devotees throughout Africa, has been brought to South Africa by a well-known Pietermaritzburg businessman Mr. A. S. Pillai to consecrate the Rs. 40,000 Northdale Siva Nyna Sabha’s Temple.

Yoga: Swamiji said that yoga is good for the mind and body even if it is practised in isolation from other tenets of the Hindu religion.

The Swami is believed to possess remarkable powers which he cannot explain. The first thing one notices on meeting Swamiji is his youthfulness. His skin is clear and smooth, his eye sparkles his voice is strong. His humour is as quick as his mind and at all times he radiates serenity.

Spear: Swamiji showed the reporter marks of divinity on his feet and hands. The marks which cannot be found on a normal person’s hands or feet represent the spear of the holy God Muruga. When asked why his divine powers are not used to avoid man made catastrophies such as genocide or war, he said that wars occur by the will of God. He said no person could explain God’s action. “I am God’s instrument and whatever He wills me to do I do”, said Swami.

Three devotees of the Swami have accompanied him on his visit to South Africa. Among them is an eye surgeon, Dr. T.V. Ranganathan, Mr. C.P. Mohanarangam, a renowned flutist in India having won several awards and Mr. Ramakrishnan.

Migraine: Mr. Pillay, with whom Swamiji is living in Pietermaritzburg said, "I was told by my doctors I would have to take pills throughout my life because I suffered from migraine, but fortunately for me I was cured by Swamiji."

Notwithstanding the battered state of the world, he has an abiding faith in the divine future of all men.

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**The Graphic-March 19, 1976**  
**World Figures Sought Swami's help**  
**By Pillay (Graphic reporter)**

The late prime minister and the late President of India Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri and Dr. Rajendra Prasad respectively were some of the world figures who benefited from the 'divine powers' of Swami Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, according to Pietermaritzburg businessman Mr. A. S. Pillai, who has sponsored Swami's trip to South Africa.

The swami has been invited here to consecrate a new temple in Northdale, Pietermaritzburg this Sunday. Mr. Pillai told the Graphic this week that some of the many books written about the Swami's divine powers would be made available too at the temple's official opening.

According to Mr. Pillay many eminent people in India including Dr. Narendran, a leading neuro surgeon and Dr. Kumaravelu, Director of Public Health had witnessed the Swami's miracle.

One's first impression of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is that he is a cultured, courteous and dignified man. But as one gets to know him better, one Mr Pillay added that although the world had many men posing as saints, no one could doubt the genuineness of Swami Pandrimalai.

The temple, the Siva Nyana Sabha has been built at a cost of Rs. 40,000/-

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**The Sunday Times - Extra March 21,1976.**  
**Swamy at big Temple Day: By Shan Pillai**

Thousands of devotees are expected in Maritzburg this morning where the noted Indian Swami Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal

of Madras, will consecrate the Rs.40,000 temple of the Northdale Siva Nyana Sabha. Mr.A.S. Pillai of Maritzburg, who was primarily responsible for bringing the 'miracle Swami' to the city for the consecration will, himself officially open the temple. The ceremonies start early this morning when the Swamighal instals a metre-high bronze murthi of Lord Siva in a Natraja pose in the temple, which will be consecrated according to Saiva Siddantha rites.

The power of the image is derived from the Yantra or Chakra with a gold plated, copper plate with the letters of the mantra on it, which has been the subject of special poojas performed by the Swamighal over the past three years.

The Swamighal will hold public darshans at the temple this morning after the ceremonies. On Friday he will be the guest of the Tamil Protective Association's prayer group at the temple hall in Long Market Street. Meanwhile, a Maritzburg hairdresser, Mr. Govindasamy Maistry, 40 said this week he was returning to the Hindu faith because of a meeting with the Swamighal. He said he was asked to cut the Swamighal's hair which he wrapped in a piece of paper intending to throw it in the river. But on the way out the Swamighal asked him to unwrap the paper, which Mr. Maistry said, now contained only ashes. He said that he had been converted to an evangelical Christian sect some years ago, but had later left. He had not, however, considered returning to Hinduism until his meeting with the Swamighal.

Several others reported 'cure' and other manifestations by the Swamighal have caused excitement in Maritzburg.

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**The Natal witness, Saturday, March 20, 1976.**  
**Temple to be opened by Swami:**

The official opening of the Northdale Siva Nyna Sabha's new Rs. 40,000 temple will take place tomorrow at 9 a.m. The visiting Swami Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal of India will consecrate the temple and Mr. A.S. Pillai, donor of the land on which the temple is built will perform the official opening. On Friday at the temple Hall, in Longmarket street the Swami will be the guest of the Tamil Protective



Prayer group. The group will render a programme of lectures, kirtans and musical items. The function starts at 7 a.m.

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**The Natal Mercury, Extra Wednesday, March 24, 1976.  
Swamiji's Powers Amaze 5000 Pietermaritzburg:  
Mercury Reporter**

More than 5000 Indians and many whites, Africans and Coloureds gathered at Northdale's new Rs 40,000 Siva Nyana Sabha hall and Shrine on Sunday to witness the consecration of the shrine by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, one of India's best known and respected master mystics.

After the consecration, the swami amazed the gathering by materialising fragrant vibhuti, or sacred ash from thin air and pouring the ashes into the open palms of Dr. S. Beharie, Chairman of the Sabha, and Mr. A. S. Pillai, a trustee. The vibhuti was later distributed to members of the congregation and others.

The Swami, who was brought to Natal by Mr. Pillay, a Pietermaritzburg businessman and philanthropist, also installed a bronze statue of Hindu deity Lord Shiva in Nataraja pose in the shrine. The statue was made in Madras.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal has been holding healing sessions at the temple between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. every day. More than 500 people have been calling at the temple every evening to seek his blessing and help.

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**Tamil Protective Women's Prayer Group NEWHOLME  
Extend an invitation to the General Public to attend a  
Prayer Service**

At the Temple Hall  
Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg  
On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1976  
At 7 p.m.

Thiru Thava Thiru Pandrimalai Samikal  
of Madras, India will honour us with his presence  
Please attend to receive his Dharshan

Dr. T. V. Ranganathan & Mr. Ramakrishnan will be Guest Speakers  
Mr. C. P. Mohanarangan, the son of the late Pandurangan (Famous  
Music Director) will render items on the Flute. Bhajans & Kirtans will  
also be rendered By T.P.W. Prayer Group Nat-Pmb

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**The Leader - March 26 "Navalar says Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai  
Swamighal has miraculous healing power"**

Swami Sivananda Navaler, head of the Saiva Sithantha Sungam of South Africa who flew to Madras on Sunday to take part in a world conference on religion told his followers, India's great saint, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal who is now in South Africa is a Siddha Purusha endowed with miraculous powers of healing. Swami Navalar who had an audience with the 'miracle' Swami while in India a few years ago claimed last week the saint had rekindled the dormant soul of many sceptics and used his healing powers for the benefit of suffering humanity.

"Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal hails from the village of Balasamudram near Palani temple, Madras, and his divine powers were first in evidence when he was a child", said Swami Navalar: "These miracles are necessary to convince people in this time of agnosticism and anti-god feelings that there is a greater force than the material ones".

Several thousand people witnessed Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal in action since his arrival in Maritzburg a week ago and several people have claimed miracle cures. People in Durban will have an opportunity of meeting the saint at the new Saiva Sithantha Sangam Hall in Unit, 3, Chatsworth, on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. The Sangam is making elaborate arrangements for a public reception and members of all races are welcome.

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### **The Graphic - March 26, 1976**

#### **Local Swami vouches for Indian Swami's healing powers.**

A Durban Swami has vouched for the divine healing powers of India's famous Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal who is now in South Africa at the invitation of the Northdale Siva Nyana Sabha in Maritzburg. Swami Sivananda Navaler, spiritual head of the Saiva Sithantha Sungum of the South Africa who flew to Madras for a world conference on religion last Sunday, acknowledged the Saint as the 'greatest faith healer of our times'. Swami Navaler, who met the Saint in India a few years ago witnessed the divine healing and told his followers to pay homage to him while he was away.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal will be in Durban at the end of the month and he has accepted an invitation from the Saiva Sithantha Sungum to meet the public at a reception at the new Sungum Hall in Unit 3, Chatsworth on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. The Saint, according to Swami Navaler, hails from a wealthy family in the village of Balasamudrum near Palani Temple in Madras State. His divine powers were first in evidence when he was a little child. "Such things are necessary to remind people these days that their agnosticism and anti God feelings are incorrect and that there is a greater spiritual force than in the material ones," he said. The Saint, he explained, is a Siddha Purusha endowed with miraculous powers of healing.

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#### **Supplement to The Natal Mercury, Wednesday, March 31, 1976 (Caption to the five column big photo picture published-Ed)**

More than 1000 Hindus gathered at Durban's Sree Vaithianatha Eswarar Temple in Umgeni Road to take dharshan, or blessing from visiting mystic from Madras, Aasaan Sadguru Sri-La- Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, pictured here on the dais. The Swami materialised kumgum, (red ash) which he poured into the open palms of the temple's high priest Sethu Josier, for distribution to those who sought the ash. The Swami will appear in Ladysmith on April 3 and at the Divine Life Society's ashram in Reservoir hills on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **The Natal Mercury, Saturday April 3, 1976.**

#### **Mauritius premier invites Swami:**

The prime Minister of Mauritius, Sri S. Ramgoolam has written to Madras Master Mystic Sri- La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal now on a visit to Natal, inviting him to visit Mauritius later this month. The Premier first met the Swami in Port Louis in March when the Swami made a brief stopover en route to South Africa. Sir Ramgoolam, it was understood prostrated himself before the Swami and sought his darshan and blessing.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal will end his first Natal tour on April 25 when he leaves Durban by air for Mauritius en route to Bombay, where his birthday will be celebrated on April 29, and then to his ashram in Madras.

Mr. A. S. Pillay, his Pietermaritzburg host, said last night that the Swami was being inundated with invitations from Hindus all over South Africa to visit their areas. "We regret that all invitations cannot be accepted because of the tightness of the Swami's programme" Mr. Pillay said.

The Swami will appear at Ladysmith at the Hindu Thirukootam and Ganesa Temple, Forbe Street, today at 3 p.m. at Verulam on Monday evening at Greytown at the Shri Vishnu Mandin, Cathcar Street, on Tuesday 7 p.m. and at the Divine Life Society's Ashram, Reservoir hills, on Thursday at 6 p.m.

His birthday will be celebrated at an open air prayer service at Pietermaritzburg's Northdale Stadium next Saturday at 3 p.m. and a documentary film made at his last birthday celebrations in India will be screened free at the Twin City Cinemas in Chatsworth on April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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#### **Supplement To The Natal Mercury, Wednesday, April 7, 1976. 'Swami's Blessings Cured Me' - says Bedridden Man.**

Pietermaritzburg: A building construction worker in Ladysmith, Mr. Pravindraaj Maharaj age 23 who has been bedridden for the past two months because of a spinal complaint claimed that his illness had

disappeared suddenly after he was blessed by visiting the master mystic from Madras, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. For the first time in two months he was able to move freely and on Saturday night he drove his car to the local cinema to see a film, he said.

Earlier on Saturday, he had to be carried to a temple in Ladysmith's Forbes Street where the Swami gave darshan, or blessing to anyone who called on him. "The swami touched my body, gave me some vibhuti or sacred ash and said that I'd be alright after I reached home. I was again carried to my house in Delhi Road and then suddenly I was able not only to stand firmly but also could walk without any help", an excited Mr. Maharaj said. His father Mr. Bobby Maharaj, said "Everyone in my house is excited, and we believe the Swami has extraordinary healing powers. It's hard to imagine that my son is well again because until Saturday he was bedridden and had to be fed like a child." He said that his son had medical attention and he was at a loss to understand how science would explain the sudden recovery.

Since his arrival in Natal from Madras, more than a fortnight ago, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal has been receiving numerous requests for spiritual help that he offers free and many people have spoken highly of his healing powers.

When a newspaper reporter called at the Mountainrise Pietermaritzburg home of his host, this week, the Swami had a surprise waiting for him. "I know you have come to test my divine powers", he said through his interpreter, a former eye surgeon. He invited the reporter to place his ballpoint pen on his vacant chair in his upstairs pooja room and joined the newspaper men and others in the passage after shutting the room door behind him. Says the reporter: "The swami said a prayer and presently there was a knock on the door from inside the room. With his bare hand the Swami opened the door slightly and collected my ballpoint and returned it to me. One thing we are certain about is that there was no one in the room at the time and no one in fact had access to it except through the door where we all waited."

The Swami told us that he prayed to Lord Muruga to pass the pen from the chair to him. He stood about 14ft away from the chair. An extremely modest looking man, Swami does not wear ochre robes nor does he wear matted locks and a beard. It is claimed that when He wills, his mere touch is enough to infuse fragrance and his very word

is enough to realise everything. The divine acts of the Swami are by the grace of Lord Muruga, I was told. His wonders are devoid of the egoism of I and mine. He talks little in his mellow voice and his gait is slow, but his divine will is a fast flow of mercy to save devotees his followers say. One of India's most noted philosophers Kavi Yogi Maharishi Shuddananda Bharatiar, who visited Durban several years ago says of the Swami in a booklet:

"A guru like him who never accepts anything from his disciples and devotees but tirelessly gives and gives, day and night, all that is prayed for, has never been heard of before. The many accounts of his having cured by mantras and vibhuti incurable diseases other than those due to karma will fill many pages. He has indeed even granted eyesight to persons who were born blind, power of speech to those who were born dumb and power of hearing to those who were born deaf. It is my earnest prayer that atheists, doubting Thomasses and afflicted people should come in contact with this great sage of Pandrimalai and benefit by his teachings guidance and grace."

Appearance: Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal will appear at the Divine Life Society's ashram in Reservoir tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Silverglen under a marquee in Silverglen Drive on Sunday at 2 p.m.; at Isipingo Hills at the Hindu Society Hall, Piatt Drive on Monday at 6 p.m.; and at Bharat Hall, Prince Edward Street, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thousands of people are expected to attend his birthday celebration at an open-air prayer service at the Northdale Stadium, Pietermaritzburg on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Mr. S. R. Barry Naidu a spokesman for the celebration committee, said that anyone would be allowed to garland the Swami with a threaded garland. One of the highlights will be a massive fireworks display of V. K. Kara, Mr. Naidoo said adding that arrangements were being made to receive the Swami's birthday telegrams at 20 Kennilworth Road Mountainrise, or P.O. Box 8070 Pietermaritzburg.

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**The Natal Mercury - Supplement - Wednesday April 7 1976  
(Caption to the photograph published-Ed)**

A Pietermaritzburg Woman, Miss. Dhanalutchumee Naicker, who

learned to play several musical instruments whilst in India under the tutorship of a well-known South Indian Music Director, the late Mr C.N.Pandurangan, received the blessing of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal in the capital at the weekend.

The Swami initiated a group of children Miss Naicker is teaching to play musical instruments and sing. The swami named the group, 'Thiru Thava Thiru Pandrimalai Swamigal Pandurangan Esai Kalai Kalloori.'

The photograph above shows the Swami handing a young member of the group a set of thalams or cymbals which were specially brought here by a noted South Indian flutist C. P. Mohanrangam, son of the late Mr. C. N. Pandurangan.

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**The Natal Mercury Extra Wednesday April 14,1976.  
Prayer Message Materialised By Visiting Mystic.  
Mercury Reporter**

Pietermaritzburg - While, the fame of the visiting Master mystic from Madras, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal continues to spread far and wide in Natal the Swami has again amazed his followers with more demonstrations of what is called his divine power. At the Mountainrise, Pietermaritzburg home of this host, Mr. A. S. Pillay, the Swami, in the presence of more than 30 people materialised from thin air a message on prayer for his devotees. The Swami, a Tamil, does not speak English. To gratify the desire of his disciples, he has produced from thin air a type written three-page discourse in English entitled 'Satsang'.

He had earlier invited a journalist and others to examine his upstairs puja room to ensure that there was no typewriter, paper or people. The Swami stood with the crowd in the passage at the door, closed the puja room door, and after a prayer there was knock on the door from inside and when it was opened the typed sheets floated in the air and settled on the swamiji's palms. "What we have witnessed is truly amazing and we are more than convinced that the Swami has divine power," H.Soni a Pietermaritzburg jeweller who was present at the time said yesterday.

A Durban businessman Mr. R. M. Lodhia, the Executive Chairman, of the South African Indian Council, Mr. J. N. Reddy, the Chairman

of the Verulam Town Board, Mr. Y. S. Chinnaswamy, and a retired educationist Dr. M.B. Naidoo who were in the group with the Swami have acclaimed the Swami's powers.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal will appear at the Catemanor Hindu Temple today between noon and 3 p.m. at the Parasakthi temple, Mercbank tomorrow at 6 p.m. and at the Stranger Siva temple of Friday at 3 p.m. and at the Ramakrishna Centre, Avoca, on Sunday. He will leave for India on Sunday, April 25.

