

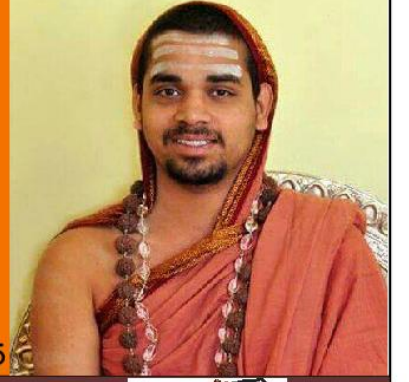


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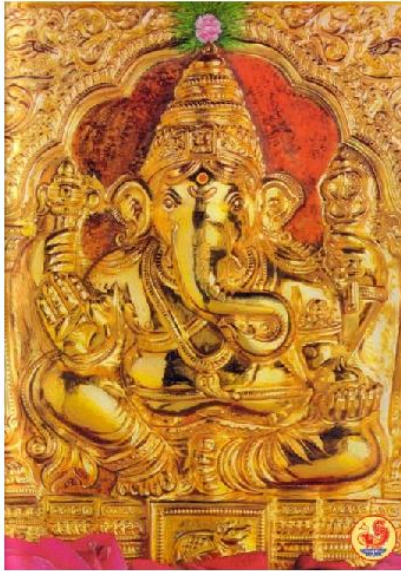
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Thorana Ganapathi

*(We Pray Lord Thorana Ganapathi to achieve
Success in Our efforts in bringing this E-Magazine)*

From the time of the 33rd Acharya of the Sharada Peetham, Jagadguru Sri Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Narasimha Bharati Mahaswamiji, the Acharyas stayed at southern bank of the Tunga river. Then the succeeding Jagadgurus made Narasimhavana their place of residence.

The 32nd Acharya of the Peetham, Jagadguru Sri Vriddha Narasimha Bharati Mahaswamiji used to reside adjacent to the temple of Goddess Sharada. Once, the Acharya had a vision of Lord Ganapathi, while he was contemplating on solving issues of the mutt affairs. He offered His prayer by offering a *dhurva* grass to the image of Lord Ganapathi carved on the Thorana of the door nearby, and the problem got resolved. Since then, Bagawan Ganapathi was worshiped as Thorana Ganapathi. His disciple, the 33rd Acharya of the Peetham, Jagadguru Sri Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Narasimha Bharati Mahaswamiji used to offer his prayers with *dhurva* everyday to Sri Thorana Ganapathi. The succeeding Jagadguru, Sri Sri Chandrashekara Bharati Mahaswamiji offered Him silver kavacha. Jagadguru Sri Sri Abhinava Vidya tirtha MahaSwamiji organized for the *nithya puja*. The Mahasannidhanam Jagadguru Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji did the reconstruction of the place and offered a Golden kavacham.

To this day, this unique shrine of Lord Ganesha stands as testimony to the Acharya's prayer to the Lord to avert obstacles. It is customary for devotees and pilgrims visiting Sringeri, to have *darshan* of Sri Thorana Ganapathi first and only then proceed to have the *darshan* of Sri Sharadamba and various other deities and the Jagadguru. The *padukas* of Jagadguru Sri Vriddha Narasimha Bharati Mahaswamiji are also placed there for worship.

Sri Thorana Ganapathi is very popular among the devotees, as *kshipra varaprasadi*. The Lord fulfills the wishes of all devotees. *Dhurva*, coconuts and *modakas* made of jaggery / sugar are offered. Devotees submit their special offering and prayers on every *chaturthi* day and also on Tuesdays.

We, the devotees of Sri Sri Mahasannidhanam & Sri Sannidhanam and members of the Editorial Board fervently pray unto His Lotus Feet for making our maiden effort a great success.

