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“Wisdom belongs to none and all belong to Wisdom.”

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FOREWORD

Since childhood there have been providential encounters with Saints in the life of Saukumarya, which have left indelible imprints in him. These encounters with Saints and Savants on the physical plane supplied incessant inspiration and vigor to Saukumarya. They gave the impetus to walk the Path of Light, Eternal. This is apart from what came through his parents, grand-parents and his Master, of whom, much has been informed elsewhere¹.

This rendering may help the wayfarer.

¹Sree K V Sastry, Master EK, The New Age Teacher

A PREVIEW

When on “Look out”, ‘It’ is envisioned. Parikshit’s approach was such.

To the ones in pursuit, the episodes of enlightening encounters presented here not only communicate experiences but also simultaneously demonstrate teachings.

In the coursing of life, the one on ‘lookout’ from the childhood, contacted several Beings of light. There was always a fervor to meet Saints and Savants. Therefore, each encounter was cognized and reverentially experienced too by him! He was ever alert, appropriate and humble. Such are the “Enlightening Encounters” presented here as they happened with Saukumarya.

If these are the “Enlightening Encounters” in the physical, a study of these encounters cause a student to be lost in speculation and bewilderment as to even faintly guess the dimensions of inner and subtle encounters with the beings of Light as they would have happened within!

A true Teacher is not constrained and therefore can relate well when another Teacher or a Being of light is encountered. They have neither prejudice nor pride. To such ones, the view of another being in light is

complete! 'It' is envisioned! Such encounters with the Beings of light for Saukumarya were experiences filled with joy, mutual respect and a plunge into the presence!

Though varied in external expressions, the Beings of light are simple, normal and original! The 'Enlightening Encounters' are devoid of any emotion, expectation or excitement.

Relating through the form of the Teacher to 'The Teacher' is the key given by all the Teachers of Wisdom. A restricted comprehension of the Teacher principle to a form, teaching or to a prescribed method is a personality trap. To set a student free from this trap is also a work that the Teacher conducts through the Wisdom of Synthesis that he gently and lovingly imparts. Variety in expression of the teaching is according to the time and the need.

"Enlightening Encounters" as they physically happened are presented here. Simultaneously each episode unfolds certain dimensions and variety as the 'Teacher' principle functions through the network of lighted beings!

Even the cover of his book offers an encounter with a Sage in the form of Mount. For those who are on the 'look out' encounters happen in varied ways.

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**SREE SREE SREE AVADHUTENDRA
SARASWATI SWAMIJI
(SREE RAGHUVARA DAS)**

Sree Sree Sree Avadhutendra Saraswati Swamiji was originally called Raghuvara Das in his youth. He was a great devotee of the Lord. On the path of sixth ray, of devotion, he reached synthesis through devotion and was instrumental in transforming many. He initiated thousands of aspirants into the sacred sounds, of Sree Rama, Sree Krishna and Sree Hanuman. He was a profound singer who could transform groups through incessant singing of the sacred sounds. Except for short intervals to attend to the nature calls, he could continuously sing for 24 hours. Fasting was his special strength and living on water was very common to him. In the childhood itself, he found attunement with the divine and ever since remained a celibate, a sanyasi, and a wanderer who inspired hundreds of groups into righteous path through devotion.

He was unmindful of body and was mostly naked (wearing only a loin cloth) like Ramana Maharshi.

Only when social purposes demanded, he wore some clothing. He was an embodiment of simplicity and needed nothing for the body. It was a sight to behold and an example to many. He could sleep anywhere and never needed any comforts to sleep. He slept in temples, in choultries and in open areas. He mostly moved by foot and yet did not deny any help coming on the way.

It was in the year 1950 at Rajahmundry, when Saukumarya was in his fifth year that Sree Swamy visited Saukumarya's parent's house with a group of 20 members. He stayed there for three days, conducting an incessant bhajan(chanting) that would go on continuously through the day and the night. The chanting was magnetic and mesmerizing. Sree Swamy gets into a peaceful trance and keeps on singing, with his followers providing the chorus. He sings and sings and sings! Tears rolled down and at a point he got into deep contemplation while the followers continued to sing. He remained in that state in Vajrasana posture. Saukumarya was observing the Swamiji and felt attracted.