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**The Natal Mercury Extra Wednesday, April 21, 1976. Swami  
restored hearing: says Durban Man. Mercury Reporter**

A jubilant Durban manager Mr. Nelson Pillay, claimed yesterday that his 10 year hearing defect had been cured by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, the visiting Madras mystic, although doctors had said that an operation was necessary to restore his power of hearing. I have had a defect in my hearing in the left ear for a long time but had not agreed to an operation being performed because I thought the defect was hereditary. I visited the Swami on Good Friday and received his blessings. The Swami touched my left ear and said that I needn't worry anymore. "On my return home, I felt, a divine miracle had happened when I discovered suddenly that my hearing in my left ear was perfect. I have always had tremendous faith in the swami's divine powers" he said.

The swami's list of local devotees had increased to thousands and included many professional people, including doctors and lawyers. Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal will leave Durban for Mauritius on Friday at 8.15 p.m.

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**The Natal Mercury Saturday April 24, 1976.**

Men, Women and Children of all religious groups sought the blessings of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, the visiting Madras mystic, when he appeared before a packed Bharat hall audience in Durban on Thursday night.

The Swami is seen above blessing a White woman who was in the audience which included a number of seriously ill and crippled people in wheel chairs. Since the Swami's arrival in South Africa about a month ago as guest of Pietermaritzburg businessman Mr A. S. Pillay his list of local devotees had swelled to several thousands. Mr J. T. Bhoola, president of the Surat Hindu Association, which arranged the Swami's visit to Bharat Hall said one of the most remarkable achievements of the visit was that the Swami has been able to bring people of all religions together.

The Swami left Durban by air for Johannesburg last night and will leave to day from Jan Smuta Airport for Mauritius where he will be the guest of Prime Minister Ramgoolam.

The Swamighal was brought to South Africa by the Maritzburg businessman, Mr. A. S. Pillay at a cost of nearly Rs. 10,000/-

The Swamighal, whose reputation for healing powers and saintliness is legendary, gave his blessings to more than 70,000 people who packed every place in which he appeared. There are countless tales of the Swamighal's amazing demonstrations of healing power but two in particular have left doctors shaking their heads.

Mr. Kisten Chetty, 59 of Chatsworth, Durban fractured his spine five years ago and since then could not stand without crutches. When the Swamighal visited Silverglen, Mr. Chetty knelt at his feet and in his own words, "tears of joy streamed down my face because I felt I was truly blessed. Next morning, to my amazement, I was able to get out of bed and stand up without the crutches. I was completely cured. I could even stand on my head and do my yoga exercises again." There was also the woman in Maritzburg who has been bedridden for 23 years and sent her bed sheet to be blessed by the Swamighal; when she lay on it again, she suddenly felt cured. She left her bed and in fact, travelled to the airport to join the Swamighal's farewell crowds.

The Swamighal seemed able to perform incredible feats at will and freely demonstrated his powers for myself and other reporters, often in the presence of prominent people such as Mr J. N. Reddy, Chairman of the Executive of the 3.A. Indian Council. At a meeting in Maritzburg during the week at which the Swamighal presided, the South African Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal Cultural Mission was formed. Mr. A. S.

Pillay was elected Chairman, with Dr. S. Beharie and Mr. R. K. Naidoo as his deputies. Mr. C. Rajagopaul was elected treasurer and Mr. S. R. Barry Naidoo-Secretary.

The Cultural Mission is keen to contact all those who have been healed by the Swamighal, so that a huge thanksgiving service can be held at the Siva Nyana Sabha Temple at Northdale.

Officials can be contacted at 20, Kenilworth Road, Mountain Rise, Maritzburg.

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**Mauritius Times No. 1133 -21<sup>st</sup> year Friday 7.5.1976.**

**At the Feet of a Great Sage.**

Our country was blessed last week by the presence of one of the greatest Swami's of India by the name of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal who has done miracles across the world by healing the suffering and paralysed by the spark of his supernatural powers.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal stayed for four days at Dr. P. Ringadoo's house, Quatre Bornes, and during those four days his house remained over crowded day and night by all shades of people who came to have the Durshan of the Swami to find a relief by his divine and occult power.

The Swami hails from the sacred hill of Pandrimalai a very venerated place of Lord Shiva. His father was named Arumugam Pillai, an ardent saivite and devout worshipper of Lord Muruga. His mother Smt. Angammal was also a pious soul.

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**Auspicious Star**

He was born on the auspicious star of "Bharani" (a saying goes that a child aspected by "Bharani" would rule the earth). Hence he was named Ramaswami. Since his very birth he had some divine birth marks of Lord Vishnu, Chakram (Wheel) and Sankhu (conch) on both his arms; Chakram, Sankhu and Vel (spear) in the soles of his feet in his right

palm Sankhu, Chakram, Jhanda (flag) Ordinary Vel (Spear) Sakthivel (intuitional wisdom mark) in his left palm the same signs but with an additional mark of Cock's flag of Lord Muruga. All these signs were shown to me. He took my pen and he clearly traced all these marks, when I was at his feet for more than twenty minutes.

Whilst commenting on Pandrimalai Swami, Kavi Yogi Maharishi Shuddhananda Baratiar said: "I have seen many Siddhas in my life, including Sai Baba of Shirdi, Siddharudha of Hubli, Ramana Maharishi, Sri Aurobindo, but the Sage of Pandrimalai by a simple Siva mantra or Rama mantra, releases the cosmic from the soul and teaches people how to behave gracefully on the earth".

When asked why he does not sport a long beard or hair and not dressed in ochre robes, he replied. "All these things are useless. A category of people is making this fuss just for show and nothing else."

What's your Secret for remaining strong, young and healthy? – "By VASSI YOGAM," a system of breathing; and this should be taught by a guru to practise it the right way."

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### **Spiritual Discipline**

You are blessed by some supernatural powers. Could you explain how you acquired these divine attributes?

He took my pen, traced all the lines which are on his palms and soles and said; "I do nothing, it is through these divine marks that God does everything; and this communion with God made everything possible through spiritual discipline".

Swamis are messengers of God, could you tell me, swamiji, to what extent you have succeeded to serve humanity by your occult power?

He took my hands he rubbed each one, and two different fragrances came out from my hands. "By the grace of Lord Muruga" he told me, "I have been able to heal the children of a Chief Justice in India. Those who were blind got their eye sight, those who were dumb got the power of speech, the deaf started hearing, and there have been so many people who have been cured by the grace of God, that it will be a bit difficult for me to enumerate all of them in a few minutes."

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### **Particularly Sweet Smelling**

Swamiji took a few petals of the flower genda crushed them with a mantra, and lo the petals turned into powder (Kumkum) which he smeared on the forehead of Swami Venkatesananda at the Sockalingum Meenatchee Ammen Temple. At the Ved Temple, Grand Bassin, he stretched his hands, with mantra, got a plentiful of vibhuti (divine ashes) with sweet fragrance, distributed them to all people who were there and each drop had a particular sweet smell. At the prayer room of Dr. Ringadoo, he told me to lay my pen at the altar. I did it, he closed the doors of the chamber with the pen inside, he uttered a mantra, he opened the door slightly, put his hands inside, my pen flew from the altar into his hands; next time he again spoke a mantra, a typewritten sheet of paper with a mantra on it flew from nowhere to his hand. He handed this divine mantra to a distinguished person.

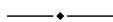
In India somebody wanted to have the darshan of the holy foot prints of Lord Muruga, Swami Samikal put two white pieces of paper and some turmeric into his prayer room, he closed the doors, he came outside and started offering prayers to Lord Muruga. In a few seconds the sheet of paper which was wet with turmeric paste, with the Holy Foot Prints of Lord Muruga came flying into the hands of the Swami.

Dr T. V. Ranganathan who is a medical practitioner and specialist, who has worked in many European countries, shun his medial practices, gave his two eye clinics to his children who are both doctors to run the clinics left everything and concentrated his life in the service of Swamiji since fifteen years. Dr. Ranganathan told me Swamiji has done many miracles, he himself cannot explain. In South Africa Mrs R. P. was paralysed; She could not move. They took her bedsheets to Swamiji. He blessed the cloth with his mantra and sent it back to that paralysed lady. As soon as she put the bedsheets on her she was completely cured. Mr Nelson Pillay of Durban was deaf since many years. As soon as Swamiji touched his ear he was completely cured and started hearing.

A young boy of Clairfonds, Vacoas, Mr. G. M., had his finger injured by accident and it remained straight Swamiji took that finger before me and many others, pressed it with his fingers for a few minutes, the boy fell a bit unconscious and then he told the boy to curl his finger, and his finger started curling. There are innumerable instances where Si-La-Sri Pandrimalai

Swamighal has cured disabled persons with mantras and vibhutis.

In Mauritius a group of persons ventured into a streamer business, they asked the Swami whether the enterprise would be successful. The reply was a big No. The same afternoon they received a cable from their principal confirming the sayings of the Swamiji. The miracles of Sami Samikal are not Black Magic - they are divine attributes. Mauritius Times wishes to reiterate its thanks to Dr. Ringadoo and his wife for their hospitality and who have spared no efforts to please everybody to enable them to have the darshan of Swamiji, and our thanks go to Dr. Ranganathan, the disciple and interpreter, whose love in the service of that great soul has no bounds.

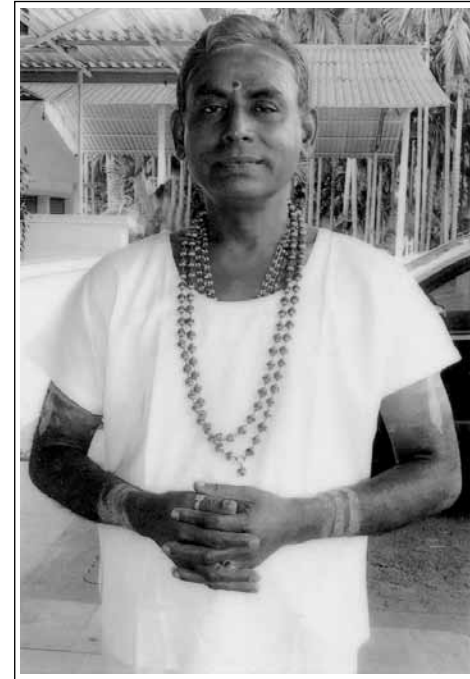


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PART II  
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Devotees' Experiences with Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal

Divine Articles on Spiritual Subjects materialized by  
Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal

Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal has materialised more than  
40 articles and most of them have been published as 'The Holy  
Panchakshara' Volume V and Volume VI.



*Aasaan Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal*



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## PREFACE

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It may be recalled that by the Grace and express wishes of Thatha Sri Guru Bagawan a statue of Lord Buddha was installed in the Ashramam last December. This statue, seen immediately on entry into the Ashramam is rather unusual because the Chinmudra is depicted with the left hand instead of the usual right hand. This denotes the absolute Jivanmukta status where even differences between the right and left have paled into insignificance.

On 26th March, a Puja was conducted in the Ashramam in connection with the marriage of a son of a long standing devotee of Guru Bagawan. On that occasion, the bride raised a number of questions pertaining to Buddhism. Sri Guru Bagawan, needless to emphasize, is like the famous Karpaga Viruksha fulfilling the genuine wishes of devotees when they sincerely think of Him. Thus, on the evening of 29th March, He asked us, along with the bridal couple and their family, to assemble near the Buddha Statue and Vouchsafed a Divine Article on the philosophy of Lord Gautama Buddha!

This computer-generated, laser printed, four page article had a small typing error on page three corrected by the Master Himself with His characteristic green ink pen! This clearly shows how our Guru Bagawan is equally at home commanding both modern as well as traditional technologies. Perhaps Saint Manickavasagar had this in his mind when he eulogized Lord Siva as “He who is newer than the newest and older than the oldest” in his Thiruvembavai.

This incident also clearly illustrates how Thatha Sri Gurunathar is ever ready to aid the sincere seeker after truth. Let us read this very inspiring Divine article and put into practice the noble principle enunciated in it!

Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamigal

## CHAPTER 19

## SIDDHA FROM PIG MOUNTAIN

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S. RAM

*Singapore & Bangalore*

“Make your wish anne,” (Brother) my Guru, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal said, “And whatever your wish is, Murugan will make it come true.” I responded with folded hands, Swami, all I need is inner peace and the wisdom to seek Truth and closed my eyes in prayer. When I opened my eyes less than a minute later I saw a massive laddu nestling in my hands!

The *laddu*, a popular Indian sweet, was an exact replica of the *laddus* made in the renowned Hindu temple of Lord Venkatchalapathi at Tirupati, and of a size much larger than usual, which is made only for the special puja performed at the daily *kalyana utsavam*. It had typical markings of red saffron powder on it and the unmistakable texture, smell and taste of the Tirupati laddu, with its adornments of almonds and chunks of sugar candy.

This incident happened in the summer of 2001. I had gone to my guru on one of my periodic visits to Chennai from Singapore. My guru, and the guru of my family, is Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, an accomplished siddha in his early forties, and the grandson of a very renowned siddha of South India, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. Pandrimalai Swamighal had been our guru till His demise in 1986, and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal had taken over the mantle of managing the ashram and the disciples soon after. Pandrimalai (literally Pig Mountain in Tamil, named after a legend that Lord Shiva appeared there as a Mother Pig to feed a litter of orphaned piglets), near the Kodaikanal hills of South India was the birthplace of Pandrimalai Swamighal, who from a very early age developed powers of a siddha. In an explanation to a foreign devotee, Swamighal described a siddha thus: siddha is derived from the word siddhi, which means attainment. It refers to a self-realised being with super human powers, whose mission in life is to alleviate suffering of humanity and guiding aspirants in their

spiritual progress. He went on to deny that he was a *siddha purusha*, just a humble servant of God and mankind.

On this occasion I had a favour to ask of my guru, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. A friend had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that affected his pituitary, parathyroid and pancreatic glands. As this condition could not be treated in India, he was to leave for John Hopkins Hospital in the US in a few days for surgery. He was in severe pain and the prognosis was somewhat grim, as the nature of the disease let alone its cure was only partially understood by the expert endocrinologists who treated him at Bangalore. I requested that my Guru bless my friend and pray for his recovery, before I travelled to see him at Bangalore.

We were a group of five with my Guru that day, three men and two women. We were at His ashram cum residence at the heart of Chennai, talking to Him in the meditation hall at the back of the house. He promised me that He would take my request to His grandfather and enquired after my wife Neena and our children. I then took His leave and prostrated myself at His feet before departing, as was customary. As I was at the doorway of the meditation hall, He called me back: ‘anne (Brother) please come back for a minute’ He said. *Anne* was His usual form of address for me and other disciples older to him in age and it meant elder brother in Tamil. He asked me to face him, hold my palms together facing upwards and asked the other two disciples to place their palms beneath mine. He asked the two women to do likewise between the two of them.

He then said to all of us to wish for whatever we wanted and pray to Murugan, His and our favourite deity, the Son of Shiva, who in many ways is the Tamil equivalent of child Krishna. My fellow disciples had their eyes open as they wished and prayed, while I had my eyes closed. They later told me that Swamighal closed His eyes too and went into deep meditation even as He stood in front of us. They watched him tremble for a few seconds and before they knew what was happening there was this large laddu in my hand above theirs!

None of us reacted for a few seconds. Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal smilingly said to me, “anne, will you give me some of that laddu as prasad from Venkatesa?” Tears welled into my eyes even as I nodded uncomprehendingly at Him and stretched out my hands to offer Him the laddu to take what He wanted of it.

I had no doubt when I handed a part of that laddu to my ailing friend at Bangalore that he would return fully cured. Perhaps the precaution was unnecessary with him being in the safe hands of Johns Hopkins, again perhaps it was. He had fairly serious problems at the hospital and at one stage was in a critical condition. Perhaps our Guru’s laddu was just an insurance of faith that bought him cosmic credit.

This was not the first time Swamighal and his grandfather earlier had materialised objects for disciples. My family, I and a number of fellow disciples had on numerous occasions before been with them when they had produced vibhuti, kumkum, sandalwood powder, turmeric, flowers and fruits which are traditionally offered by priests to deities in Hindu pujas and then returned with the blessings of the deities to the faithful. Most of His disciples including us always keep a packet of vibhuti given by Swamighal as a talisman and to give to others in need.

Every year on the avani avittam day when brahmins renew their sacred threads there would always be a group of brahmin devotees at the ashram, amongst them my father without fail. My father tells me that every year that he has attended this ceremony for the past many years, both our gurus had materialised sacred threads for the assembled group of brahmin devotees. Every time the number of sacred threads produced matched the number of devotees, about fifty usually, never less never more!

I have personally witnessed Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal materialising written material from blank papers in response to queries of disciples. I have one in my safe keeping till today. My father has been present on many occasions when both the Masters had produced out of nowhere typed and printed documents on esoteric spiritual issues that addressed queries posed by devotees. On one occasion the printed article that was materialised by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal was on Islam, as an explanatory commentary to the Holy Koran, to explain an abstruse point of deep religious significance to Dr. M.M. Ismail, former Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, a Muslim. My father tells me that this Judge, a very learned and spiritual person himself, fell at Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal’s feet as his disciple, amazed at the ability of this Hindu sage, apparently ignorant of Islam, in answering a complicated philosophical question on Islam.