We Submit our Efforts to Bring this E-Magazine in the Lotus Feet

of the Mahasannidhanam, His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji

Sringeri Sri Sharadha Peetham

सदाशिवसमारम्भां शङ्कराचार्यमध्यमाम् ।
अस्मदाचार्य पर्यन्तां वन्दे गुरुपरम्पराम् ॥

*Obeisance unto the hoary Guru Parampara, beginning from
Lord Sri Sadashiva upto the present Acharya with Sri Shankaracharya in middle.*

In our Indian tradition, a very high position is accorded to the Guru. Without the grace of the Guru, no one can attain fulfillment of the purpose of life. We all desire Moksha, and the sole means to its attainment is Jnana (knowledge). How can that knowledge be obtained by us? Can it be got by perusal of holy texts? No! this knowledge can be obtained only from the Guru. Even though the Rishis seeking knowledge may have been scholarly, it is certain that their acquisition of knowledge was solely dependent on their seeking it from a Guru. The knowledge obtained from the Guru alone is potent. Sans a Guru, no matter how many texts we may delve into, we cannot attain true knowledge. There is a Venerable tradition everywhere which can be acquired only from the Guru.

Jagadguru Sri Adi Shankara Bhagavatpada and Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham of Sringeri are Divine names blissfully intertwined and inseparable in the spiritual annals of Bharat Varsha. The credit goes to Bhagavatpada Shankara, for resurrecting, firmly establishing and anchoring for eternity, the Non-Dualistic Advaita philosophy. Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, is the first and the foremost amongst the four 'Amnaya Peethams' founded by Sri Bhagavatpada Shankara, for perpetuating Sanatana Dharma through the unbroken propagation and unrivaled Tapas, ceaselessly performed by the chosen Seers of Holy Mother Sharadamba. Hence the Peetham carries the unique and Holy Title "AVICHINNA GURU PARAMPARA" (UNBROKEN LINEAGE OF ACHARYALS) embellishing the divine VYAKHYANA SIMHASANA - THE THRONE OF TRANSCENDENTAL WISDOM.

While the dualistic, mundane world teaches us the invincible truth that nothing is permanent and things which emerge must dissolve or exit, Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, since its glorious advent in the 9th century, continues to propagate Sanatana Dharma for the past 1200 years.

We are the blessed ones to have acquired lot of Punya and be the devotees of Dhakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham.

A Guru is bound to teach only those who do not know, but seek to know. If People prefer to remain in ignorance, the teachers not to blame at all for not attempting to teach them. True Gurus are available in every religion. They may be in the ordinary world of strife, for such a world does not want

them nor have they any use for such a world. They may sometimes be found in the midst of strife, as strife cannot injure them.

– His Holiness Sri Sri Chandrashekhara Bharati Mahaswamiji

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The Hoary Guru-Shishya Parampara, Avichchinna (unbroken) Guruparampara of Dakshinamnaya Sringeri Sharada Peetham is given below.

Jagadgurus of the Sringeri Sharada Peetham	Period of Reign (CE)
1. Sri Shankara Bhagavatpada	820 - (videha-mukti)
2. Sri Sureshwaracharya	(820 - 834)
3. Sri Nityabodaghana Mahaswamiji	(834 - 848)
4. Sri Jnanaghana Mahaswamiji	(848 - 910)
5. Sri Jnanottama Mahaswamiji	(910 - 954)
6. Sri Jnanagiri Mahaswamiji	(954 - 1038)
7. Sri Simhagiri Mahaswamiji	(1038 - 1098)
8. Sri Ishwara Tirtha Mahaswamiji	(1098 - 1146)
9. Sri Nrisimha Tirtha Mahaswamiji	(1146 - 1229)
10. Sri Vidya Tirtha Mahaswamiji	(1229 - 1333)
11. Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji	(1333 - 1380)
12. Sri Vidyaranya Mahaswamiji	(1380 - 1386)
13. Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati I Mahaswamiji	(1386 - 1389)
14. Sri Nrisimha Bharati I Mahaswamiji	(1389 - 1408)
15. Sri Puroshottama Bharati I Mahaswamiji	(1408 - 1448)
16. Sri Shankara Bharati Mahaswamiji	(1448 - 1455)
17. Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati II Mahaswamiji	(1455 - 1464)
18. Sri Nrisimha Bharati II Mahaswamiji	(1464 - 1479)
19. Sri Puroshottama Bharati II Mahaswamiji	(1479 - 1517)
20. Sri Ramachandra Bharati Mahaswamiji	(1517 - 1560)
21. Sri Nrisimha Bharati III Mahaswamiji	(1560 - 1573)
22. Sri Nrisimha Bharati IV Mahaswamiji	(1573 - 1576)
23. Sri Nrisimha Bharati V Mahaswamiji	(1576 - 1600)
24. Sri Abhinava Nrisimha Bharati Mahaswamiji	(1600 - 1623)
25. Sri Sacchidananda Bharati I Mahaswamiji	(1623 - 1663)
26. Sri Nrisimha Bharati VI Mahaswamiji	(1663 - 1706)
27. Sri Sacchidananda Bharati II Mahaswamiji	(1706 - 1741)
28. Sri Abhinava Sacchidananda Bharati I Mahaswamiji	(1741 - 1767)
29. Sri Nrisimha Bharati VII Mahaswamiji	(1767 - 1770)
30. Sri Sacchidananda Bharati III Mahaswamiji	(1770 - 1814)
31. Sri Abhinava Sacchidananda Bharati II Mahaswamiji	(1814 - 1817)
32. Sri Nrisimha Bharati VIII Mahaswamiji	(1817 - 1870)