When Swamiji went into trance and did not return for hours, Saukumarya enquired his mother "Mother, what happened to Swamiji. He is steady like a rock. Yet the tears are rolling down from his eyes. His countenance is slightly uplifted".

The mother answered, “Swamiji is in-tune with the God and is experiencing God Presence. The tears come through, due to the bliss of the Presence”.

Saukumarya was deeply touched by this state of Swamiji. It made an indelible impression in him.

Again, it was in the year 1952 that Swamiji visited the house of Saukumarya parents at Vijayawada, when the housewarming was done. He conducted a 24-hour bhajan on the heaps of sand which were around the house (meant for the construction of the house). Saukumarya participated at



length and had the attention and blessing of Swamiji who was known at that time as Raghuvara Das.

It was in the year 1964, when Saukumarya was 18 years of age, that the third encounter happened. The parents and the co-born of Saukumarya had been on a three-day vacation to Araku Valley and returned home. As they arrived, they were surprised to see the Swamiji with a helper, in the front porch of the house.

Saukumarya’s father was dumbstruck for a while and enquired “When did you come Swamiji?” The Swamiji smiled and said, “Three days ago, as you left.” “How

did you manage?”, asked Saukumarya’s father. “In your porch, and with divine association. The water pump to bathe and drink and the toilet for nature calls were available to manage. We had a deep silent association with the divine until you arrived”, said Swamiji. Saukumarya’s parents made haste to open the house. They arranged a place for the two guests and offered them chaste food and drink. All rested for the night. The following morning, Swamiji expressed that he was instructed by the divine, to initiate the entire family into the energy of Hanuman. He also advised that every member of the family in the order of eldest to youngest may separately stay with him in the worship room to receive the initiation. Saukumarya was the fifth one in the family of nine. Much inspiration was transmitted, that helped Saukumarya for eleven years to fulfill his educational career gloriously and set him on a stable platform for divine pursuit. Thus, Hanuman became an eternal companion.

It was in the April of year 1975, that Saukumarya completed his education, settled as a professional accountant, was married, blessed with a child (baby girl), bought a house and was living therein. There was a phone call informing “Avadhutendra Saraswati Swami intends to see you. He is in Visakhapatnam. He likes to know your address.”

Saukumarya at once jumped in heart and said, “I will personally come, pickup Swamiji and bring him home. Please let me know where Swamiji is?” The answer came, “He is at the Rama’s Temple in Ramnagar, which you have installed along with your good lady.”

At once, Saukumarya reached the temple at Ramnagar, picked up the Swamiji along with his helper, brought him home, gave food and other hospitality that was appropriate for the saints.

Swamiji was deeply pleased with Saukumarya and said, “I visited the temple which you have installed. Rama, the Lord is favorably disposed to you and to that colony. The people in the colony heartily admire you. I felt I must see you at once, for I know that you are a worthy son of your father. Your father was a great devotee, whom I admired. I am very happy that you walk in his footsteps. Be blessed. My purpose of visiting you is over.”

Saukumarya invited Swamiji to have a look at his shrine room where Swamiji found the picture of Master CVV and Master EK. He was delighted particularly to see Master EK’s picture and enquired, “Do you know Master EK?” Saukumarya said, “It is a gradual association from 1970 that grew into an intimate association and tending to be integral.” Swamiji said, “You are moving into greater Light. You are guided. Will you also lead me to Master EK, for I

deeply wish to see him.” Saukumarya was alert enough to say “Who am I to lead? I follow you. I can arrange for your meeting. Kindly rest for a while.”

At around 4 o'clock in the evening, the Swamiji was taken by car to Master EK's residence. Saukumarya went into the house and informed Master EK of the arrival of Sree Avadhuthendra Saraswati Swamiji. Master EK abruptly raised from the chair and approached swiftly to the compound gate, prostrated before Sree Swamiji and invited him into the house saying, “What a grace, what a fortune, that a great devotee of Lord comes up to me, to my house.” Swamiji smilingly replied, “The grace is mutual, the fortune is also mutual. It has been my cherished desire to meet you once, for, I have been hearing a lot about you in places where I move. My heart is throbbing with love and devotion. Allow me to touch your feet.” Even before Master EK prevented the Swamiji, the Swamiji touched the feet of Master EK. Later they hugged each other. Silence prevailed for a while.