During my research for this book I came across many more such materialised articles, many of them published in the highly reputed

Bhavan's Journal. One of them was on the Gayatri mantra, which is the salutation to the Gayatri Devi and is meant to be chanted by every practising brahmin three times a day. The article provided a version of the mantra that I as a brahmin had not been taught or had come across before. This version had five lines instead of the traditional four, the last line meant to be chanted only by the ascetic sanyasins who had given up all worldly ties. Another was on kriya yoga that was published in Bhavan's Journal of 3 May 1970. This article explained one of the more obscure points of Bhagavat Gita on work and renunciation very clearly. The article explained that 'kri' which meant work, and 'ya' which meant no work in Sanskrit combined to form the concept of kriya yoga, which meant that one has to carry out work as is appropriate to one's calling without any expectation of reward or selfish motive as a sure and certain path to enlightenment.

Possibly the most mystifying event that I was witness to was when Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal performed a puja to bless the new house that we had built in Bangalore and were about to move into in 1993. Originally He had promised to join us in Bangalore and had to cancel His plan at the last minute, Instead, He called us to the ashram for a blessing ceremony. My mother was asked to bring a mixture of nine types of grains as an offering. After the puja I was asked by Swamighal to hold a small portion of the mixed grains in my palm and close my palms in prayer. My father and a few others who were with us were asked to place their palms on mine.

Swamighal went into a silent meditation and after about half a minute told me to open my palm. As I opened my palm with the grains still on them, I noticed a strange phenomenon. As I watched, a few paddy grains started glistening and shining, and in a few seconds turned into gold! I had amongst the grains in my palms half a dozen paddy grain sized and shaped pieces of gold! These He told me to bury at the threshold of the new house in Bangalore, which we later learnt from the building contractor in Bangalore to be a traditional practice locally. People say alchemy is a lost science!

One can go on and on, as there are hundreds of such incidents, many that my parents and I have witnessed, and many that I have documented after talking to disciples, and many more that have been documented in journals such as the Light of Pandrimalai, Bhavan's Journal etc. Many of these events happened with Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal,

and a lot many more with our current guru, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. On one occasion my parents were lost searching for the Hindu temple at Pittsburgh in USA. A couple who drove past on the deserted road they were lost in, brought them to the temple and drove off. On their return to India Pandrimalai Swamighal teasingly asked my mother about the lady in the blue dress who he had sent to lead her to the temple! Perhaps a whim on his part or a kind hearted gesture that spoke volumes on how he kept track of his disciples.

A long time disciple, a Supreme Court lawyer and an Industrialist, Mr. Varma of Travancore Royal family, still treasures in his puja room a piece of paper with the foot imprints of a young child captured in turmeric paste. He recounts an incident when Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal demonstrated to his disciples, which included him and a renowned Tamil poet Sri Sudhananda Bharati that he could summon Lord Murugan, his ishta devata, or deity of choice, to his presence if he wished. Swamighal placed a *vel*, (the spear that is the weapon of Murugan), in his puja room and walked over to another room a distance away. Here Swamighal sat down on a chair and asked a disciple to place in front of him a blank paper with turmeric paste spread on it. Swamighal then called out to Lord Murugan with a prayer. Immediately the *vel* started moving in the air floating from the puja room apparently unsupported towards Swamighal. Those present could hear the sound of running feet and tinkling anklet bells that are traditionally placed on the feet of young children in South India. As the *vel* moved into Swamighal's out stretched hand those around him saw the imprint of a pair of small feet forming on the turmeric paste on the blank paper!

Mr. Varma, who is in his eighties now, has dozens of other equally mystifying experiences to relate. In the early days when Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal moved to Chennai (then Madras) from His then abode in Dindugal. Swamighal stayed with Mr. Varma at his residence, before funds were collected to build the present Pandrimalai ashram in Nungambakkam in Chennai. Mr. Varma, a descendant of the royal family of the erstwhile Travancore State of British India, also treasures a crystal statue of Lord Ganesha that was materialised and given to him by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal at the kumbabhishekam or inaugural ceremony of Mr. Varma's family temple of Ganesha at Kilimanoor in Kerala. Many have testified that till recently when one held this miniature Ganesha statue in one's palm they felt as if the statue

was alive and breathing. Mr. Varma also was the fortunate disciple to be shown the viswarupa darshan of Swamighal when all he could see in front of him was his guru stretching from the ground to the sky.

Mr A.B. Nair, former editor of Free Press Journal, in his article 'Some Unforgettable Experiences' published in Bhavan's Journal of March 21, 1971 talks about a series of personal experiences on the miraculous deeds of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal including one when Swamighal provided a darshan of Goddess Parashakti to him and Mr. Ramakrishnan, Editor of Bhavan's Journal, Bombay (Mumbai).

Swamighal once explained His materialisation miracles in this manner. *"Manifestation of objects does not mean making something out of nothing. If one materialises something, it means scientifically that one has made use of the elements of the universe of water, fire, air, ether and earth, to make that object."* He went on to say, *"a miracle is not engineered by any selfish motive; it is not done for personal gain; and it is not transacted to enhance one's reputation. The main purpose of a miracle is to awaken the dormant divinity in us and lead us in our godward march. It is done to infuse faith in us and make us God-minded. Lives of great men are full of such miracles involving making the blind see and restoring dead to life. You should not forget that a miracle has divinity as its source, course and purpose."* and that *"miracles are done instantaneously and spontaneously without pre-meditation on the spot to shower His grace on the deserving and needy."*

When rationalists mock Siddhas who perform miracles they see only one part of the story. There are many fake sadhus in India and abroad who learn a few tricks and pass them off as miracles to their gullible followers. People do need to be educated on this and advised to be careful. However, there are still in India quite a few advanced siddhas like our Gurus, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and his grandson Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, who can and do perform what to the lay mind appear as miracles that defy all rational scientific principles, as we know them today. Unfortunately the limitation is in our understanding of science and its principles.

Modern physics clearly identifies all material objects made of sub nuclear particles, which are all forms of energy. It is known that these forms of energy can be transformed and transmuted. Alchemy and materialisation are not figments of imagination, but scientific truths! The issue is to make them replicable on call as demanded by rationalists, who have but a dim understanding of the fundamental principles of science. To them, what they do not understand, and what they cannot

do themselves, even if they can touch, feel, smell and eat products of such transmutations, is not true. Of course, it will not be true till they gain sufficient wisdom to understand the limited nature of their own knowledge.

Siddhas on the other hand have no interest in knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Their quest is that of the ultimate Truth. What they chance upon in that quest are capabilities or siddhis that are experiential and not theoretical. These siddhis allow them to perform at very different planes of time, space and matter, of which science has only a very dim understanding today. To dismiss what science cannot explain as untrue is as foolish as the persecutions of ignorant medieval clergy of Archimedes and Copernicus and such others whose intuitive understanding of Nature far exceeded the grasp of science then.

One reads rebuttals of from rationalists that the objects that are materialised by siddhas is mere magic, and produced from hidden pockets in long sleeved garments. Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal rarely wore an upper garment during His pujas and interaction with disciples and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, if at all, wore a translucent short-sleeved vest. Neither form of attire that was capable of concealing whatever objects they both materialised. In all the personal incidents that I have narrated and those narrated by my father and other disciples like Mr. Varma, we had been next to them and could find no rational explanation for the materialisations. Swamighal himself commented on this: 'the similarity between a siddha and a magician is that both are able to produce things out of nothing within the flash of lightning; but the difference is that while the magician has to keep ready all his materials hidden so that they can be produced at the required time and place the siddha does not need all this because what he produces is not the gathered flowers and fruits but things made from nature out of its elements with the grace of God making them to any shape and order. A magician's power is comparable to water stored in an overhead tank. Once the tank is empty there is no further supply. But the power the siddha has to perform miracles is from the inexhaustible and perennial fountain spring of divine grace.

I was in my twenties and at work when I first met Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal in 1970 during one of my infrequent visits to Chennai on holidays. I went to his ashram along with my grand parents and my aunt who had recently become his disciple. My brother and one

of my sisters were planning to move to the USA as doctor interns soon after. I remember asking Swamigal whether I too would go abroad soon. His response was curt. "When your time comes, you will", He said. As if some one else needed to tell me that! My interest in seeing him again was rather low.

It was much later in 1983, another 13 years in fact, that I became His disciple, almost accidentally. I had been in deep pursuit of a guru after I took to meditation a few years earlier and had finally been introduced to one by a common friend. This guru, reputed to be over 200 years old then was seated on a wooden platform built on the banks of river Yamuna near Brindavan when I was taken to meet him. He tapped me on my head with his foot while a disciple wrote out a mantra for me to repeat. I dutifully repeated the mantra many times a day during the months that followed.

After a few months of this initiation I visited Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal on a visit to Chennai after a very long time as part of a family group. I was sitting a distance away from Swamigal, when He called me over. As I prostrated before Him and got up He asked whether I had found a guru. I was taken aback, though I knew from my family that He reads one's mind, and said yes. He then asked whether I was given a mantra and if I would share it with Him. I said yes again, and He asked me to see Him the next day. When I met Him alone the next day He listened to my mantra, and said to me gently that there may have been a small mistake made in writing the mantra down and suggested that He would make some corrections to it if I agreed.

The corrected mantra that Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal gave me changed my life in many dimensions. In a few days the mantra took hold in my mind and stayed with me in a soundless repetition, whereas over the months I had repeated the mantra earlier it had no effect on me at all. When I underwent major problems over the next few years at my work locations that involved risks to my life, the mantra was my constant companion and kept my morale up. It was only years later after His death that I learnt from my parents that Swamigal had told my parents soon after my meeting with Him that my siblings and I were His personal responsibility. Correcting the mantra given to me was His way of accepting me as His disciple, even though I had not formally approached Him to be my guru. He was that exceptional guru, who was generous to take responsibility for His disciple without ever placing

him in obligation.

In Sanskrit the word guru means leading one away from darkness. The role of the guru is to lead his disciple into Truth, enlightenment and the ultimate release from the cycle of birth and death. To do this the guru has to be enlightened himself and it is almost impossible for a novice disciple to possess the wisdom to establish this of his guru. A disciple therefore goes by experience of others, by faith and by the experiential knowledge he gains in association with his guru. It is also an issue of a match. In the Hindu scriptures it has been said that the guru seeks out his disciple much the same way as the disciple yearns for his guru.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal selected my parents as His disciples first. This had very little to do with the fact that my mother's father and as well sister were followers of Swamigal for many years. My father had not met Swamigal for years even long after we, his children, had met him. He was summoned by Swamigal in an indirect manner to help another person out of trouble. My father recalls with tears in his eyes Swamigal telling him when he first met Him, 'why have you taken so long to come, I have been waiting for you for a long time.' The connection was instantaneous. Both my parents became Swamigal's disciples and till today the ashram is their first home, and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamigal, one of their children and a guru at the same time.

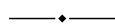
My own search that went on for quite some years and in earnest perhaps had to continue till my guru's link with my parents was established. The very first time I met Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal, neither my father nor my mother knew Him at all. In addition to being religious my parents are very spiritual and had always the benefit of highly evolved spiritual masters to guide them at various stages of their life. They too had to wait as did Swamigal for their moment to meet, and so perhaps did I.

Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamigal are that rare breed of siddhas who are family men or grihastas. Most such siddhas are usually ascetics or sanyasins, who take to their calling upon fulfilment of their worldly duties. They both have balanced this difficult task remarkably well providing a spiritual home environment that assures the disciples that they too can evolve spiritually without the need to don the saffron robes of an ascetic.

A favourite saying of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal was: “To one who can see God is sugar candy. To one who is blind He is a piece of rock.” Many question the Hindu emphasis on idols and multitudes of deities. Hindu philosophy itself states unequivocally that God is everywhere in both living and non-living things, and why is it that one has to go to a temple and worship an idol to experience God. Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal’s answer to a devotee on this was as usual pithy. *“We all know that what constitutes cow’s milk is derived from all its organs and its blood. Yet if you cut up the cow it will bleed and not yield milk. If you want to taste its milk you have to go to its udder. So it is with God. He is everywhere, no doubt. But to experience him you need a temple, at least for a beginner.”*

As I look back on my association with these two highly evolved siddhas for many years now, I see it as a journey that is still in progress. A journey that perhaps will not end in this lifetime for me. Normally I am an impatient individual, seeking instant gratification as most of us in this day and age do. Over the years my association with my guru has slowed me down and stilled my mind relatively without in any way affecting my day-to-day activities. I have still a very long way to go both in learning and evolution, but I know now that this is something that can happen at any instant, or not happen at all. It is frustrating sometimes to think it may never happen, and then I go and see my guru, and return refreshed and hopeful. As he has said to me more than once, “you may not be aware of your progress spiritually, but I am aware, and I am here to guide you.”

That’s all I ask of my guru, to be there for me and guide me through the darkness.



CHAPTER 20  
SWAMIJI’S GRACE  
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BANDRA K. SWAMINATHAN  
*Mumbai*

In all the previous Articles I have written about the various Miracles performed by our Gurunadhar, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. Now I have come to know from Mr.D. Sridhar, who is one of the most sincere devotees of Swamiji, that Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal has performed similar miracles, which I reproduce below as have been narrated to me by Mr Sridhar. (Bombay)

When Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal came to Bombay for the first time after our Gurunathar had attained Jeevan Mukthi, He did Pooja to Gurunathar’s Thiruvadigal and then picked up the flowers from His Thirupadam with both hands and poured them into the palms of Mrs. Aruna Vaidyanathan and Mr. R. Vaidyanathan. What a great surprise! Instead of flowers, Turmeric Powder fell in their palms and filled them!

Another time, when Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was present in the house of Mr. Sridhar’s sister, Mrs. Aruna Vaidyanathan, his 7 year old son, Deenadayalan was dancing in the Pooja Room, mono acting Sri Hanuman bringing the Sanjeevi Mountain. Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal asked him what he wanted and he replied that he wanted ice cream. Immediately Mr Sridhar told him that ice cream would not agree with his health and said that he could ask for something else. Then the boy said that he would like to have a Gold Spot drink. Immediately, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal extended His hand towards Gurunadhar’s photo and instantly a bottle of Gold Spot came into His hand, which He handed over to the boy, Deenadayalan. What a wonderful Miracle!

On another occasion, in the Chennai Ashram, Mr. Sridhar informed Sakthevadivel Swamighal that his (Sridhar’s) first son, Dayakaran, had come of age for wearing the Sacred Thread (Poonal), and wanted to conduct the celebration at a suitable time. Immediately Sri-La-Sri

Sakthevadivel Swamighal materialised a Poonal from Swamiji's Paduka after Deepa Aradhana, gave it to Mr. Sridhar and advised him to conduct the celebrations in the temple of Sri Venkateswara Perumal in Thirupathi, on a suitable occasion.

Another day, in Garodia Nagar pooja mandapam, Mr. Sridhar had kept several bundles of flowers of various types and colours for doing Pooja to Gurunadhar's photo by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. During the Pooja, Swamighal transformed all those flowers into Vilva Dhalams and did pooja with those Vilva Dhalams. After completion of the Pooja, only Vilva Dhalams were found lying scattered all over the pooja mandapam!

On another day, Sakthevadivel Swamighal materialised in the house of Mr. Sridhar 'Sacred Upadesam' for Mr. Sridhar and his wife. While in the case of Mr. Sridhar it was in English, in the case of his wife, it was in French language, as she is a teacher of the French language.

Yet another day, Mr. Sridhar, his family members and his sister Mrs. Aruna Vaidyanathan were all standing along with Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal in the temple of Lord Ganesa in Garodia Nagar. Sakthevadivel Swamighal picked up some flowers from the feet of Lord Ganesa and gave them to the sister of Mr. Sridhar. What a wonder of wonders! A Silver Javelin of Lord Muruga was found in her hands instead of Flowers! She is preserving it in the Pooja Room.

Another important incident took place one day in the house of Mrs. Aruna Vaidyanathan, when Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was present there. A man of about 30 years of age, who was deaf from his birth itself was brought there before Sakthevadivel Swamighal and his condition was described by those who accompanied him. Immediately, Swamighal put a little Vibhoodhi Prasad on his forehead and pulled his ears slightly. Immediately that person was able to hear everything like all other persons in the normal way!

Then He held the closed palms of 2 children by name Damodharan and Loganathan, sons of Mrs. Aruna Vaidyanathan and Mr. R. Vaidyanathan, for a few seconds and then removed His Hand from the boys' hands and asked them to open their palms. What a wonderful surprise! In their palm a Laddu of Thirupathi Venkatachalapathi Perumal was found! It was then distributed as Prasad to all those assembled there.

In Garodia Nagar one Mr. Narayanan, a friend of Mr. Sridhar, is also living. One day Mr. Narayanan and his family members and Mr. Sridhar and his family members went to the house of Mrs. Aruna Vaidyanathan in Chembur, where Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was staying. After prostrating before Swamighal, Mr. Narayanan said that his son and his younger sister's son, were both sufficiently grown up and he wanted to celebrate their Sacred Thread Ceremony. For that purpose, Swamighal immediately materialised two Poonals in a novel way. He asked the mother of Mr. Narayanan, who was sitting there along with all others, to see what was lying in her lap! When she put her hand in the lap she was surprised to find two Poonals lying there! These were used for the Thread Ceremony later on.