32. Sri Nrisimha Bharati VII Mahaswamiji	(1817 - 1877)
33. Sri Sacchidananda Shivabhinava Nrisimha Bharati Mahaswamiji	(1879 - 1912)
34. Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati III Mahaswamiji	(1912 - 1954)
35. Sri Abhinava Vidyatirtha Mahaswamiji	(1954 - 1989)
36. Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji	(1989 - Present)
37. Sri Vidhu Shekhara Bharati Mahaswamiji	Uttaradhikari

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SRIMATH SHANKARA DIG VIJAYAM

This page is devoted to Sri Shankara Bagavathapadhal. This is from the book written by the Sringeri Peedathipathi Sri Sri Vidhyaranya Mahaswamigal in the Mathaveeya Digvijayam

- Srimathi Veeramani



Sri Adi Shankarar

*Agyaanaainthar Gahanapathithanathma Viithyopatheysai
Sthirathum Lokambavatha Visikathapapaapaichyamaanaath !
Mukthava Mounnam Vadavidabinormoolathoo Nishpathanthee
Sampormoorthisarathy Buvaney Shankaracharyaroopa!!*

INTRODUCTION :

In Sri Bagavath Gita Lord Krishna says that whenever adharm takes hold he will do his avathara in this world to protect Dharma. As per his words he took the avathara of Lord Sri Dasarathi Rama, Sri Krishna, etc to safe guard this Dharma. To protect this Sanathanavaithiga dharm, Lord Siva was born in Kaladi Ksethram in Kerala state in this Bharatha Bhoomi to the Ariyambhal - Sivaguru couples, as Shankara. In his 32 years of life span he went around this Bharathavarsham three times and won many religious persons through his knowledge and made this Sanathana Dharma to stand again.

As said in upanisnaas ne popularized the great Aavairna Jaaanra to the people. He gave Ekasloki to Brahma sutra bashyam to us. We are eligible for his grace by studying them. In Kashmiram he sit in the Sarvaghna Peetham. In this Bharatha Desam he established Four Amnaya Peethams in Four directions. He appointed his prime disciples – Suresvara, Padmapada, Hastamalaka and Totaka – as heads of the four mutts established by him in Sringeri, Dwaraka, Puri and Badri. He adorned the Sarvaghna Peetha in Kashmir and went to Kedar. There he attained Vitheyga Mukthi. This Sri Shankara Dig Vijayam Charitham is given to us by Jagadguru Sri Vidyaranyar, the twelfth Sankaracharya of Sri Sringeri Mutt. In his work Sri Mathaveeya Shankara Digvijayam, he explained in a clear and an elaborate way and all the disciples of Sri Shankara accepted this book as the pramana.

In this article we are planning to give details from this Tamil book written by Sri N.S. Anantha Krishna Sastrigal.

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On Behalf of Our Mahasannidhanam's 65th Vardhanthi We are Presenting Acharyals Rare Photo Collection





**Sri Guru Pahimam Paramadhyalo Pahimam
Sringeri Jagathguru Pahimam Bharati Tirtha Pahimam**

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A Short Introduction of His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji