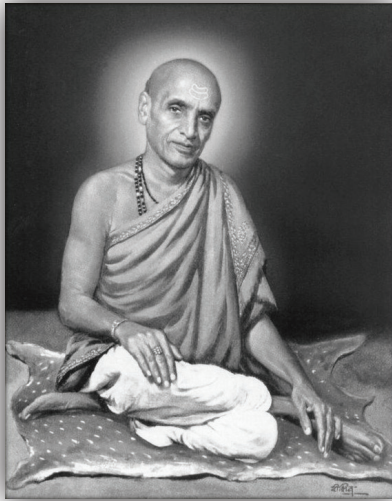
Swamiji was comfortably seated and was offered cool water. There after Master EK enquired, “Is there any service that I can render to your good-self?” Swamiji replied, “Yes. Of late my throat is unable to sing as effectively as before. Maybe I need a homeopathic medicine from you.” Master EK responded saying, “Your throat belongs to the Lord. Since you are

dedicated to him even from the childhood, it has a magnetic and radiating ability. The voice of God functions through it. As long as God intends to function through your throat and your voice, it functions. It needs no medicine according to me, Swami.” Swamiji smiled and said, “May be what you say is true. Yet, for the delight of receiving treatment from you I am recording my name in your patients register. Kindly give me medicine. To me, it is as good as receiving sweet pills from Lord Krishna. Please do not deny this joy.”

Master EK immediately went to his Homoeopathic chest, picked up a medicine at random and set it under the tongue of Swamiji, thus directly administering the medicine.

Saukumarya was elated at the encounter of two great saints of the time. It left a deep imprint upon him. He recollected the ancient meeting of Uddhava and Maitreya.

Eventually Swamiji departed from the mortal sheath in two months' time. He lived for 64 years in the mortal body, moved around and inspired thousands into the sixth ray - path of devotion.



SREE WAMANRAO GULWANI MAHARAJ

Sree Sree Sree Wamanrao Gulwani Maharaj was a siddha among the saints. He lived for 90 years. He was born to parents who lived like saints adapting themselves to every conceivable theistic practice prevailing in the nineteenth century.

Sree Gulwani was born to pious parents in 1886, on the very first day after winter solstice. He was attracted to Lord Dattatreya by virtue of the touch of his mother, while his father was attuned to the Brahman. He even had darshan of Lord Dattatreya. To his good-luck and in tune with the divine plan, he was initiated by Paramapujya Sree Vasudevananda Saraswati Maharaj who was considered to be a wandering Dattatreya in the lineage of Sree Pada Sree Vallabha (an incarnation of Lord Dattatreya in Kali Yuga).

Saukumarya's maternal grandfather (Sree PSR Swamy) was initiated by Sree Gulwani Maharaj into the path of meditation which was to be done twice daily, during the morning and evening hours. Sree Maharaj's

energy permeated to Saukumarya's mother through her father, Sree PSR Swamy. When the mother was engaged in meditation twice daily, Saukumarya and his elder brother got interested in it, in the year 1968. When it was informed to Maharaj, who was generally in Pune, Maharashtra, Maharaj decided to transmit the energy to the two seekers through distant transmission (telepathy). It impacted the seekers.

In 1969, Maharaj decided to come personally to Visakhapatnam and once again transmit energies in person in the month of December during the days preceding Sagittarius full moon (Datta Purnima).

Sree Gulwani Maharaj stayed at Soudamani, Siripuram, Visakhapatnam, the then residence of Saukumarya's family for three nights and two days. On the first day, he once again initiated Smt. K Rama Lakshmi, mother of Saukumarya, elder brother Sree KRK Murthy, younger sister Smt. Parvathi and Saukumarya. The transmission was more effective, in the sense, the Upasakas could not open their eyes for over two hours. The second day, Sree Maharaj visited Sree Simhachala Devastana and offered his prayers to Lord Varaha Lakshmi Nrusimha Swamy. Saukumarya accompanied Sree Maharaj in the car, assisted for darshan and brought him back home. On the third day, the Maharaj left with his two assistants to Pithapuram, the birth place of Sree Pada Vallabha.