Another day, Mr. Sivaskandan, a relative of Mr. Sridhar, was getting married in the presence of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, in a Kalyana Mandapam at Mulund, Bombay. At that time Swamighal materialised Sacred Kungumam in the wedding hall and gave it to the couple with His Blessings.

Yet another day, in the Pooja Room at Kandhari Colony, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was performing Pada Pooja to Sri Gurunadhar. On completion of the Pooja He asked Mr. Padmanabhan, one of the devotees of our Gurunadhar, to hold his palms together, and when he did so, within a few seconds his palms were filled with Sacred Kungumam Prasadam.

On 10-02-1995, the sacred thread ceremony of Kumar Deenadayalan, son of Mr. Sridhar, was performed in Thirupathi in the presence of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, who materialised the Poonal on that occasion. A special Dharshan of Lord Venkateswara was organised at 6.00 p.m. on that day. Mr. Sridhar, his wife and his other family members, Mrs. and Mr. Vaidyanathan and their family members and some of the devotees of Swamighal accompanied Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal to the Temple for the Dharshan. As they approached the Sanctum Sanctorum, the Archakas, who normally hassle the devotees, were silently watching the actions of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, without any disturbance. The crowd of visitors also stood still. Swamighal asked Mr Sridhar to hold his palms together, then He stretched His arms and did obeisance to Lord Venkateswara and then moved His arms above the palms of Mr. Sridhar and immediately Holy Kungumam Prasadam of Venkateswara



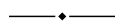
Perumal poured into the palms of Mr. Sridhar and filled them. It was a rare experience for the Archakas and, therefore, with full reverence they prostrated before Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and sought His Blessings. After about 5 minutes of quiet prayer Swamighal applied the materialised Holy Kungumam on the foreheads of all those present there including the Archakas.

On the next day also a special Dharshan was organised at 3.00 a.m. after the Suprabhatam for Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and twenty five of His devotees. All of them sitting in the Sanctum Sanctorum participated in Thomala Seva and Sahasra Nama Archana of the Lord, and did salutations to the Lord. Afterwards, when all of them were preparing to depart, Swamighal asked all of them to assemble at the entrance of the Temple. He closed his eyes in prayer for a few minutes, and then asked Mrs. and Mr. Vaidyanathan to hold up their palms. In a trice, Holy Akshatai and Rose Petals poured into their palms and filled them. Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal then distributed the Akshatai amongst the devotees and blessed all of them.

After resting for some time, all of them left Thirumala and proceeded towards Alarmel Mangai temple of Goddess Padmavathi. This was the same temple that had been visited by our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal in the past, when He materialised a chain on the neck of Padmavathi Devi. Here again Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal materialised Holy Kungumam into the palms of Mrs. and Mr. Vaidyanathan and distributed the Prasad to all those who were present there.

The incidents that occurred in Thirupathi have earlier been narrated by Shri. S. Nilaver in the January - March 1955 issue of the Light of Pandrimalai.

All these acts show clearly that Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal also has achieved all the Siddhis and Powers like his grand father, our Gurunadhar, and has thus stepped into His Position, for taking care of all His devotees. Let us all pray to Lord Muruga to give us the required wisdom to understand all this and do obeisance to our present Guru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, as we had been doing to his grand father – The Master Mystic.



OUR UNPARALLELED GURUS  
SRI-LA-SRI PANDRIMALAI SWAMIGHAL AND  
SRI-LA-SRI SAKTHEVADIVEL SWAMIGHAL

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SMT. BRINDA NANJAPPA AND SRI. K. A. NANJAPPA  
*Siddapur, Coorg*

Our most respectful Pranams to our Gurus.

We would like to share with our devotee friends, a few of the miracles that took place in our lives, due to the KIND GRACE of our GREAT GURUS. On a few auspicious occasions, we have had the very good fortune of getting sacred kum-kum and sacred vibuthi Prasad materialised by our GREAT GURUS.

***Doctor is Cured***

Way back in 1980's, a cousin of ours, who was a brilliant Doctor by profession, became addicted to morphine, because of the painful sickness called sickle cell anemia he was suffering from. He was an atheist by nature, However Mr.Nanjappa convinced him, to meet Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and brought him to Chennai. Our Swamiji, soon after meeting him, told him what his sickness was, and assured him that HE would cure him completely, provided he gave up his habit of taking painkillers. If not, Swamiji told him he would not live long. The Doctor assured Swamiji that henceforth he will not take pain killers. Thereafter, Swamiji asked him to roll a blank piece of paper and hold in his left hand. He was given a pen that was held in his right hand. Swamiji prayed, in front of a few people who were present there along with us and asked the young Doctor to return the pen and unroll the paper. The doctor (for that matter everyone present there) was most surprised to see on the blank paper, the printed name of the drug "ANJANIN" along with the name and address of the Drug Company, in Tokyo, Japan! The doctor could not believe his eyes that writing on the paper was in his own handwriting! Being an atheist, he was quite stunned. Swamiji then prescribed the dosage - two tablets a

day, to be taken for three months! Swamiji assured him of a complete cure, provided, he gave up his addiction to painkillers.

Immediately, Mr. Nanjappa and the Doctor made enquiries at various drug stores in Chennai, Bangalore and Mysore respectively - to no avail. Nobody had even heard about the Drug, so we decided to call my sister Thulsi and Brother in law Dr. Ram Bhala, in the U.S. In two days they called back to say, the 'said Drug' was not then available anywhere in the U.S.! So, they decided to call their friend in Japan. Prompt came a call to say even in Japan it was not available!! So, finally Dr. Bhala and his friend decided to contact the 'Drug Company' mentioned in the materialised chit of paper. To everybody's shock, it was found out that the Tablets "ANJANIN" were just being manufactured at that time!! What greater miracle than this? In due course, the new medicine was mailed to us, to our Coorg address, with an additional 100 tablets! GOD Bless the Good Souls, who did not take even a pie from us, but were good enough to take the trouble and time to help (across the globe) save the life of an unknown fellow being. With Swamiji's Blessings, the Doctor was fully cured of his painful ailment! Subsequently he married and had a son too, but died a couple of years later due to his morphine addiction.

### ***Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal gets a Divine Message for us.***

When Our GuruDeva Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal took over as our Guru, we were a little sceptical, and all sorts of doubts were lurking in our hearts. Apparently, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal had read our mind! One fine day, after we had His darshan He invited us to go upstairs to Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighals bedroom. As He unlocked the room and we entered the Holy bedroom, Divine Vibhuti Aroma filled the room as well as our hearts. After we all (our children too were with us) prostrated to our Guru, H.H.Sakthe Swamiji picked up a piece of blank paper and gave it to Mr. Nanjappa and told him, to roll it and hold it in his left hand. Then, Swamiji gave him a pen and told him to hold it in his right hand. Then we were all asked to PRAY for a few minutes. Then Swamiji took the pen back from Mr. Nanjappa and asked him to unroll the paper that was in his left hand. In the paper, in perfect Kannada script was written a divine message for us, in beautiful handwriting! The gist of the message is as follows. "Devotee, I am Omnipresent. If you wish to see me, respect the 'Guru' who is

in front of you and follow HIS instructions! Swamiji asked us to read and translate the 'Kannada' message to HIM! Indeed, we felt deeply humbled and prostrated with all humility, at the DIVINE FEET of our newly found GURU DEVA.

### ***Our grandson Akshar gets rebirth***

When our first Grandson was born in February 1990, there was great excitement and rejoicing for all of us in the family. He was a bubbly little bundle of joy, happily sucking his little thumb and looking all around! But in just three days time, he started turning absolutely yellow and became very listless too. We were shocked and called up Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. Baby's Bilirubin count had gone soaring up to dangerous levels and the Doctors decided to do a blood transfusion etc. Meanwhile, Our Swamiji assured us HE would take care of the Baby and HE had already performed, the necessary 'PARIHARA POOJAS' and so not to worry. Swamiji told us that the Doctors could go ahead with their treatment.

In the meantime, Swamiji sent us the 'Special Vibhuti Prasad' through our daughter Savitha, who was studying in Chennai, at that time, We were asked to apply the 'Vibhuti' all over the Baby's body - from head to toe, front and back.

When the Baby was brought back to the ward, he was already looking Pink (the yellowness had completely gone!) and moving his hands and legs like any normal infant. The nurses were all extremely kind and helpful and allowed us to smear the Vibhuti. But our worry was, how to apply it on the Baby's back (as many tubes were connected to the Baby). While, we were wondering what to do, suddenly, the four day old baby turned fully on his side, as though to show his back for the application of the Vibhuti! We smeared the Vibhuti on his back. Needless to say that he was miraculously cured. Even till this day, we feel our little grandson Akshar is a very special gift to us, from our **GURU DEVAS.**

### ***Relax you will get the right job and our son-in-law gets it!***

Our Son-in-law, Mr. Harish Muthanna was previously working at Escorts Ltd. in their Telecommunications Division, as Area Manager, at Bangalore. When the company decided to close the office at Bangalore, he was offered the job at Calcutta, which he did not want to take-up,

for various reasons. He asked Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, what he should be doing and Swamiji told him - “You resign and relax”.

Swamiji while giving darshan to our daughter Sangeetha (Harish’s wife) told her he was very sorry, but in March 2000 Harish would get a very good job and would work there for the next 20 years. 10 days after Swamiji made this statement, Harish decided to quit his job, as he was not satisfied.

Again when he contacted Swamiji, he was told to just “sit and relax” as the job was on its way! As predicted by Swamiji the right job came flying to Mr. Harish’s lap - as it were in March 2000! Harish (and all of us in the family) are most grateful and indebted to our Swamiji, for HIS kind mercy.

### ***Vision of Black Cobra!***

This is a miracle that occurred about four years back (March 1999) which is very strange and unbelievable! One day, Mr.Nanjappa was asked to go and see Swamiji at the Ashram at Chennai. Being a non-darshan day, there was no one there. Swamiji took Nanjappa inside the Pooja room and closed the door. While they were standing inside the pooja room, a BIG BLACK COBRA suddenly appeared from nowhere and stood in front of them with its hood raised! After a while it disappeared somewhere - just as miraculously as it had appeared! There is no open window or outlet in the Pooja room and the only entry point i.e. the main door was closed and locked from inside!

Before concluding, we would like to mention two more incidents, which are as strange, as the ones already mentioned.

### ***Blessed with DIVINE AKSHATA (rice coated with turmeric powder)***

In the year 1996, we had the very good fortune of having our GURU DEVA Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal along with His consort, Prema Amma and Children stepping into our humble home, for the first time, to grace the wedding of our third daughter Savitha, with Mr. Pooviah. On the wedding night, after all the customary ceremonies were over, and when it was time for the Bridegroom to Bless the Bride, by sprinkling rice on her head, (according to our Coorg custom and tradition). Swamiji suddenly got up from HIS chair, where HE was

seated, and went close to the Photo of SRI-LA-SRI PANDRIMALAI SWAMIGHAL that was hanging on the wall, (which is always hanging there!) and prostrated before the same. Then Swamiji prayed for a few seconds, and stretched his palms under the photo of THATHA Swamiji, and to everybody’s surprise “HOLY AKSHATHA” fell on HIS Palms! Then Swamiji gave the materialised “Akshatha” (rice coated with turmeric powder) to the Bride Groom to sprinkle on his Bride’s head - as per our Coorg custom and tradition.

Savitha and Mr. Pooviah truly a Blessed couple, as not only Swamiji and family were physically present at their wedding, to Bless them, but also Blessed them with the HOLY AKSHATHA as well. We are ever so grateful to our GURU DEVAS, for their KIND BLESSINGS.

### ***Feel Of The Great Master’s Divine Presence!***

The last miracle that took place in our lives, happened very recently. We have a SHREE DEVI Temple dedicated to MATHA CHAMUNDESHWARI situated in our coffee estate, in Siddapur, Coorg. Every year on the 19th of April, we have our MAHA POOJA, and a lot of people, from all around Coorg and a few from outside too, come to get DEVI’S BLESSINGS.

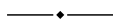
This year, (2003) our good luck, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and family along with Mr. and Mrs. Santosh and Mr. Ramanathan, were present for the POOJAS. All the people who came for the POOJA, had the good fortune of being BLESSED by SWAMIJI.

On the 20th night (April 2003) at around 10.15 p.m., SWAMIJI came down from HIS room, to the central hall of our house, where about 25-30 people had assembled for SWAMIJI’S DARSHAN. Upon seeing everyone, Swamiji said, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal is very pleased with everybodys love and devotion for HIM, and so, would like to show everyone gathered at home that night, some miracle, to prove HIS presence in the midst of all of us. As everyone knows, we ordinary mortals, are not capable of seeing “GOD” with our ordinary eyes. So, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal told everybody that HE would show us some sign, to indicate Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighals HOLY presence in the room.

We were asked to step out of the Hall and gather in the adjacent verandah (from where we could see the Hall) and concentrate on

the Photo in the central hall. While we were all standing outside the Hall and looking at H Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighals photo, Mr. Nanjappa started singing Guru Bhajans, and everyone joined him. Then suddenly, with a loud “TAAP” sound two red flowers kept on SWAMIJI’S Photo flew out and dropped at a distance of nearly three feet and the garland on SWAMIJI’S photo was oscillating vigorously! When we stepped into the hall, we felt a very strong aroma - the divine fragrance of Vibhuti that emanates from His body - an inseparable phenomenon wherever He is present.

Indeed this was an unbelievable experience, for all of us present there on that wonderful night. We hope and pray we will be fortunate enough to feel HIS HOLY PRESENCE many-many-more times, in our lives. May our DIVINE GURU BHAGAVAN’S BLESSINGS be on everyone, for all time to come.



CHAPTER 22  
“JAI GURUDEV”!  
SWAMIJI’S BLESSINGS  
AND WONDERS OF THE HOLY ASH

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PREETHI NARAYANA KUMAR  
*Chennai*

Our humble Pranams to Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and our humble Salutations to Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. We have experienced Swamiji’s Divine Grace and Blessings on us and have witnessed many patients suffering from incurable diseases getting cured. Fortunate among them is my youngest sister, who rushed from Bombay for treatment of uterus cancer at Apollo Cancer Hospital, Chennai.

Therefore, seeking the Divine Grace and permission of our Swamiji, I wish to share my experience about this miracle performed by our Swamiji and the powers of the Holy Ash given to my sister recently.

At 11.00 p.m. on 5th August 1999 my brother-in-law telephoned me from Bombay, informing me about my sister’s ailment and the medical report of the slide which was highly suggestive of cancer. Further, on 6th August, he faxed the three page medical report to my school and asked me to get a second opinion from an experienced Radiologist cum Oncologist - a doctor at Apollo Cancer Hospital here. With a heavy heart, I immediately wrote a letter to Swamiji, seeking His blessings, informing Him about my sister’s ailment and my visit to the doctor for the second opinion. That evening, the doctor going through the medical report asked me to get my sister as early as possible to Apollo for treatment as the medical report claimed, it was in the second stage. Meanwhile, I telephoned Swamiji and appraised Him about her condition and the doctor’s opinion.

Swamiji’s kind and soothing words were, ‘Anni, (sister) there is nothing to worry about your sister. She will be alright. I will come to see her. My sister with her family reached Chennai on 8th (Sunday)

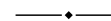
and on 9th morning we took her to Apollo Cancer Hospital for the preliminary tests and the slide along with the medical reports obtained from Bombay were also sent to Apollo lab for test again. That same evening, my sister who was depressed and frustrated wanted to meet Swamiji. Immediately, I telephoned Swamiji and sought His permission. At the Ashram Swamiji, Blessed and smeared the Holy Ash on my sister's forehead and also gave her a packet of the sacred ash and told her not to worry, to treat her visit as if she has come on a holiday, to undergo all the tests and she would not have any pain.

The next morning, my sister smeared the Holy Ash on her forehead and stomach and left for Apollo Hospital for the Ultra Sound and CT Scan examinations and to receive the slide, medical report and also the other reports. As soon as we received the reports, we opened them to read them and to our astonishment, we found the slide report stating, 'No evidence of malignancy'. The other reports were also normal. The Ultra Sound and CT Scan tests also confused the doctor. Not able to learn anything from these reports, my sister was asked to meet a gynaecologist. The same evening we took her to an experienced gynaecologist at Apollo Hospital. On testing, she told us that my sister was normal and there was nothing to worry about. But as she was called for further tests the next day I troubled Swamiji once again over the phone. Swamiji's wife, asked my sister to visit the Ashram, the next day to collect the Vibhoodhi and proceed to the Hospital. My sister went to the Ashram, received the prasad and reached the hospital. She underwent the tests once again and the reports stated that there was nothing wrong. But the doctor at Apollo who was not satisfied, he wanted her to get the biopsy from the Bombay Hospital for further investigation. The same was sent to us from Bombay within 48 hours and was given to the Hospital. She was also asked to undergo a few more tests and meet one of the doctors at Mediscan.

In a confused state of mind, I informed Swamiji all about it. Swamiji, who knew what was happening, consoled us and said "*All these reports will also be normal*"; What a miracle!

Only due to Swamighal's Divine Power all these tests were normal. The transformation that took place in my sister's health is only because of Swamiji's Grace and His Vibhoodhi Prasad. With His blessings and kind words my sister and her family have gone back to Bombay.