- Sarraivanan Subramaniam

***Namami Shankaracharyam Sarva Logaiha Pujitham
Bhaje Shri Bharati Theertham Sharada Peeta Sadhgurum***

***Bharati Karunapathram Bharati Padapooshanam
Bharati Pathamaroodam Bharati Theerthamashraye***

The Mahasannidhanam, His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji is the 36th Shankaracharya in the resplendent unbroken Guru parampara of Sringeri Sharada Peetham. He is known for his extraordinary scholarship and supreme command over Sanskrit Language, Shastras, Vedanta and Philosophy. He is the yogi of highest order. His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji has unswerving devotion to his Guru. He is a shining example as Sri Padmapadacharya, in his devotion to the Guru, like Sri Thodakacharya in serving the teacher, like Sri Hastamalakacharya in realizing the teachings of the Vedas, and Upanishads. He continues to uphold the glorious holy tradition of the Great Sringeri Sri Sharada Peetham in scholarliness like Sri Sureshvaracharya. Apart from Sanskrit, His Holiness has an amazing grasp of several languages viz. Hindi, Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, English and Malayalam. Listening to his thought-provoking divine discourses reminds us of the ancient sages of Bharath varsha. After adorning the high seat of learning and thapas at Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham the first major work undertaken and completed in record time by His Holiness was the construction of a grand devalaya to his guru His Holiness Sri Sri Abhinava Vidyatirtha Mahaswamiji on the model of devalayas constructed in the memory of his Paramaguru and Parameshthi Gurus. He also completed Construction of the bridge across the Tunga river at Sringeri.

Jagadguru Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji initiated a number of Dharmic activities and completed several Projects with the twin objects of preservation, protection and Propagation of Sanatana Dharma and to aid and assist the needy and differently abled. These continue to occupy an important place in the activities of the Sringeri Sharadha Peetham. Asthika Shishu Samrakshana Nidi has been specifically launched for the education, upliftment and benefit of the mentally and physically challenged Children. Sri Bharati Tirtha Golden Jubilee Trust has been created to assist vedic scholars who are economically not so well to do. International Advaita Research Centre at Sringeri and all round development and improvement at Kaladi birth place of Adi Shankara has

...ing and an... development and improvement of... place of... Shankara, has been taken up.

On February 26, 2012, the Jagadguru began a Vijaya Yathra across South India. The next year, He graced various places with His presence and strengthen the eternal Dharma in the hearts and minds of the people. During the Yathra, new temples has been consecrated while dilapidated ones has been renovated. Through His presence, the Jagadguru guided the gatherings of devotees in the study of Vedas and the Shastras. He also delivered several discourses to reinforce the teachings of Sanatana Dharma. The Vijaya Yathra was a special occasion for all devotees and supporters to participate in the great tradition that stretches back to centuries. It enables everyone to reconnect with Sanatana Dharma, in order to obtain lasting happiness and peace. The 2012 Dig Vijaya Yatra enabled everyone to see a living saint who embodies Sanatana Dharma and be graced by His presence and blessings. During this Yathra, His Holiness traveled for 405 days, Covered 13,000 kms (400 Cities & Towns), and gave 400 discourses. His Holiness established and inaugurated 20 Vedic Schools and 100s Of Dharmic Initiatives & Centers,

Let us all Surrender to the Lotus Feet of Our Mahasannidhanam Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji On his 65th Vardhanti Day.

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SOUNDARYALAHARI

Explanation: Srimathi Veeramani

Adi Sankaracharya gave us two wonderful *stotras* - of 100 *slokas* each, describing Lord Parameswara by the name of *Sivananadalahari* - which tells about the devotee, who speaks about his inner wishes to be near His lotus feet, and the *Soundaryalahari* - which describes the beauty of the Goddess Rajarajeswari and also valuable inputs about Mantra and Tantra.

There is also another general view that first 41 *slokas* of the *Soundaryalahari* were said by *Nandi Deva* and the other 59 *slokas* are given by Sri Adi Shankara. The first part of 41 *slokas* is called *Anandalahari*, and the second part of 59 *slokas* is called *Soundaryalahari*. Many legends have given excellant commentaries for this. We will see short explanations for each *sloka* from this issue - because anything we read with meaning is always the best and remains in our heart.

1. UTKARSHA OF MAA PARASHAKTHI:

*Sivah sakti yuktaya yadi bhavathi sakta: prabhavitum
Na cedevam devo na khalu kusala: spandithu-mabi!
Ataisthvaa-maaraadhyam hari-hara-virinj chadibhi-rapi
Pranantum stothum vaa kathamakrtham-punya: prabhavathi !! (1)*



Hey Matha Prameshwari ! Lord Paramasiva when joined with you gets the power to do the *Shruti, Sthithi, Samkara, Triyothana, Anugraha* for the creation of this world. Without you, he is not capable of doing any of his duties and he becomes a *jada* i.e *Sthanu* (not able to move himself).