The beauty of the transmission, is such that the upasaka's mind submits itself like a newly married bride to the bridegroom (Brahman). The energy of Brahman takes over and conducts varied adjustments in the body. When the adjustments are on, the upasaka cannot open his eyes. The normal duration is between 60 to 90 minutes. The effective processing is considered to be for 72 minutes. The students are advised to do the sadhana twice a day, around the twilight hours. The personality of the sadhaka is gradually transformed and the unfoldment of the soul into personality is a natural, agreeable, normal happening. This lineage of Dattatreya is one of the oldest ones prevailing in India; that touched Saukumarya and his family members.

Later when Master CVV prayers were received, no difference was found.

Master EK, when enquired of this, answered, "It is but One energy through two channels". Sree Gulwani maharaj lived for 90 years, initiated many in the states of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. He remains a living Siddha actively initiating those who relate to Sree Dattatreya or to Sree Pada Sree Vallabha. During his lifetime, he painted the form of Lord Dattatreya in which the latter appeared to him, which is available at the ashram of Sree Gulwani Maharaj, known as Sree Vasudeva Niwas.



SREE RAMASWAMY ACHARYA

Sree Ramaswamy Acharya was a simple householder, and a great devotee belonging to the Path of Synthesis. He chose to be simple, unassuming and even hid himself from the glamour of the world. For his livelihood, he worked for forty years as a typist in a local sugar mill near Samarlakota, Andhra Pradesh, India.

He lived in a humble tiled dwelling with his family consisting of wife and children. The income he earned was just sufficient for the family, to lead a frugal yet respectable life. He neither had savings nor any debts. His attire was always simple; as also that of his family members. The house contained only essential things. There were no articles of comfort or luxury. A visit to his house humbled the visitor. It was always neat and clean with no modern fittings as would appear in the neighboring houses. The house reminded the visitors of 'a hermitage' in a commercial (trading) town.

Except for very few aspirants who set themselves upon the Path to Truth, others never knew him, to be

anything other than an ordinary lower income group member of the town. But, for the aspirants whom he guided, he was an 'all knowing, lovable person'. Truly he is a representative sample of a devotee of Synthesis. A man with very rare virtues and abilities and yet he remained silent and in secrecy.

Once Saukumarya, his lady, children along with Master EK were passing by the town Samarlakota. All of a sudden, Master EK expressed, "There is a 'Siddha' in this town whom I visit from time to time. It just occurred to me that I should present your family to him, to gain his grace and blessings. He is a very special person. His vibrations are gentle and subtle which I perceive just now. Please turn the automobile into the next right lane."

The lady of Saukumarya interrupted and said, "In that case, let me buy few apples which are available on this road. Let us not go empty handed to a saintly person." The vehicle was stopped, and apples bought. They were duly cleaned and delivered in a polythene bag.

The vehicle took the turn into a narrow lane and at a particular point, the car was halted. Master EK, along with the family of Saukumarya reached up-to the threshold of the house. Master gently knocked the door of the threshold.

A very elderly person opened the door and saw Master EK. He was all smiles. Even before any conversation, Master EK swiftly touched the holy feet of Sree Ramaswamy Acharya, followed by Saukumarya and the family. Sree Ramaswamy Acharya hugged Master EK with great joy and said, “What a pleasant surprise. Indeed, it has been very long time since we met. You must have been extremely immersed in your tasks. How is it that you are here so suddenly? And who is this family?” saying so, Sree Acharya led the group to the front verandah of the house, where there were cemented platforms to sit.

Master EK introduced Saukumarya and the family to Sree Acharya and said, “Since a year, I am living with this family in their house in relation to the work. I thought that, they should receive your blessings and brought them here as we were passing by this town on our way home.”

Sree Ramaswamy Acharya looked at each one of the four members of the family and said, “Wonderful! They already have their blessings! What is the need for additional blessings? Yet, since you think so, I do bless them.” The family prostrated at the feet of Sree Acharya, each one offering a fruit to Sree Acharya. Sree Acharya affectionately touched them on their Sahasrara and said, “Be blessed, be plentiful and be fulfilled.”

Master EK also offered a fruit and touched the feet of Sree Acharya and said, “I request that you may kindly visit the house and once again bless. Much work is planned from there and we all need the blessings. The place where we work also needs blessings.”