Words just fail to express our sincere gratitude to our Swamiji. We submit ourselves whole heartedly to our Guru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.



## THE DIVINE GRACE OF SRI-LA-SRI SAKTHEVADIVEL SWAMIGHAL

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SMT. MANGALA AND SRI. SANTOSH NILAVER

*Chennai*

We have experienced the divine grace of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal in many different ways. The divine powers attained through prayers to Lord Muruga and obeisance to Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal were witnessed by us several times in the form of miracles.

The wedding of late Sri. Gokuldas's daughter was performed on Monday 14th February at Madras. Sri K.S. Sankaran and myself at the request of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal accompanied Him to the temple of Goddess Kalikambal, where the wedding ceremony was to take place. The entire ceremony was performed in the presence of Swamighal and the couple received His divine blessings. After the ceremony, Swamighal took the mother of the bride, Sri Sankaran and myself to the sanctum sanctorum of Goddess Kalikambal. We were asked to hold our arms outstretched, palms facing upwards, below each others hands. Sakthevadivel Swamighal prayed to Goddess Kalikambal and then proceeded to rub His palms together. Holy 'Akshathai' (sweet smelling yellow rice grains) poured into our palms. We were overwhelmed with emotion for being the blessed ones to receive holy Akshathai by the divine grace of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal from Goddess Kalikambal.

On another occasion Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal had invited Sri. and Smt. K.S. Sankaran, my wife and myself to discuss about the repairs to be carried out at the Ashram. Sri. Vaidyanathan from Bombay and Sri. and Smt. Rajkumar Tibrewala also happened to be present at that time. Swamighal took us to His Gurunathar's bedroom and blessed all of us. After the discussions, just as we were about to leave. Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal sensed some anxiety and worry in Sri Rajkumar's mind and the couple were asked to relate their problems. After listening to them patiently, Swamighal picked up a blank piece

of paper lying on the floor. The paper was folded and handed over to Smt Rajkumar. Swamighal then gave a pen to Sri Rajkumar and closed His eyes in deep meditation and prayers. After a while Sri Rajkumar was asked to open out the paper given to his wife. A message in Tamil written in Hindi script in green ink had miraculously appeared on the blank paper, it read *'Bala Dhandayudhapani will always be with you and protect you. You may dispel all your fears and worries!'* This message was from Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal Himself and His divine blessings were invoked through prayers and divine grace of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.

My mother had to undergo surgery and prior to admitting her to the hospital, we took her to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal for His blessings. Swamighal blessed her and reassured that the operation would be successful and Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal would be with her during the crucial period. Swamighal also said that my wife, who was to stay at the hospital would experience the Divine presence of His Grandfather. In the late hours of the same night and early hours of the next day, prior to the operation a sweet fragrance of vibuthi permeated from the vicinity of the bed where my mother was asleep, which only my wife could smell. The operation was successfully performed in the morning and once again after my mother was brought to the recovery room, the same vibhuti fragrance was experienced by my wife. Only she, as Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal had predicted could sense the Divine fragrance and the presence of none other than Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal Himself.

Our family is deeply indebted to Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and His Beloved grandson Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal for showering their blessings on us. Our humble Pranams and Namaskarams to Them.

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CHAPTER 24  
SWAMIJI'S GRACE  
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SRI. K. SWAMINATHAN

Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was in Bombay during the fourth week of April 1991 and was staying with Mr. Vaidyanathan, Chembur. I had the good fortune to have His Dharshan and Blessings on all days, and I also took some of my friends to meet Him and have His blessings.

I had already written in one of my articles that Swamiji our Gurunadhar blessed me and my wife with MANTHRA UPADESAM in 1973 and I have been doing that JAPA without break from that time. As almost 18 years were over by 1991, when I met Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, one day I asked Him whether there was likely to be any change in the MANTHRA Japam. I was talking to Him in the Pooja Room, where our Gurunadhar's Photo was placed and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal had always been doing pooja to that Photo. When I asked Him that question, He immediately told me "Mama, please wait. I shall ask our Gurunadhaar in your presence". Then he closed His eyes for 2 minutes and instantly a paper (which, when I measured later was 8.5" long and 4.5" wide) appeared in His hand and He gave it to me and asked me to read it. On it there were some changes in the Manthram, some deduction and some addition and in the end it was written (the entire message was in English)

*Vunmunnai Kaanum Yen Adbiyaan Upadesapadi Ketu Nadandukol!*

I was overwhelmed in astonishment! I prostrated before Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. He gave me certain instructions, which I am following.

Another day I took one of my friends, whose mother tongue was Kannada and he did not know Tamil. Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal spoke to him in English. Then He said that He would obtain a Message for Him from our Gurunadhar Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. He took out a plain paper, which was about 6" X 6", showed

it to us that it was blank on both sides, then He folded it so many times, so that it was only a 1.5" X 1.5" square, and He held it between His forefinger and the thumb. Thereafter He asked my friend to pray to our Gurunadhar and ask Him whatever he wanted. My friend prayed for about 3 minutes, did a namaskaram to Gurunadhar and then turned to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and said that he had completed his prayers.

Thereafter, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal handed over to my friend that folded paper and asked him to open it and look inside. Wonder of wonders! When the paper was straightened out, my friend saw inside 6 lines of a Message written in Kannada language in Blue ink! On reading it he shed tears from his eyes! Happy tears of course! Then he did namaskaram to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and left with His Prasad and Blessings.

One day Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was in the Prayer Hall, where Gurunadhar's and Guru Pathni's photos are installed and weekly poojas and bhajans are regularly held. Many devotees had assembled there to have His Dharshan and Blessings. After the Karpura Harathi was over, He asked one of the devotees to take out a flower from the heap of flowers offered in Pooja and give it to Him. He asked the same devotee to hold both of his palms together and then dropped the flower in those palms. It was instantly transformed into KUMKUM of about 50 grams. That Kumkum prasad was distributed to all those present.

It was a pleasure to see that Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was also performing happy miracles like His Grandfather!

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CHAPTER 25  
FRUITS OF FAITH  
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JYOTSNA  
U.S.A.

My association with Pandrimalai Swamighals Ashram has been for less than two years. In this short span my experiences have been overwhelming. These have led me to believe Faith can Move Mountains. The best Synonym for 'Miracles', I believe will be the outcome of this faith, which has left many spellbound!

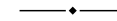
The very atmosphere of the Ashram is calm, serene and peaceful and provides an environment for enlightenment like the Bodhi tree. The sanctity-filled surroundings expurgate the wandering mind and channelise it towards constructive thoughts. This I mention, because I am an easily distracted person and it has only been in the Ashram that the seed for my concentration has been sown. Now I live in the U.S.A. and I reminisce, relive and cherish every moment I have spent in the Ashram.

One day I was writhing in excruciating stomach pain, which was escalating demanding the immediate attention of a doctor. The doctors in the vicinity were not available. My mother was deeply upset as I could not even move an inch to get into the car. The only other person in the house was the maid, who was in a state of daze watching me helplessly. My mother murmured 'only God can help' and that rang a bell. She remembered the 'Vibhuti' Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal had given her earlier. Without a second thought she placed some on my Stomach and we both whispered a word of Prayer to Swamiji. My pain vanished the very moment the vibhuti touched my stomach. Our maid was enthralled. My mother no doubt hoped the vibhuti would alleviate my pain, but we never expected it to vanish altogether. An hour of intense suffering was relieved in a moment. "Was I the person drowned in pain a few moments ago?" I asked myself - It was miracle.

My prayers to Swamiji have always been answered, my chances of getting admission to do a Master's programme seemed rather remote.

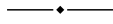
I believed He would help me get it and I turned to him for help with utmost faith and I did secure admission.

Though far away, I communicate with Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal through letters seeking his benediction, advice and guidance which helps one fall into the right groove. I am deeply thankful I need say no more.





A DAY TO BE REMEMBERED  
AND CHERISHED IN OUR LIVES



SMT. MANGALA AND SRI. SANTOSH NILAVER

*Chennai*

We have been very fortunate in experiencing a few of the miracles performed by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. 17th March 2000 is a very auspicious and unforgettable evening in our life. Swamighal had called a few devotees along with us. Swamighal came to meet us at 8.30 p.m. and prayed for a while and then blessed us and made all of us sit around Him along with His mother. Then He narrated a few miracles performed by Periya Swamighal (Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal). He also told us that the two chakras installed last year on the Samadhi of Periya Swamighal are so powerful that they can give us whatever we wish for but it should be asked for with great devotion and faith and blessings from Swamighal.

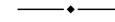
After speaking for about thirty minutes, He again blessed us and as we were leaving the hall. He called us back and asked three male devotees to hold their palms open. Then Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal prayed and went up on the 'Medai' and went round, came back and kneeled down in front of the Padukas and started praying. Then He asked His mother, and one of us to join our hands along with others. Swamiji told us to pray and ask for anything but we were all quiet. Then Swamiji turned around and opened His palms. Lo! A Big Tirupati Laddu was in His hands and Manjal and Kumkum smeared on 5 sides. Then Swamiji told us that this laddu was Kalyan Laddu from Tirupati and He went there and returned in two minutes. This whole experience took place within five minutes, but happiness will be in our minds throughout our lives. We thank Periya Swamighal, Paapathi Ammal and Sakthevadivel Swamighal for giving us this opportunity to be with Him and experience this unique miracle.

Before this miracle took place, Swamighal told us that when Periya Swamighal went to the beach with few devotees, He was talking to them

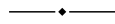
and suddenly He closed His eyes and bent down from His chair and lifted something. All the devotees were watching Him. After sometime when He opened His eyes, devotees were told by Swamighal that one of his devotees coming down from the steps of Palani slipped and He rushed and saved him. After one week, one couple came to seek Swamighal's Blessings and the lady told Swamighal that her husband had a miraculous escape when he slipped on the steps of Palani and she saw Periya Swamighal and the couple thanked Swamighal. The devotees who were present on 17th March 2000 were Mr. Ram from Singapore and Mr L.V. Ramanathan (Voltas).

We are lucky to be associated with the Ashram and Swamighal and are inspired by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal powers, love and humility.

Swamighal also has predicted many more miracles will take place in the Ashram and all the devotees will be blessed.



## SRI-LA-SRI SAKTHEVADIVEL SWAMIGHAL- OUR EXPERIENCES



SMT. NALINI BALACHANDRA

*Chennai*

Guru is none other than Brahma; Guru is none other than Vishnu; Guru is none other than Maheshwara; Guru is verily Parabrahman; Prostrations to such a Guru. So runs our prayer. 'Guru' means a God realised soul, who dispels the ignorance of the disciple. The only thing that the disciple has to do is to surrender himself totally and unreservedly to the Guru and earn his Grace and love. To such a disciple, the Guru extends his protection from all evils and impediments that stand in the way. The one who protects and gives such enlightenment is not an ordinary soul. He is verily God himself.

Me and my husband saw the Guru's greatness in Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal when we first visited Om Namasivaya Ashram in January 1991. We were unfortunate not to have met Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal during His lifetime, though we have been in Madras since 1982 and have been passing through Village Road almost daily. But from what we had heard about him and his astonishing capacity to illumine his disciples with the knowledge he had gained, we have no doubt that Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal is the incarnation of his Guru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal - in other words Lord Muruga himself. He is always easily accessible to his true devotees, takes on himself all their woes and bestows on them kindness and affection which melt their sorrow and restore to them peace of mind.

It is undeniable that the great saints and savants who have sacrificed much for this land of ours have brought about extraordinary and sometimes unbelievable miracles, all for helping their true disciples. May I take this opportunity to narrate some of our experiences, how our fondest prayers were granted by a smiling Swamiji, how his helping hand was extended to us and how we were rescued from sorrow?

We were on our way to our daughter's place in Bangalore by road on 6th June 1992. My husband was driving and throughout the route, we were playing an audio cassette of Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's sthothras. We did not feel the strain and covered the distance within five hours. Next day, on our return from a visit to Cubbon Park, my husband complained of pain in the chest and as usual he took some allopathic medicines assuming that it was due to some gastric problem but the pain did not subside. The lady doctor who was in the vicinity was called and she, on examination, said he was heading for a heart attack. Immediately, we took him to a cardiologist as advised by the lady doctor. My husband was shifted to a near-by nursing home. Before this lady doctor was summoned, I had applied the sacred vibhuti which Swamiji had given us at Madras, on my husband's chest and left hand. As a result, the pain caused by the attack was bearable and to our surprise and relief, he could walk the distance from the car to the intensive care unit, before they could arrange for the stretcher. My husband was instantly administered life saving drugs, oxygen etc., Later the cardiologist came over to me and said that the next 72 hours would be very critical and that he was doing the best. He also advised us to get the near and dear ones in Bangalore from wherever they were. I felt a little unnerved at this suggestion of the doctor which made me guess that all was not too well. But then, I immediately remembered the smiling face of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and prayed to Him to save my husband. Next day I wrote a letter to Him at Madras and I received His prompt reply assuring me that my husband would soon be restored to sound health. He also sent Sacred Vibhuti which I applied on my husband's forehead and kept the packet under his pillow. The very next day my husband was cheerful and talking. He told me that nothing would happen to him. I was asked by the doctor not to get emotional, lest it should affect the patient and as such I had put on a bold face, though inwardly I was nervous and rather frightened. My husband had such strong will power and firm belief in Swamiji, he said that nothing serious had happened to him and the cardiologist was rather dramatising the whole situation. When I narrated this to the doctor, he told me that it was certainly a sign of fast recovery.

With our deep faith and complete surrender to Swamiji, my husband completely recovered and has been restored to normalcy. The doctor has stopped him from taking any more medicines and advised him to

stick to a strict diet and take regular walks. To what can one attribute this complete recovery? Is it not a miracle? It is the unbounded grace of puja Swamiji.

Our humble salutations to Him



CHAPTER 28  
A MEMORABLE TRIP  
TO TIRUMALA WITH  
SRI-LA-SRI SAKTHEVADIVEL SWAMIGHAL

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KAVITA MUTHANNA  
*Chennai*

On the 1st of February 2003, some of us were fortunate enough to accompany Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal to Tirupati, for Mr. and Mrs. Ramesh's (Bombay) son Ramaswamy's (Ravi) Upanayanam ceremony. They had taken care of every detail and organized everything (from transport, food, a place to stay, darshan tickets and prasadam for all of us). To give an apt description of their hospitality I can only think of the Sanskrit phrase 'Athithi Devo Bhava' which means look after your guests like you would look after God.

I will make an attempt to narrate this amazing experience in the following pages. We left Chennai at 2 pm on Saturday afternoon. Just short of Tirupathi, the train stopped at Renigunta for a while and we reached the Tirupathi station only at 6 p.m. Immediately we left for the Padmavathi Amma temple at Thiruchanur. Just when Swamiji arrived, the idol of the goddess was being brought in and it seemed as though she had come out just to greet Him personally. We were allowed to sit in front of the idol and have an aarathi and we were fortunate to receive the blessings of the goddess and Sakthevadivel Swamighal simultaneously. On the way out Swamiji materialised Kum Kum onto the palms of the Assistant executive officer's hand. Some were fortunate to witness it.

Later that evening Swamiji gave us all darshan before we retired for the night. We also learned later that if the train had reached on time we would not have had a chance for the special aarathi and if it had been any later the aarathi time would have been over, so we could see how Swamiji took care to make the visit just perfect for us all. Early next morning Swamiji was going to the temple with some devotees for the

Kalyanam Ceremony. (There were several tickets for numerous sevas and Swamiji hand picked who should go at each time with Him and I believe that there was a significance even to that.) Simultaneously we also had the first Naandhi Ceremony for young Ravi.

Later that afternoon was my turn to have darshan so I left with Mr. and Mrs. Radhakrishnan and an older gentleman. I wondered why Swamiji was not accompanying our little group but consoled myself saying Swamiji has said He is always with me so what if He is not there in person. Since we had special tickets we were past the queue in less than twenty-five minutes. Once in front of the majestic idol of Lord Venkateshwara I felt like I was being told I would be back soon (usually we go once every few years so I thought there would be a gap of six months or so this time). Well, we came out and waited a short while then heard that Swamiji had come, what joy. We raced ahead to see Him. He was smiling gracefully as always and to me it felt like a reinforcement of His words that He is always there with me physically and mentally! We assumed that Swamiji and His group would continue towards the sanctum and as the gates were opened for them four of us were requested by the guard to join them! To me it was totally unbelievable! So we accompanied them and went in for darshan once more.

The gap was not six months as I imagined but more like thirty minutes! And while they cleared the crowd in front of the idol we sat aside with Swamiji and He explained to us the important aspects of this famous temple. And most importantly, to pray to the Varaha form which is present on the pillar just as one enters the sanctum. We went in for darshan and were lucky once more to witness an Aarathi and receive the Lord's blessings.

When we came out Swamiji took us to the Padmavathi Amma shrine on the side and told us how she is always administering the preparation of the prasadam from her position (there is actually a small opening directly in front of the goddess and into the prasadam making center)

Then He took us around, to the side where if you climb the steps you can see a silver arrow leading to a silver frame over a certain area of the temple gopuram. It encases the idol of Lord Venkateshwara and that is also the exact spot where the Jyothi was burning for a long time before the temple structure came up and it is also the exact spot, below which the Chakram of this holy temple is placed. Swamiji then showed us the

sacred pillar on the side of the Varaha shrine. It was the first pillar that existed there before other structures came up and Swamiji told us that any wish made would be fulfilled if pradakshina was done three times around this sacred pillar.