It is only by doing these five duties. He shows He is the Isvara for this



It is only by doing these five duties, he shows he is the Ishwara for this universe. When even Lord Paramashiva can't do anything without you, How can Brahma, Vishnu, Siva, Indra, Agni, Yama and all other Devatas, perform their duties without surrendering to you. With your grace only they are doing all their karmas, When even those Devadas are unable to do anything without you, How can a person who has not done any punya karma in his past births be eligible to pray, praise, think of you, hear your mahima or tell at least a line of your sloka or do your puja ?

Only those who have done punya karma in the past can do Devi puja. The persons who do Devi puja or Namaskaram to her or read her names or mahima or purana are the blessed ones.

Beneficial Results : *All prosperity, solution to difficult problems and getting all the things you wish.*

To be Continued....

**"Instead of using the tongue for speaking futile issues, use it to chant the names of God.
God shall then guide you along the right and beneficial path."**

– His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamigal

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First Sargam:

Sri Vidhyaranya Mahaswamigal pays his respect to his guru (Sri Vidhya Tirtha Mahaswamiji) to grace him to for the success of his work without any obstacles and to complete in perfection, Guru's Blessings are paramount requirement.

One who is the reason for the birth (i.e.) Father is the first Guru. Second Guru is who teaches us the *Dharma Sastra*.

He who removes the Ignorance and shows the lighted path for liberation from this *Samsara Sagaram* and shows the *Athmagyanam* is the third Guru. There is no difference between this third Guru and the *Paramathma*. Both the third Guru and the *Paramarthma* are one and the same is the contention of the author of this book.

He insists that those who have deep *Bakthi* with Lord as well as with his Guru, he will get all that which was thought by his Guru. With the *anugraha* of his Guru he will be eligible for those things which are not taught by the Guru. That is the *Mahima* of *Guru Kadaksha*.

Those who want to respect his *Acharya* will not utter his name out of respect. So instead of mentioning "*Bharati*" in this first sloka, the author mentions "*Tirtha*", means purifying. Out of respect he added Sri to the word *Tirtha*.

In his Second sloka he is mentioning the reason why there is a necessity for giving the short form of the life history of Sri Shankara, although there is an elaborate *grantha* for it. For this he explains that when there is a big pot or elephants, all of them can be shown in a small mirror. Such a way he is giving the life history in a short form but without any omission. In his third sloka he is mentioning that when we are eating sweets we want to eat something hot to compensate the sweet tastes. In all humility he says that his work is a sweet- less one when compared to the very sweet work given by our ancestors but very confident that his work is ready to read at any time

The author telling that his book also has the same efforts when compared to the old ones. Those who gave *Bhashyam* for *Brahmasutra*, *Upadanishad*, *Sri Bagavath Gita*, etc will be happy with me for giving this book. Lord Mahavishnu's lies in the *Parkadal* (Milky Ocean) all the time. But when he is born as Krishna in the *Gokulam*, he is satisfied with the milk given by them.

It wonders how this is possible for Him? Is there any necessity for him to be satisfied with the small amount of milk given by the people of gokulam. This is purely because of the *bhakthi* of the people of Ayarpadi which made Lord Krishna to be satisfied.

He says likewise, I am also doing this seeking the satisfaction of those, who gave e big oceans of knowledge in their work. They will be satisfied by my intense *bhakthi* and I am submitting this at their lotus feet. He is very confident that like Sri Krishna, Sri Adi Shankara will also be satisfied with Sri Vidyaranya for the small work done by him.

To be Continued....

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Historic Event of the Sringeri Mutt

On January 23, 2015, continuing this unbroken Guru-Shisya lineage that stretches directly back to Sri Adi Shankaracharya, the 36th Jagadguru Sankaracharya of Sringeri Sharada Peetham, Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji anointed His successor. In a traditional ceremony, the Jagadguru initiated *Brahmachari* Sri Kuppa Venkateshwara Prasada Sharma into Sannyasa and bestowed upon him the *Yoga Patra* (monastic name) of Sri Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati.

Sri Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati MahaSwamiji was born as Sri Kuppa Venkateshwara Prasada Sharma on the auspicious *Naga Panchami* day — July 24, 1993 in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, as the second son of Sri Kuppa Shivasubrahmanya Avadhani and Smt. Seetha Nagalakshmi, He belonged to the *Kaundinya Gotra* and is a native of Anantavaram, Guntur District in Andhra Pradesh. His family has a long lineage of illustrious Vedic Pandits who were all ardent disciples of the Sringeri Jagadgurus.



His Holiness Sri Sri Vidhushekhara
Bharati Mahaswamiji

He had his *Upanayanam* at the age of 5. Under the guidance of his grand father and his father he did Veda adhyayanam. Born in a family of disciples of the Sringeri Jagadguru, the *Brahmachari* had accompanied his father while the latter had come to Sringeri to participate in *Dharmic* activities in the years 2006, 2008 and 2009. The Darshan of Jagadguru Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji during these visits made a profound impact on the *Brahmachari*. The *Brahmachari* expressed his desire of studying Shastras directly under the Jagadguru in early 2009. With the blessings and consent of Jagadguru Mahaswamiji, the *Brahmachari* took refuge under His Lotus Feet in June 2009. Under the tutelage of the Jagadguru, the *Brahmachari* mastered the Sanskrit language. Then, the Jagadguru Himself taught the *Brahmachari* the entire *Tarka Shashtra*. The *Brahmachari* is endowed with *Guru Bhakti*, scholarship in the Vedas and Shastras,

adherence to tradition and dispassion.

The Sringeri Guru Parampara lineage has been central to the preservation and growth of Sanatana Dharma. The induction of Sri Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Mahaswamiji is therefore an event of historic importance to followers of Sanatana Dharma throughout the world.



*Vidhya Vinaya Sampannam Veedharakam Vivehinam
Vandhe Vedanta Thatvaghyam Vidhushekhara Bharathim
Namaami Bharathitirtha Karambuja Samudbhavam.
Vidhuchudaarchanaasaktam Vidhushekhara Bharatim*

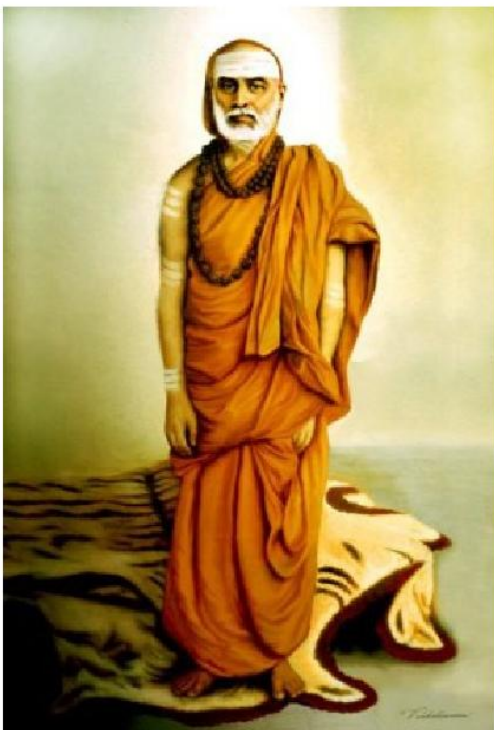


वधिवनियसम्पन्नं वतिरागं वविकनिम् ।
वन्दे वेदन्ततत्त्वज्ञं वधिशेखरभारतम् ॥
नमामि भारतीतीर्थकराम्बुजसमुद्भवम् ।
वधिचूडार्चनासक्तं वधिशेखरभारतीम् ॥

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Our Duty

Teachings of His Holiness Sri Sri Chandrasekhara Bharati Mahaswamiji



Our System of Philosophy and Religion is bound to attract all thinking minds. Hinduism is the name now given to it; really it has been known as *Sanatana Dharma*, the Eternal Law. It does not date from any particular point of time or owe its origin to any particular person. It is eternal and universal. It has no territorial limitation. All beings born or to be born belongs to it. "Fire burns" is an eternally true statement. It does not depends on its validity upon the greatness of any person who proclaims it nor upon our acceptance of its validity. It is intrinsically true. Such is our Dharma.