Walking back to the guest house, Swamiji showed us the Varaha temple that was the first temple to come up in this complex and He said one should pray there before going into the main temple complex.

On our return, after dinner Swamiji had a satsang. All were present and Swamiji spoke at length on various subjects and He had linked them so beautifully that He had us captivated for the entire period. He started by performing a miracle. He took a blank piece of paper from a couple who had come for His darshan (they live in Tirupathi) and were awaiting their upadesam. Swamiji said a Guru knows who should get what and when and how. So never compare yourself with another devotee and try to judge the extent of your guru's love for you. He also said a Guru NEVER forgets what he says he will do. He takes his time in administering something to you only because he is waiting for the right moment.

Swamiji was asked questions on the importance of holy temples and idols, as we believe that God is within us. Swamiji responded saying first of all it takes several years for one to come to this sort of understanding. After years of varied experiences one comes to this level but what about a young child where will he start, how will he acquire this sort of understanding instantly? For him the temple is where he starts. He says in a temple the statue does not hold the power but it is the chakram below it that bestows the power and gives out powerful vibrations that mix with the vibrations that each of us give out and this fills the temple and helps all and transforms people and heals people too.

As an example, He told us that the gentleman who was to receive His upadesha used to be very aggressive in his youth when he got married and Swami said "ask his wife how mellow he is now." It is the vibrations of the temple over the years that he has been here that have changed him to what he is today. Swamiji said we should try to spend at least two minutes a day to stop and think of God and if we don't have time to do even that we should at least try to do good to others each day. By doing good He specified that if we give money to an able bodied beggar we are not helping him as we are making him lazier because he will believe that money can come to him if he just

sits around doing nothing! So Swamiji asked us to help those who are worthy of our help. He emphasized that one need not go looking for someone to help, imagine instead you see a stone on the road and are certain someone will trip on it, move it aside so no one trips, even that is service for in turn you have helped someone.

Swamiji said man's desires are never ending. He will first ask for a child, then for the marriage of that child, then a grandchild and so it goes on and on. There are very few people who seek God for who he is. He said look at the beggars here itself. They ask only for money so they get only money. They never yearn to go into the temple or see God so they stay where they are. Always remember God. In doing so God will always be close to you and in turn all your desires will be taken care of too.

Swamiji narrated a story to illustrate how this is all God's play. There was once a saint who asked a young boy to leave his family life and move on with him but the man said his family would not be able to cope without him so he could not come. The saint agreed but asked him to lie motionless so all would assume he was no more and then called his family members. He told them the man would get his life back if any one present was willing to swap places with him. Each member had an excuse of how it was more important for them to be alive as their work was more important, the wife worried about the children, the mother about her husband, the father about the family etc. Then the saint asked the man to get up from his motionless state, he was so dejected that he said he was willing to renounce the world and but the holy man told him he should stay on and complete his duties and not run away instead. And most importantly, he should remember that the only constant in life is God and his love and in any situation we can only depend on him and we should never forget that.

On agnostics, He said they may claim there is no God but they agree that there is a power because of which the world is at play!

He advised all not to dwell on the past as it is over and nothing can turn things around, to worry about the future is pointless too because it is yet to come instead we should enjoy the present. Smile and laugh and enjoy what one has, just look around and you will see how fortunate you are. He said that the world is at such a stage where people pay money to learn to laugh, what with all the laughing clubs that have sprung up! He emphasized that laughter is the best medicine. He said only man has

the ability to laugh animals don't, so we should be thankful for what God gives us.

He also added that we should be aware of those around us. If an animal is around us we know how to keep our distance depending on the type of animal close by as an animal does not hide its true form and qualities, but man is devious and one will never know the true nature or real thoughts of a man so we should be wary and try to be in good company always.

Swamiji also told us about the power points in each of us he said the power leaves our body through our nails and hair so we should be cautious when we trim them to keep our power intact. Days are specified for this and the importance has been scientifically proven so we should try to follow the guidelines.

Swamiji said if you are asked to wish for something ask that you may always remember God. On the seating position and the attire of a Guru, Swami said some people were wondering why He sat on a grand chair higher than the others when they say "All are equal". He said He did not mind sitting on the floor with the others but in doing so the people at the back would not be able to see Him, so He sits on a chair so all can see Him clearly without straining themselves! On His clothes and gold chains and rings, He said like a mother loves to keep her child all clean and dresses her well with powder and a bindi, His devotees also like to see Him well dressed and like it when He wears what they have given Him. On His rudraksha mala He said it has special significance to propitiate the appropriate God that one prays to and as for the gold studs at the top and bottom of each bead He said, they had no special significance except that He was given the chain that way so He wore it. He said the silk dhoti was to stop negative energy from coming in. Similarly, when we wear silk or cotton clothes they have the same protective effect on all of us.

Swamiji concluded the evening by telling us "To succeed in life, one must learn to adjust" and that was supremely important.

The next day 3rd February started early for some of us. We were ready by 3.30 am to accompany Swamiji to the temple and have darshan of Lord Venkateshwara once more! It began with us greeting Swamiji and following Him to the main temple complex. The walk was heavenly, wee hours of the morning, silence all around and the heavenly smell of

Swamiji's vibhoothi filled the air, I had to take giant strides to keep up as our Swamiji walks very fast! All along I was taking deep breaths of the lovely vibhoothi smell and wishing I could wake up people around and tell them how such a great soul was among us at that moment.

We all had beautiful darshan. Mine was for the third time and I thank Swamiji deeply for this opportunity. The group that entered before us with Swamiji went in for the Archana ceremony. With them was Mr. Ramanathan (Voltas). After darshan they proceeded to the Hundi to put in their offerings. The devotees with Swamiji expressed their desire to put the offerings they had brought, into the Hundi. Swamiji asked them to do so. When they were unfolding the cloth containing the offerings Swamiji directed Mrs. Radhakrishnan to empty the contents in the pallu of Mrs. Sridhar. At this point of time Swamiji who was standing near Mr. Ramanathan touched his ring and asked who had given the ring to him. Mr. Ramanathan replied that it was given to him by Thatha (this ring was materialised for him by Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal our Guru Bhagwan in 1968 and he was told that it was very powerful and no one would be able to steal it and wherever it is dropped or kept, it would come back to him). Immediately Swamiji took out the ring from his finger gave it Mr. Ramanathan and said "You drop this ring in the Hundi as your offering". Mr. Ramanathan agreed to do so and the ring was handed over to Mrs. Jaya Radhakrishnan who dropped it into the pallu of Mrs. Sridhar who was ready to go over and drop the offerings in the Hundi.

Thereafter, Mrs. Jaya Radhakrishnan and Mrs. Viji Sridhar went to the Hundi and dropped their offerings and also the ring of Mr. Ramanathan. Swamiji along with the others waited on the side for all of us to finish our darshan and join them, while they waited, hundreds of people went past putting their offerings into the hundi. They were also fortunate enough to have darshan of Lord Venkateshwara's garments and be blessed by them.

A short while later, our group joined them and we all proceeded to receive the free laddoo prasadam. Swamiji also collected His laddoo prasadam and the group assembled to leave the temple premises. At that point of time Swamiji asked Mr. Ramanathan to stretch his hands with open palms and dropped the laddoo on the palms of Mr. Ramanathan. The ring also fell on his hand along with the laddoo... exactly the same ring that Swamiji had earlier requested him to put

into the Hundi! Swamiji smiled and said "When you drop anything in the Hundi as an offering to Lord Venkateshwara it is His. No one can own it or claim it back but Lord Venkateshwara has blessed the ring and given it back to you. The ring is back with all his blessings." Mr. Ramanathan said it had come back with a glossier shine than before! Like Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal said the ring did not leave him.

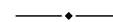
Swamiji also told us that, that day was Lord Venkateshwara's birthday. We were truly fortunate to be in Tirupathi on that day. Swamiji asked me then if I was enjoying the trip. I replied "Yes, Swamiji very much." Truly what I felt was far beyond my limited vocabulary it did not allow me to explain but Swamiji knows and understands all so He knows what exactly I wanted to say too!

Later we all attended the Upanayanam ceremony of Ravi and Swamiji Blessed each one of us after the ceremony. We all had a grand lunch and our gracious hosts gave us bags full of prasadam to take back and just to illustrate their thoughtfulness I want to let you know that they had even packed and handed over dinner to each of us, as the train gets into Chennai only at around 9.30 p.m., much too late to begin cooking a meal!

Swamiji too sent prasadam down for all of us. Another welcome treat!

By Swamiji's continued grace and blessings we had a safe and pleasant journey back from a trip that was perfect from start to finish. Personally I do hope this is just the beginning of many more glorious trips to come.

Praise be the name of our dear Guru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.



CHAPTER 29  
MIRACLE BABY

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S. G. RAAMAN  
*Bangalore*

On Monday, 7th October 1996, Punniavachanam (11th day function after the birth of a baby) was performed for my grandson Chi. S. Srinivasan, who was born on Friday 27th September 1996. The baby was underweight i.e., 2 kg.600 gm only. Due to this, he was very weak having less resistance power. On Wednesday, 9th October 1996, my son Chi. Sunderrajan and myself left Bangalore for Chennai for urgent work at Shastry Bhavan, which is near OM NAMASIVAYA ASHRAM at Nungambakkam.

On Thursday, 10th October 1996, we reached my relative Shri A.H. Hariharan's house in Tambaram by 7.00 a.m. An unusually heavy rain was pouring throughout the day. We left by 10.00 a.m. for Shastry Bhavan, and reached at 1.00 p.m. I was in the visitor's lobby as my son had gone outside. I was told by a staff member that there was a phone call from Mrs. Santha Hariharan of Tambaram (my wife's sister) and informed me, that my grandson was seriously ill and lying in the Children's Hospital Mysore Road, Bangalore. Also, I was informed that my son Chi. Sunderrajan's presence was needed immediately to sign some documents at the Hospital.

I became very nervous. There was no mood for me, in the discussion. In the meantime, my son came, but I did not reveal to him the phone message. At 5.00 p.m. in the evening, we left and reached OM NAMASIVAYA ASHRAM. But to our great disappointment, we were told that Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, had gone out and would be back only by 10.00 p.m. that night.

What to do! Suddenly an idea struck. Immediately, I wrote a letter addressed it to Swamiji, praying for a speedy and good recovery of the health of the child, and we left for Tambaram.

At about 10.00 p.m. in the night, I received a phone call from my

daughter Kum. Mangalam and was informed that the child was out of danger. I offered a coconut to the nearby Ganesha Temple for the good News.

Next day (Friday) in the unusual heavy rains, my son and I left Chennai for Bangalore by the next available bus. The time was 10.00 a.m. and in the morning schedule, the last bus was available at 10.30 a.m. and was supposed to go to Mangalore via Bangalore. No seat was available. We had decided to wait in the bus stand for the evening schedule i.e. at 8.30 p.m.

Believe us or not! The conductor shouted and called us, to step in the bus, as two tickets, were cancelled and he said that we were lucky.

As soon as we reached Bangalore (10.00 p.m.) we contacted the Hospital by phone. My son's brother-in-law Mr. Krishnamoorthy informed me to rest, and come the next day (Saturday) morning as the child was kept in the I.C.U. (Intensive Care Unit).

On Saturday morning, Dr. Hariram, informed us that the child was responding to the medicines as well as injections (84 Nos) i.e. 5 injections per day for 21 days though the child was only 18 days 'young'. Both my hands and my son's hands were automatically folded and we expressed our sincere thanks to our Swamiji. We took the boy to Swamiji during the Birthday Celebrations of the year 1997 and expressed our sincere thanks.

As the doctor himself had called my grandson a MIRACLE BABY. I have given the same as the Caption, for this REAL STORY.

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SRI-LA-SRI SAKTHEVADIVEL SWAMIGHAL'S  
BANGALORE - COORG MERCARA TRIP

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L. V RAMANATHAN  
*Chennai*

Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal accepted the kind invitation of Smt. Sangeetha and Harish Muthanna (Daughter of Sri. K.A. Nanjappa) to Bless them at the time of their house warming ceremony and visited them in Bangalore from 8th to 12th May 1999.

There were pujas and Darshan in the morning and evening and a number of people visited and received Swamiji's Blessings. On a few days, Swamiji spoke, advising the devotees on how to conduct oneself in life. His speech which was laced with humour and was translated into English and Swamighal Himself offered the right words when less appropriate ones were used!

On 11th May 1999, Swamighal visited Sri. Chetan's house. After completing the Puja and giving Benediction to those assembled there, Swamiji stood up and requested all of them to come inside the Puja Room. He then asked for a piece of blank paper. After asking Sri. Chetan's father to verify whether anything was written on the paper, He folded the paper into a very small piece. He gave this to Sri. Chetan's father and asked him to hold this in his right hand. Then He asked for a pen and gave it to Sri. Chetan's father who held it in his left hand. After a few minutes, the piece of paper was opened and Sri. Chetan's father who read it was dumbstruck with consternation at the message. On the paper it was written, "Do not test me. Caution" in Kannada and was signed by our Guru Bhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal Himself!

Naturally, Sri. Chetan's father prostrated at Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal's feet and told Him that he and his family had complete faith in Him and never doubted His Divinity. Swamighal, with His characteristic reassuring smile immediately said, "This message is

not for you. There are a few non believers here and this is for their benefit". This episode clearly demonstrates that Guru Bhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and our Sadgurunathan Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal are one and the same!

On the day of His departure, Swamighal materialised Divine Kasturi turmeric powder in the hands of Sri. Harish and Smt. Sangeetha and Blessed them!

On the invitation of Shri. K. A. Nanjappa, Sakthevadivel Swamighal took nearly 20 devotees of the Ashram and visited Shri. Nanjappa's house situated in Teak Woods Estate near Siddapur in Coorg from 20th to the 26th of May 1999. Shri. Nanjappa's house is situated about 120 kms from Mysore in a scenic place surrounded by teak woods, orange, coffee and cardamom plantations. The crowning beauty of this place is the Shri. Chamundeswari temple built by Shri. Nanjappa situated in the centre of the estate. In the shrine itself, Lord Ganesa's idol is on the left side and our Guru Bhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's Statue with that of Lord Muruga on the right side of the Sanctum Sanctorum.

The residents and the employees of the surrounding estates gathered in large numbers in the morning and evening to have Darshan of Swamighal and receive His Blessings. Although many of them could not understand Tamil, their deep devotion to Swamighal should have been seen to be believed.

The Divine Grace fell in full measure on one such family. A twelve year old boy who had lost suddenly, both vision and hearing six months prior was brought by his parents. After listening to them, Swamighal got up from His seat and put the boy's right thumb into his right ear and left thumb into the left ear, spreading his other fingers. Then Swamighal just tapped on the back of the boys palms. Lo! And behold! The boy's hearing was fully restored. Swamighal then said that the boy's optic nerves had been damaged and hence his eyesight was impaired and assured he would certainly regain his vision in another six months.

**Sadguru' Birthday and visit to Talakaveri.**

Swamighal's birth date according to the Gregorian Calendar is 22nd May. Hence, on that day Sadgurunathan Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal was received in the Shri Chamundeswari temple with full temple honours and special Abishekam and puja were conducted.



The large number of devotees who had gathered there had the good fortune to have Darshan of Swamighal on that auspicious day.

At around 9.00 a.m., Swamighal, Shri Nanjappa, his family members and the devotees from Chennai left for Talakaveri - from where the sacred Kaveri river originates. On the way, we had Darshan at Shri Ramar temple at a place called “Bagamandala”. A speciality of this place is that the Sandal paste from the special Sannithi on the Northern side of the main Deity has the power to nullify the ill-omens associated with lizards.

We reached Talakaveri by midday. Although the weather was cloudy and it was drizzling, Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal did Puja at the place from where the Kaveri arises. Sadgurunathar then pointed out to us the statue of Kaveri on the way to the Siva temple and also he showed us the place where Saint Agastya did penance. After completing the worship there, we returned to Teak Woods Estate at around 6.00 p.m. Shri Nanjappa then performed a Pada Puja to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and then Swamighal Blessed all those who had assembled there.

#### **Musical Performances:**

During Swamighal’s stay, every evening, famous musicians and dancers from Coorg gave delightful performances in the immediate presence of Swamighal and they were appreciated by a packed audience. After honouring the artists, Swamighal gave Benediction to those who had assembled there.

#### **Visit to Mercara:**

Swamighal graciously accepted the invitation of His devotees from Mercara and visited the house of Smt. Brinda, Nanjappa’s mother on 24th May. After receiving Swamighal with great reverence, a Pada Puja was performed. At around 3.00 p.m. Swamighal also visited Smt. Veena’s house. Although a large number of devotees had gathered there, Swamighal blessed every one individually. After staying there for a couple of hours, the devotees reluctantly agreed for Swamighal’s departure.