Take for Example Christianity. If belief in the personality of Christ is a necessary condition of salvation, what is to become of those who happened to be born when yet he was unborn or happened not even to hear of him? It would be very unfair if God suddenly woke upon a

It would be very unfair if God suddenly woke upon a particular day and prescribed for all mankind a new salvation. He could not have forgotten that the people who were born in the infinite past before Jesus or in climes where his name was not known had also souls to save. The only logical hypothesis which any reasonable person can accept is that, when God created the first man, assuming that there was such a time, He simultaneously promulgated also the means of salvation for him, for even he, the first man was certainly in need of salvation. Any religion which traces its origin from any time later than the first creation and from any teacher other than God cannot but be imperfect.

Further how one can possibly know for certain that a particular course of conduct will lead to the salvation, unless that particular course has attained salvation?. Here again, the further question will arise as to how that somebody knew about the path which he so successfully followed. The safer hypothesis is to postulate as the first promulgator an omniscient being who knows without the need to learn from anybody else. And he can only be God.

It is truism to say that all effort has for its motive either the obtaining of happiness or the getting rid of misery. Yet we cannot say that our efforts invariably yield us this result. There must therefore be some defect in our effort. Evidently the means that we pursued were not the proper means or we did not pursue them properly. If with the help of our own intelligence we can ourselves find out the proper method of pursuing them, there is no reason at all why we should be ever unhappy?. Even if we happen to know the means properly and adopt them strictly, we very often fail in our efforts. This shows that even for a proper effort to be fruitful, it is necessary to know about the possible impediments and to avoid or get rid of them.

To be Continued..

The sun is the hottest planet in this universe. Although it is the hottest one its rays will remove the external darkness only not the internal darkness. Guru alone will remove the internal darkness the ignorance. His upadesa are like the rays of the Sun.

- His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji

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BHARATI TIRTHAR ATHICHUDI

During the Occasion of 60th Vardhanti of His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji, *Bharathi Kavalar Sri K. Ramamurthy* wrote an Athichudi Which Consists of 60 Golden Sayings of the Acharyal. Here We try to Explain the Bharati Theerthar Athichudi with Examples.

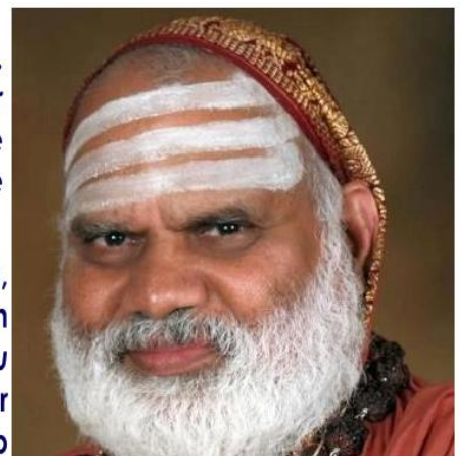
Words of : Bharathi Kavalar K Ramamurthy

Explanation: Srimathi Veeramani

1. WAKE UP IN THE EARLY MORNING:

We have to wake early in the morning before sunrise. (i.e. in the *Brahma moohurtham*), because at that time our mind will be very clear. It will be peaceful. It will grasp the power around us. When we do chanting *manthras* at that time with inner peace, our concentration will be more.

It is said that we should wake up early, When (scientifically), the ozone is pure at that time. All the system in our body will function perfectly. All our morning duties of excreting the waste and Vayu (gas) from our body will also work in a perfect way. It is good for our health. Because of these benefits our ancestors advise us to wake up



early in the Morning without fail.

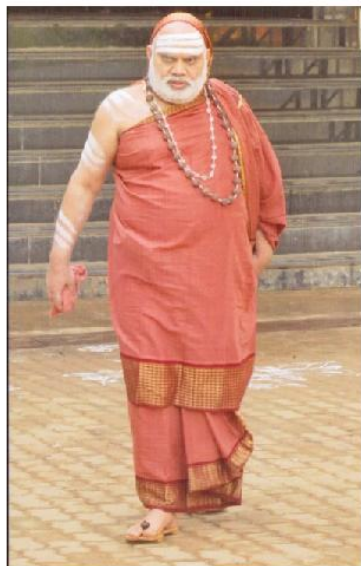
In this Early morning, while we do meditation about the Lotus feet of Our Mahasannidhanam, we will be automatically eligible for the grace of this living Legend. Because, Guru is supreme to all.

To be Continued....



*His Holiness Sri Sri
Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji*

Golden Sayings of Glorious Guru



There was a time when people refused to go after objects or prosperity if it came in the way of their observing Dharma. There have been instances in the past when the king sent for scholars while they were engaged in Anushtanam, they used to send the king's emissary back saying that they would come only after finishing their Anushtanam. When such a scholar once went to the king after finishing his Anushtanam, the king expressed that he was made to wait for an hour. The scholar replied, "My Anushtana is for the good of all in the country." Such was their dedication to their Dharma.

Today, we become happy when we realize that we had such ancestors. But our happiness and contentment stop right there. How many feel that we should follow in their footsteps and lead our lives like they did? They put Dharma and the Lord ahead of everything else. Today people have wealth, status, comfort and worldly fame as their main focus. What is the point of the Lord incarnating and taking efforts to reestablish Dharma? What is the guarantee that one will get born as a human in the next birth?

The Guru can only show the people the path. We can point out if a man takes a wrong path or is about to fall into a pit. But if he refuses to listen, what can be done? Similarly if people even after being told, continue to do Adharmic activities, what can be done? Only when people adhere to Dharma does the land become bountiful. Hence realize the significance of the Lord's incarnation, your human birth and adhere to Dharma.

- His Holiness Sri Sri Bharati Tirtha Mahaswamiji

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Sri Maha Ganesha Pancharatnam

Written By: Sri Adi Shankara Baghavad Pada (8th century)

Mudakaraatha Modakam Sada Vimukti Saadhakam

Kalaadharaavatamsakam Vilasiloka Rakshakam

Anaaya Kaika Naayakam Vinasitebha Daityakam

Nataasubhasu Naashakam Namaami Tham Vinaayakam

Ganesha, the pleasant faced one holding the sweet 'modakam' in his hand, He wears the crescent moon on his head. He liberates us from misery, protects and provides direction to those who are lost without a leader. He removes the obstacles for those who pray to him. My salutations are to Him!

Natetaraati Bheekaram Navoditaarka Bhaasvaram

Namat Suraari Nirjanam Nataadhi Kaapa Duddharam

Suresvaram Nidheesvaram Gajesvaram Ganeshvaram

Maheśvaram Samaśraye Parāatparam Nirantaram.

Ganesha, with the orange glow of the rising sun, is the commander of Lord Shiva's army. He removes the suffering of his devotees. I seek refuge in Him!

*Samasta Loka Samkaram Nirasta Daitya Kunjaram
Daredarodaram Varam Vare Bhavaktra Maksharam
Krupaakaram Kshamaakaram Mudaakaram Yasaskaram
Manaskaram Namaskrutaam Namaskaromi Bhaasvaram*

Ganesha brings peace to the entire world. He is large, infinite, superior and immutable. He is merciful and forgiving. He brings happiness, success and purity of mind. My salutations are to Ganesha, the luminous.

*Akimchanaarti Marjanam Chirantanokti Bhaajanam
Puraari Poorva Nandanam Suraari Garva Charvanam
Prapancha Naasha Bheeshanam Dhananjayaadi Bhushanam
Kapola Daana Vaaranam Bhajaey Puraana Vaaranam.*

Ganesha, the merciful, who removes the suffering of those who have no other refuge, destroys the demonic forces and negative tendencies in us. He dissolves the delusions of this illusory world. I pray to Him the one venerated in the ancient Vedas!

*Nitaantikaanta Dantakaanti Mantakaanta Kaatmajam
Achintya Rupa Mantaheena Mantaraaya Krintanam
Hrudantarey Nirantaram Vasantameva Yoginam
Tameka Danta Meva Tam Vichintayaami Santatam*

Ganesha, the one with the broken tusk, the son of Lord Shiva, he is the formless absolute (his form is beyond the grasp of the intellect), he is infinite, he is the Remover of Obstacles, he lives in the hearts of yogis forever and ever. I reflect solely upon Ganesha, forever and ever.

"If an environment to understand our culture is created at home and school, elevating our children and making them worthwhile citizens is fairly easy".

- His Holiness Sri Sri Bharathi Tirtha Mahaswamiji