#### **Divine Article:**

On 25th May at around 11.00 a.m. Swamighal came to the Shri

Chamundeswari Temple. Shri. Nanjappa then requested Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal to materialise a Divine article there. After the Puja was over at the Sri Chamundeswari Temple, Swamighal beckoned a high ranking Police Official and an Army Officer and asked them to hold their hands along with Shri. Nanjappa (one on top of another). He then requested the priest to come out of the Sanctum Sanctorum. There was no one inside the Sanctum. Swamighal, after praying with folded hands for a few minutes went inside. He then returned in a few seconds with the article entitled “Lord Siva - the absolute self”, typed on paper, which was impregnated with divine fragrance.

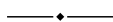
This article which had been materialised in a trice was Vouchsafed to Aasaan Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal” It is note worthy here that the title ‘Aasaan’ had been conferred on Sadguru Sakthevadivel Swamighal by our Guru Bhagawan and Lord Muruga! (it is well known that a Yogi is one who considers others as himself, Sadguru is a person who can perform miracles while Aasaan is the same as the Supreme Lord - Easan). Those who were fortunate to have assembled there were wonderstruck by the materialisation of the article. Aasaan Sadguru Sakthevadivel Swamighal then graciously assented that the article be read aloud for the benefit of the devotees who had assembled there. This article and its Tamil translation appeared in the July-September 1999 issue of the Light of Pandrimalai.

#### **Annadanam to Estate Employees:**

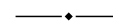
On May 25th, more than 150 employees of Teak Woods Estate were treated to a dinner. Swamighal Himself moved freely among the dining workers and was extremely happy to see the employees relish the food. Since Swamighal was leaving the next day, there was a huge crowd of devotees on 25th May night. Swamighal with His usual boundless patience, gave individual Benediction to all those who had come there. At around 10.00 p.m., it was the turn of the family of an advocate to receive Swamighal’s Blessing. The advocate had come there especially to request Swamighal about his daughter’s wedding which had been pending for quite some time. Swamighal asked him to procure 9 pieces of round turmeric. Where could they go to get these at that late hour? With a crestfallen face and tears in their eyes, they said’ “Perhaps only the next time we have the fortune of your darshan (whenever it is), we can have your Blessings” and started moving away.

The working of the Divine Grace is such that Swamighal called that family and asked the mother of the girl to show her saree pallu and then dropped a few flowers. The flower petals had fallen into the saree as nine pieces of the turmeric that were to be got! Swamighal then, with his characteristic smile, said “Before long, your daughter’s wedding will be conducted”. Can there be a better example than this to indicate our Swamighal’s concern for the welfare of His devotees?

One of the lasting impressions of our visit to Coorg is that of the immense trust, affection and respect that these devotees have for Swamighal. Perhaps there is an abject lesson for the rest of the devotees to follow! The opportunity to be in the Divine Company of Aasaan Sadguru Sakthevadivel Swamighal from May 20-25 was given to us by Smt. and Shri. Nanjappa. Our heartfelt thanks are due to this generous couple who are simplicity personified and a role model for perfect hosts. Our humble Pranams to our Swamighal for graciously accommodating our group and Blessing us with this ‘Once in a lifetime’ opportunity.



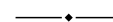
CHAPTER 31  
MIRACLES CONTINUE



V. RAVI  
*Chennai*

In the last issue of the “Light of Pandrimalai” (July - September 1998), I had dwelt on one of the mundane incidents, the problems relating to which were miraculously resolved by our Swamiji’s Grace. I consider it a great privilege to share with you, through these columns, yet another incident which took place recently.

My wife and I consider it our ardent duty to visit the Ashram on all puja days. During August 1998, I once visited the Ashram alone. On that day, after getting the blessings of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, I left the Ashram a little past 10 p.m., on my two wheeler, on my way back home. As there was hardly any traffic on the road, I was going fairly fast. While driving, I was chanting, the “Nama Japa” of our Swamighal. Suddenly my vehicle fell into a small ditch (on account of digging of the road) and was thrown sideways. The articles inside my scooter bag got thrown out as a result of the impact while the vehicle itself was thrown up by about a foot and landed on the right side, about two feet away. The efficacy of Swamiji’s ‘Nama Japam’ was so great that there was absolutely no damage to the vehicle; nor did I have even a scratch on my body. After this accident, I just continued my journey back home without any further problems. The impact of the accident was so stunning that but for Swamiji’s Grace, I might have been bodily injured and my vehicle might have been considerably damaged. Words just fail to express my deep gratitude to our Swamiji for his benign Grace in saving me from what might have been a big disaster on that day.



CHAPTER 32  
SWAMIJI THE CLAIRVOYANT

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P. R. KRISHNA RATHNAM  
Chennai

The year was 1991. Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal graced my house on the occasion of our Grahapravesam. A large number of my relatives and some of the devotees of our Swamiji were also present there on the occasion. After the Puja was over, Swamiji was kind enough to bless all those who had gathered there individually.

My brother Dr. P.R. Purushotham from Tenali also had come for the function. When my brother's turn came for receiving His Benediction, he was rather reluctant to prostrate before Swamiji. However, after persuasion by my wife, he did so and told Swamiji that he was suffering from heart trouble and that his family was worried about it. Swamiji blessed him and then asked him to take a piece of paper, which was used to wrap the vibhoodi prasada and keep it folded in his hand. After a few seconds, He asked my brother to open the piece of paper and the following message in Telugu was written on it:

“Do not test me. You will not have any problem for 7 years, 5 months and 22 days”.

Sure enough, he lived exactly for that period and then attained eternal rest.

Normally, predictions are made based on horoscopes, date of birth and other calculations. Without any of these aids, however, Swamiji in a matter of a few seconds, predicted this in Telugu, my mother tongue!

This is one more episode to illustrate how our Guru Bhagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal continues to Bless us through Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. Members of my family and I offer our humble salutations to our two Gurujis for their Grace and infinite kindness

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CHAPTER 33  
MIRACLE ON THE EYE

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JANSI REDDY

I was suffering from a fairly big sty on my right eye, which never wanted to leave me, even after 6 months of allopathic care. Our numerous friends and relatives were getting quite restless at the stubbornness of the sty and advised me to act fast on medical advice. Hence I consulted the famous Dr. Swaminathan on Pantheon Road. He was of the view that only surgery was the answer and it was a minor surgery after all! Being mortally scared of the very thought, I knocked on the doors of the late Dr. B. Govindarajulu the famous retired railway ophthalmologist. After examining the sty and hearing of its age, he immediately tried to fix a date for its removal by surgery, since it was perched on the optic nerve and prone to turn cancerous any time. On hearing him, I decided to scoot from the place promising to get back to him, the next day.

Few days later, it was Friday, I telephoned the Om Namasivayam Ashram and came to know there was 'darshan' that day. So I went and prostrated to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and narrated my tale of woe. Swamiji in His usual confident and smiling style told me not to worry and to forget surgery. He sent Mr. Balu to His Puja Room and brought a small white coloured stone, which He gave me, instructing me to wet my finger, rub it on the stone and then apply to the sty. Swamiji told me “Before the stone disappears, getting smaller in size your sty will be gone”. Placing my full faith in His words, I began applying the stone to my sty on the eye, every night before going to bed.

Friends, my family members and colleagues at office were cracking jokes and laughing at me saying that I was neglecting myself and wasting precious time. But I turned a deaf ear to them all and patiently kept applying the stone. After some days, the stone became very small, almost as big as a pebble. When I woke up the next day I found to my utter joy and surprise, that the sty had vanished from above my eye. A miracle had been performed by Swamiji! Both the doctors who saw me

thereafter refused to believe that I did not undergo surgery. They kept closely looking at the eye with bright torch lights for the invisible scar of the surgery, but in vain. They then believed that a miracle had been performed on me, by our Sakthevadivel Swamiji. How very lucky I am!



CHAPTER 34  
THE TURNING POINT  
IN MY LIFE  
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SRI. SANTHOSH NILAVER

My wife and I were introduced to the Ashram and Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal in 1991 and ever since our lives have undergone a remarkable change. Our first meeting with Sakthevadivel Swamighal was very eventful and His Grace has opened our minds' eye with His simplicity, humility and sincerity. Sakthevadivel Swamighal greeted us with His enthusiastic Namaskaram and enchanting smile, enquiring about our health. The sincerity in His greeting and concern for us impressed us so much that we totally surrendered to Him. This was the beginning of the change in our lives and we pledged ourselves to Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal and offered to serve Him and the Ashram in whatever way possible.

My wife has always been very devotional and God fearing, while I was not very serious in my devotion. The turning point had really come about in my attitude. For me Sakthevadivel Swamighal and the Ashram became the foremost priority in my thoughts and action. Every Darshan day was a new experience for us. Just watching Swamighal patiently listening to each of His devotees' problems, consoling them and blessing them is a treat to the eyes of the beholder. Each devotee rich or poor, whether he gets darshan first or last, is given equal importance by Swamighal. Though we have not seen Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, we are able to feel His presence in Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal, who has guided us through all our difficulties.

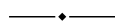
We would like to share with all devotees a few of the miracles performed by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.

A friend of ours, a bachelor was unable to select a suitable match. He accompanied us to the Ashram for Swamighal's guidance and blessings. On hearing his problem Swamighal assured him that he would be engaged to a pretty girl in a week's time. Swamighal also gave a detailed

description of the girl. We soon accompanied our friend to Madurai in response to a proposal. We were pleasantly surprised to note that the girl fitted the description given by Swamighal perfectly. As predicted the engagement ceremony also took place within a week's time of our meeting Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal. After the marriage the couple came to Madras to seek the blessings of Swamighal.

Another friend of ours from Bangalore was in turmoil from worries and personal problems. We decided to seek the blessings of Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal for his problems too. Even before our friend could speak, Swamighal told him what his worries were. He blessed him and tied a sacred thread around his wrist. Since my friend could not converse in Tamil, I was interpreting for him. Sakthevadivel Swamighal asked us to close our eyes and pray. He then asked me to rub my friend's hand with my fingers. I was then asked to smell the place rubbed by me and to my surprise a sweet fragrance emanated. Swamighal then asked me to smell the fingers I had used to rub his hand and I was bewildered since there was no such fragrance. Smilingly Swamighal told my delighted friend that his future would be as fragrant and peaceful as the Divine fragrance which had mysteriously emanated from his hand. The fragrance lingered on my friend's hand for 2 days and his worries and problems also gradually dissipated.

These are only a few of our marvellous experiences and I hope to share many more of these in the forthcoming publications.



CHAPTER 35  
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

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L.V. RAMANATHAN  
*Chennai*

I would like to share with you all two miraculous incidents that took place recently i.e. on February 3, 2003 at Tirupathi (where I had the good fortune to be with him for Lord Balaji's darshan) and on 21st March 2003 at our Ashram in Chennai. The first miracle on, February 3, 2003 is about the Golden ring I have on my right hand finger. The second miracle on 21 st March 21, 2003 relates to the mud I picked up from Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's house at Pandrimalai when we visited the place with Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal on March 15, 2003.

**THE GOLDEN RING - Background.**

The Golden ring I have was given to me by Guru Bhagavan (Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal) way back in 1968. It is fairly large and weighs nearly 18 grams. A couple of years back when I had darshan of Sakthevadivel Swamighal, I had an urge to give this ring to Him and get His blessings - the day was early hours of January 1, 2000. I gave the ring, touched His feet and stood with folded hands. Sakthevadivel Swamighal smiled, looked at the ring and as he slipped it into his index finger, the following conversation ensued:

Q: 'Is this ring given to you by Grandfather? (Pandrimalai Swamighal)

A: Yes, Swamiji.

Q: Swamiji: "This is a very powerful ring, no one can steal this from you and wherever it goes it will come back to you. One of these days I will demonstrate it to you. Let us go by train to Dindigul or Madurai. When the Train is crossing the bridge on the river Vaigai, you give the ring to me and I will fling it out through the window into the river. Then we will proceed to our destination. When I stretch my hand, the ring will be on my open palm!"

With these words, His Holiness slipped the ring back into my right hand finger. My wife Hema and I were amazed as we inhaled the fragrance from the ring touched by Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.

### **Miracle in Balaji Temple at Tirupathi**

I had the good fortune to be with Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal on February 3, 2003 when Archana was performed between 4 AM and 5 AM. After the Archana was over we came out with Swamiji and a group of about 10 devotees stopped near the Hundi. The group consisted of Mrs. & Mr. Sridhar, Mrs. & Mr. Radhakrishnan and their relatives, all from Bombay. They had brought offerings for dropping into the Hundi. When they were about to move towards the Hundi, I took out a currency note and handed over the same to them for dropping it in the Hundi as my offering. Swamiji was standing near me. When I gave the currency and withdrew my hand Swamiji, touched my ring and the following conversation took place:

Q: Swamiji: Who gave the ring to you?

A: Grandfather (Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal) Swamiji.

Q: Swamiji: Take it out and drop it in the Hundi as your offering to the Lord.

A: O.K. Swamiji.

I took out the ring, gave to Mrs. Viji Sridhar who with Mrs. Jaya Radhakrishnan went to the Hundi and dropped the ring in the Hundi along with their offerings. Swamiji while waiting for a few more devotees from Chennai/Coorg (who had Balaji's darshan after Archana Seva) to join us, explained to us about the origin of the Temple, significance of the deity etc., we also had the darshan of the silk robe of Lord Balaji used for decoration after daily Pooja.

By then almost one hour had passed since my Golden ring was dropped into the Hundi! Lot many devotees were dropping their offerings in the Hundi and the queue was becoming lengthier. The group joined us. Swamiji started walking, collected the Laddu Prasadam along with us and was calmly proceeding towards the exit gate of the temple with the Laddu enclosed in his right hand palm. A few more steps and we would have been out of the Temple Premises. Swamiji suddenly stopped and asked me whether everyone had come. I said

“Yes, Swamiji”. Then he asked me to stretch both the hands keeping the palms open. Swamiji raised his closed fist above my open palms and there was a distance of about 11/2 feet between his closed fist and the open palms of my hands.

Suddenly Swamiji, opened his fist and let go the Laddu from his hand. The Laddu fell into my hands ALONG WITH MY GOLDEN RING WHICH WAS DROPPED IN THE HUNDI ONE HOUR BACK.

Swamiji, smiled and said: *“Whenever we drop our offering into the Hundi, it becomes His property. It is just not possible to retrieve it. But Lord Balaji has Blessed the ring and given it back!”* What an amazing miracle! What a Blessing from the God at the behest of our Great Master! The Golden ring was back with more glitter.

### **Miracle at the Ashram in Chennai**

We had returned to Chennai on 17th March '03 from our trip to Thandikudi, Pandrimalai and Palani with Swamiji.

While at Thandikudi I had absentmindedly dropped my handkerchief which was picked by Swamiji and given to me after 3 or 4 hours. To my amazement there was a strong fragrance in the kerchief and even after 4 days the fragrance was there. I decided not to use the kerchief but keep it in my pooja space. When we went to the sacred hill of Pandrimalai, a very venerated place of Lord Shiva, we worshipped the place where Sri Guru Bhagavan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal had been living, I had picked a little mud from there. On our return to Chennai, I gave the handkerchief and mud to Swamiji on March 18, 2003.

The day was March 21, 2003 a Friday. Many devotees had assembled in the Ashram Pooja Hall. Sakthevadivel Swamighal came out of the pooja room with the handkerchief and mud in a small plastic box. After Mangalharathi was over He asked me to come and stand near Guru Bhagavan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's Paduka. Sakthevadivel Swamighal unfolded the kerchief and all the devotees could see vibhuti falling from the kerchief. Swamiji folded the kerchief and asked me to put a little mud on the kerchief. Thereafter He placed the kerchief on the Padukas of Guru Bhagavan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal.

Thereafter Sakthevadivel Swamighal said: “The mud taken from the Holy Premises of Sri Guru Bhagavan (Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal)

is very Powerful since all seven seas are flowing under His house in Pandrimalai. We are now going to see an amazing miracle. I do not know what is going to get materialised inside the handkerchief”

Swamiji went near the Padukas, removed the mud from the kerchief and put it back in the plastic box. He asked for a plate and placed the kerchief on it without disturbing the folds. Thereafter He gently unfolded one layer of the Kerchief. To our amazement it contained a spoonful of Brown shining sand. The second layer had small seashells. The third layer had black sand. The fourth one Aluminium Powder like sand. The fifth one the regular sand we see on the beach. The sixth one had soft brown inch long sticks - 6 to 7 numbers. The seventh one had gray sand with shining particles. The materialized sands were kept in the plate and shown to all assembled devotees. Sakthevadivel Swamighal conclusively proved, the Presence of the Seven Seas under Guru Bhagavan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal's house at Pandrimalai by materialising seven sands - each different from the other! Swamiji tied the kerchief around my head - the same way Guru Bhagavan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal had tied the silk cloth materialised by Him at the Murugan temple in Thandikudi in the year 1968.

My dear friends, we are extremely lucky to have as our Guru, Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal - an integral, inseparable part of the Great Cosmic Light, Master Mystic Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal.

YES - THE TRADITION CONTINUES



CHAPTER 36  
GOLD AND CLAY

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Dr. V. A. DEVASENAPATHI  
*Chennai*

Human tendency is to seek pleasure and avoid pain. Yet pain, as a part of suffering seems to be necessary for spiritual growth. Especially to those who believe in God as the all-knowing and all-powerful one, as loving and compassionate, it is a mystery as to why He allows suffering and pain. If we say that the suffering is caused by the bad deeds of our past, the question persists. Could He not have guided us on the right path and warned us off the wrong path? The answer is that He has given us guidance in the scriptures and through saints and sages. Yet, when we are faced with suffering, the answer does not satisfy. A few examples may help us - if we have the patience to see things in the proper light. Let us see:

Human nature is essentially good. In fact, it is divine. Yet, some base matter - call it avidya (ignorance) or anava (egoism) seems to cover it. Egoism is a self-centred life in terms of “I” and “mine” - not others and theirs - “I must be the centre of everything. Everything must belong to me”. How can we grow out of this self-centred life? Here are two examples:

**Gold:** In a gold mine, gold is mixed with a lot of other stuff. The ore has to be dug out and processed through fire of very high temperature. When the dross is filtered out, gold is available for use in whatever way we desire. The refined gold is useful to others - not to itself. But in the case of human beings, the suffering they pass through is the fire that purifies them and makes them think of and serve others, even to the point of taking on themselves the sufferings of others. Sages and saints are such refined gold. They purify themselves through severe penance and by taking on sufferings of others on themselves as they help others.

**Clay:** What can we make out of clay? Wet or dry, has it any use? Yes, says a saint. A potter may take it out of the earth, mould it into the

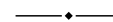
required shape. It may look beautiful, especially if a design is traced on it. Yet, left as it is, it will dissolve design and all - in a heavy down pour of rain. If the pot is put in a kiln containing fire of very high temperature, it emerges as a beautiful and useful article. We can store water or any liquid in it for use.

Likewise, human beings subjected to suffering are instructed to welcome suffering and take it as a God-given opportunity to purify themselves, made pure, they can understand the sufferings of others, help them to overcome it and thus made pure, these others also help yet others in the way they have been helped.

Do we not have a living example in Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal who guided by his guru and grandfather, Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal, meets devotees and gives them solace and guidance?



CHAPTER 37  
INFORMAL TALK BY  
SRI-LA-SRI SAKTHEVADIVEL SWAMIGHAL



**October 16, 2000 at 8.00 p.m. after a Monday Darshan.**

(It was very calm with darshan ending at 8.00 p.m. and the mood was highly vibrant with spirituality and bhakti. Swamiji at the close of the darshan was heading for the pooja room, when He slowly stopped and turned around. All His devotees clustered around Swamiji who seemed to be in a mood to talk to us and then this talk, in its content of all affection, love concern and oneness came from the lips of our beloved Guru).

**Swamiji Speaks:**

We all know it is: 'Sankatahara Chaturthi': today, we have assembled here to receive the blessings of our Guru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal and Lord Vinayaga on 'Sankatahara Chaturthi' day. It is sure, that we will have all of our wishes fulfilled.

Thatha (He is referring to Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal) was once telling me about Lord Ganesha. He asked me why Ganesha has such large ears. Thatha said that the Lord patiently listens to everybody and He always listens to the wise and holy. So also we should all develop the capacity to listen. Then Thatha asked me "Do you know why Ganesha has such a big belly?" Thatha explained that it is because He is able to digest everything and the Lord wants that all of us should be like Him and capable of digesting both good and bad happenings in life.

Thatha then asked what was the message of the trunk? He himself explained - the trunk is capable of picking up even a needle as well as felling a tree. We should also have this capability and strength to develop such capacities.

Thatha continued about the broken tusk of Lord Ganesha and said that the Lord wanted to show that one should break the ego-tusk. The Lord symbolises it by showing the broken tusk. Swamiji continued



that the ego is like a coconut. If we break the same, it gives sweet water inside. Thatha said that when one is able to destroy one's ego, sweetness will prevail.

Swamiji requested everybody present to give up anger and said that anger is only a problem for the person who is getting angry. He said that blood pressure comes from the pressure of the blood inside the body. One gets a stomachache when the digestion in the stomach is not proper. But where does the anger come from? He said that Thatha asked whether it is coming from any part of the body, or is anger only from the attitudes of our mind. The best way to avoid getting angry is to just reject the anger, and condition the mind.

For this Swamiji narrated a story originally told by his Thatha to us.

This was a story about Lord Buddha and his great disciple called Ananda who was always with him. One day in the morning they went asking for biksha. They approached a lady who scolded both of them, by saying that both of them were looking very healthy and had the capacity to work therefore why should they beg? Lord Buddha was very calm. But Ananda got very angry. He requested Lord Buddha to allow him to give a reply to the lady. But Lord Buddha said "No". They walked away. Around lunchtime, Lord Buddha gave his Kamandalam to Ananda. After lunchtime, Ananda gave back the Kamandalam to Lord Buddha. Lord Buddha said to Ananda "You can have it as your own". They went on searching for food and around night-time, Lord Buddha asked for the Kamandalam. Ananda said that the Lord Buddha had already given it to him and it was his property. Lord Buddha smiled and said - "You had accepted the Kamandalam as your own when I gave it in the afternoon - now you claim the Kamandalam as your own. When the lady who gave her anger to us, I did not accept her anger because it did not belong to me. It was her property".

Swamiji continued "So you can see from the above example that unless you accept anger, you do not get angry. Lord Buddha had rejected the anger of the Lady, and there by, did not get angry. Swamiji said that He never considered any of his devotees present there as devotees of the great master or himself, but only as his own family members.

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**On October 23, 2000 at 8.15 p.m.**

(It was a quiet darshan and Swamiji entered the Pooja Room. Before the final blessing, He came out of the Pooja room and told us the following).

**Swamiji said:**

Thatha said this once to me, about a devotee. God told the devotee, that wherever the devotee went, God was behind him, and the devotee could see the footprints of God, behind the devotee's own foot prints. The devotee agreed to this statement of God. But the devotee added, "However, when I get into problems, there is one set of foot prints only. It appears that when there are problems, you, God, do not come behind me". God answered "My dear devotee, it is not so. The foot prints you see are mine, because I am carrying you then."

**Nataraja**

The Tiruvadairai Nakshatram falls on the twentieth of December this year. Blessed indeed are those who have darshan of Sri Nataraja on that day. Devotees may recall that Thatha Sri Guru Bagawan Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal installed a statue of Sri Nataraja in South Africa after an intense Yantra Pooja two decades ago. It is an appropriate time now to briefly consider the devotional significance of the celestial dance of Sri Nataraja.

The dance of the Parabrahman is seen in the macrocosm and it is the same energy that is latent in each one of the living beings and even in the atoms. God, through His ceaseless dance, performs the five functions which control the Universe. These are, creation, protection, destruction, obscuration and bestowal of grace. At the same time, He is absolutely motionless also. This latter state is seen in the samadhi state of great saints. Scientists call this state of dance as kinetic energy and the state of absolute motionlessness as potential energy. God who is everywhere, performs all the five basic functions ceaselessly and flawlessly and at the same time stands absolutely still. How is it then possible for ordinary mortals to think of, understand and worship God? In order to get us into His fold, God has taken the form of Sri Nataraja.

When one observes the idol of this dancing master, the Tiruvasi

(the ornamental arch) that surrounds the Master, strikes one first. Shaped like the 'OM' the Tiruvasi's twenty-seven flames represent the twenty seven stars starting from Ashwini and ending with Revathi. This denotes that Sri Nataraja manifests Himself as the stars and planets and is omnipresent in the Universe. It is a scientific fact that all biological phenomena owe their existence to the Sun. The fact that the Sun and the stars are only an infinitesimal part of the Divine manifestation makes us realize His unimaginable greatness. No wonder, great souls have sung about this glory from time immemorial.

The Tiruvasi is indicative of another eternal truth. Generally, the souls relate to the Divine at four levels. These are, living in the same world as God (Salokam), living near God (Sameepam), attaining the form of God (Saroopam) and becoming one with God (Sayujyam).

Saints and seers devote all their five senses in relating to the Divine. Their eyes feast on the form of the Lord by looking at His idol. They hear about the great qualities of God, their tongues taste the prasada offered to Him and finally they bathe and decorate His idol and light fragrant incense sticks. Such souls without God and therefore the world we are living in is also Graced by Him. Thus, one realizes that we are all His children and that we should become God-centred in our lives. In other words, the Tiruvasi of Sri Nataraja through its twenty-seven tongues of flame tells us that we are living in His world.

Next, let us consider the form of Sri Nataraja starting with His holy Feet. His right foot rests on the shoulders of Muyalagan (a demon), lying on a lotus holding a snake. Muyalagan, represents anava, the snake maya and the seat on which the lotus rests indicates karma. When the Lord's foot touches these three, the darkness is dispelled by the Divine Light and the heart lotus flowers. Thus, when one holds God's feet steadfastly, Divine wisdom removes the inner darkness and takes him near the Divine - the state of Sameepam. Poosalar Nayanar, who built a temple for the Lord in his mind exemplifies this state. One can hence see the idol of this great devotee in the Siva temple at Tiruninravur (on the outskirts of Chennai). This right foot of the Lord which removes spiritual darkness is apparently motionless and represents the obscuration function. When one feasts on the magnificence of Sri Nataraja, following His right foot, His uplifted left foot is seen. This hallmark of the celestial dance also tells us that if we hold on to His feet and enshrine them firmly in our minds, all ills associated with

taking births are removed and ultimately we take rest at His holy feet.

The next one to be seen is His front left hand which points to His holy feet to tell us that once we surrender to Him, we can rest in eternal happiness. Above this, the right hand giving benediction assures us not to fear the ills of this world and represents the protective function of the Lord. One who is fully protected by Him assumes the form of the Divine (Saroopam). After this the hand that holds the drum is seen, From the movement of this 'damaru' originates light and from the beating arises sound. It is obvious that the entire manifest Universe arises from these two primordial forms of energy and hence this hand tells us that the Lord is responsible for all creation.

The left inner hand holds fire in the palm and this fire indicates not only that He destroys our bad qualities but also light of this fire removes the darkness of our souls. He who has obtained this inner light attains the state of Sayujyam - merges with the Lord Himself.

To put it in a nutshell, the Lord who is all pervading, manifests Himself as Sri Nataraja to make us realise that He is responsible for the functioning of the Universe. His hand which holds the damaru represents creation. His right foot obscuration, the lifted left foot Grace, His other right hand protection and the left hand holding fire destruction.

Furthermore, His arched eyebrows tell us that like a loving mother, He listens to all our woes with infinite kindness. The smiling lips tell us not to fear as He is there to protect. The effulgence from His body that is coral coloured burns off all our negative qualities and lights up our souls. The holy ashes smeared all over His body tell us that the hold of this material world has been burnt. From His locks that are spread in all directions during his Cosmic dance, one understands that the Universe is filled with His presence.

Is it any wonder that Saint Tirunavukkarasar who was able to personally experience this dance of the Lord thus sang:

If the arched eyebrows and smile of the red lips

The wet locks of hair and the coral coloured body  
smeared with the ashes

and the lifted sweet golden lotus feet can be seen,

To be born as a human being also is desirable

### **Fate and Intellect**

Is fate greater than the intellect or vice versa is a question that has been debated for a long time. The same Tiruvalluvar who pronounces, “What is there so potent as fate? Even if we devise some way of counteracting it, it takes us by surprise” in one place, he says, “Those who strive strenuously, unflinchingly or perseveringly will see the back of the relentless Fate of Doom.”

Sri Jayadajji Goenka in a Hindi article gives an apt explanation for this vexed question. The gist of his explanation is given below.

Let us first examine what is meant by fate and intellect. Fate is nothing but the fruit of one’s past actions. In other words, we have to experience the effects of our past actions. Actually, a portion of the effects of our karma in our past births is allotted for each of our births. That is fate. Intellect, on the other hand, is the effort that we put in for each of our actions. Therefore, fate and intellect have their strengths depending on the circumstance.

Man is in search of mortality, material prosperity, happiness and moksha. Of these, material prosperity and happiness depend on fate and not on our efforts. For example, many people try their best to get rich. Do they all succeed? Not all businessmen are able to make huge profits out of their business. Why? It is because it totally depends on our past actions.

That is why the wise ones tell us, “Do not ask for prosperity or happiness. When they are due, money and happiness will come to you automatically. Similarly, the ill effects of your past karma will also catch up with you without any efforts on your part”.

On the other hand, we have to make an effort to lead a moral life and reach heaven. Without effort on our part, these two are unattainable. Due to the good efforts done in our past births, we meet realised souls and listen to their advice. But only if we act according to their advice can we hope to reach godhead.

Manu has defined the ten components of morality. These are, being brave, forgiveness, controlling the mind, not stealing, being pure of mind and body, controlling the senses, absolute goodness, reading good books, being truthful and avoiding anger. Will these qualities

accrue without efforts?

Thus, where it concerns prosperity and happiness, fate has the upper hand and morality and moksha depend on our efforts. Feigned ignorance adorns noble souls. Great beings often feign ignorance of the most elementary facts of life.

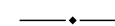
### **Feigned ignorance adorns noble souls**

For example, the great philanthropist King Pari, when he saw a creeper searching for support in a forest, gave away his own chariot and walked back to his palace. Knowing fully well that he could have just as well used an ordinary piece of wood or stick, the King, feigning ignorance, lent his costly chariot to the plant.

Similar are the deeds of noble souls who pretend naivety to make us realise the deeper meanings of the essentials of life.

### **It is the view that counts**

A wise man once went to a king to seek his financial assistance for a noble cause. Instead of helping him, the king abused him and threw one of his shoes at him. Totally unperturbed, the sage took the king’s shoe and promptly started auctioning it in front of a big crowd. Hearing this, the king, assailed by anxiety lest his shoe fetch a measly sum, sent one of his minions to bid it for a high amount. It was the wise man’s view of the event that changed a disaster into a success!



CHAPTER 38  
TRADITIONAL BELIEFS

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Spitting on one's faeces will lead to a sore throat while spitting on fire if one gets a sore throat will provide great relief, because of negative and positive electro magnetic waves emitted respectively by faeces and fire.

Giving an iron key or placing it in the hands of an individual having fits will control the attack because iron has the capacity to balance the electro magnetic rhythm of the brain.

Doing Dhanvantri Homam will ensure good health.

Following schedule may be used for taking food

*SUNDAY - All types of food with no restrictions.*

*MONDAY - Pumpkin, bottle gourd, watermelon may form a part of one's food*

*TUESDAY - Mango, Pineapple, dates may be taken along with any vegetable.*

*WEDNESDAY - All types of food.*

*THURSDAY - Lemon, orange may be taken with any vegetable*

*FRIDAY- Almond, cashew nut may be added to one's food.*

*SATURDAY - Oily food.*

The sand on which a cobra crawls has got the capacity to balance the electro magnetic forces operating on an individual from within. All psychosomatic disorders can be cured by using that sand. The Bio pysco socio spiritual wellbeing will get enhanced.

*MAY SRI GURU BHAGWAN  
SHOWER HIS BLESSINGS ON ALL OF US*

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CHAPTER 39  
SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA  
THE BUDDHA -  
A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

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MAJOR LOGANATHAN  
*Chennai*

This is the title of a four page article, which our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamigal materialised in the holy precincts of the Ashram, vouchsafed by our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal. It was past 9.00 p.m. on 29th March 2001. Our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamigal emerging after His evening prayers with His divine radiance pervading the atmosphere, called upon the devotees present on the occasion, to assemble near the statue of Lord Buddha. With rapt attention, the devotees listened to the Sadguru standing facing the Buddha explaining the essence of Lord Buddha's philosophy, tracing the events that influenced him he discarded the princely life to the path of enlightenment. Pausing awhile in the midst of His explanation, Our Sadguru asked all the devotees present to prostrate and pay obeisance to the statue of Lord Buddha, seated gracefully atop the Lotus structure beneath the pyramidal canopy with the echoes of chiming bells adding, to the serenity of the atmosphere. With respectful obedience they paid homage. While lying prostrated, a fluttering sound was heard by the devotees and no sooner they arose, they saw to their most delightful astonishment Our Sadguru holding in His revered hands, four white sheets of a computer printed article bearing the title caption Siddhartha Gautama The Buddha.

Similarly, our Sadguru explained that He prayed and His grandfather Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal condescended to materialise and vouchsafe this article through the Buddha Himself. The contents of this article would never be found elsewhere in any other books said our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamighal.

The materialisation of the article in computer print was indeed a

divine wonder unprecedented. Even more amazing was the correction of a spelling error on page three made in green ink, normally used by our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Pandrimalai Swamighal. The correction appearing in green ink amidst the printed letters evidences yet again, the omnipresent potential of our Guru.

Amongst those present on the occasion besides the Sadguru and His family members were Mr. Santosh and his family along with the writer of this article, his wife and their son and daughter-in-law, whose wedding was solemnised by Sadguru Sakthevadivel Swamighal in the Ashram on 26th March 2001. The materialisation of the article on Lord Buddha by the Divine grace of our Sadguru Sri-La-Sri Sakthevadivel Swamigal also provided a unique opportunity to the daughter-in-law, being a follower of Buddhism, to witness the miracle.

As our Sadguru quite often states, Divine acts are beyond the ken of human perception. "Divinity begins where Science ends."