Sree Acharya agreed to visit in the near future. He said, “I have no set programs. There are no commitments. I will visit. When time commands, we shall meet in that house once again.” The lady of the house came out with drinking water and tumblers to drink. All were given water and the team departed.

Four months later, one day at noon time, a phone call came to Master EK informing him that Sree Ramaswamy Acharya has come to Visakhapatnam and intends to visit the house and the family of whom Master EK spoke, in his earlier visit. It was a sudden but pleasant news. He was well received by Master EK and the family of Saukumarya. Master EK presented every bit of the house, leading Sree Acharya through every part and led him finally into the prayer hall in the first floor of the house. He also showed the place where he slept, where he received visitors and where he gave prayers and offered worship. Sree Acharya was amusingly looking at Master EK who was full of enthusiasm in presenting every detail of the house to him. At the prayer hall, Master introduced various pictures relating to the Masters of Hierarchy which

included Lord Maitreya, Master Morya, Master Devapi, Master Djwhal Khul and above all Lord Sree Krishna in the dancing posture upon the hood of the serpent Kaliya.

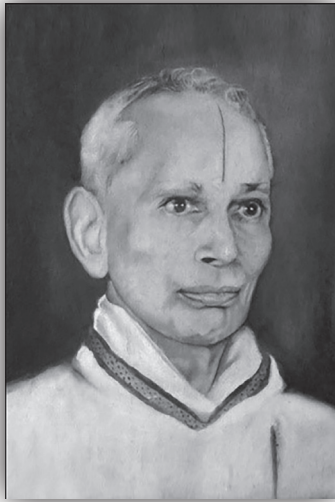
Sree Ramaswamy Acharya gently closed his eyes for a while and said, “Now I understand your work. I never knew, for what, you were so busy at work. Men of your knowledge are free from this world. But, you are ever at action. Whenever I see you, I see a man of free-will, playfully functioning around as if he has loads of work. The load you bear is also out of your free-will. This is truly wonderful. The family you chose and the place you chose are equally wonderful. Where Krishna is, there splendor is. You named this house ‘Radhamadhavam’, which is just appropriate. You invited me only to reveal to me, who is behind you. But I know even before, that you belong to Lord Krishna. Thank you for the detailed presentation. Be blessed. The work be blessed. All those connected with the work be blessed. This place of Radhamadhavam be blessed to fulfill the Plan.”

All those who were present at that moment, sought the blessings of Sree Ramaswamy Acharya. Sree Acharya gave back all the fruits given to the group around, took a tumbler of water and left the place.

Sree Ramaswamy Acharya remained thereafter in the memory of Saukumarya. A simple old man, with

grey hair, slightly stout in body, with a countenance which is ever pleasant. Smile was an inseparable part of his countenance. He was little known in the world. But, well known in the subtle world which is called the Kingdom of God. He did not disturb the little world, in which people lived around him. But to those who sought the Path, he gently guided. Indeed, a man that lived eight decades and remained untouched by the glamour of the world. A sage to be recollected every dawn and dusk.





SREEMAN EKKIRALA ANANTHACHARYA

Sreeman Ekkirala Ananthacharya was a Vedic scholar, most sought after during his times in the composite Andhra state. He was thorough with Veda and hence with Sanskrit. He was also a practitioner of Ayurveda and a teacher of Sanskrit and Veda. He has written a good number of books such as ‘Vision of Aryan Glory’, ‘Rasayana and Ayurveda’, ‘Uttarameemamsa’, ‘Suparna Sukta’ and so on. He was born in the year 1897 and passed away in 1979.

Sree Ananthacharya was an embodiment of Vedic wisdom, Ayurvedic practices and Ashtanga Yoga (Eightfold path of Yoga). He treated many complex sicknesses with a combination of Yoga and Ayurveda. He treated many sick ones to recovery from extreme illnesses and in some cases, even from death. A classic example was his own son Sree Ekkirala Krishnamacharya.

When Ekkirala Krishnamacharya was affected by a poisonous fever and was almost about to die, he

arranged to procure fresh poison from a cobra. He set two drops of fresh poison on the tip of the tongue, of his son. In a matter of few minutes, the patient regained consciousness and slowly gained the vitality to live.

For the initial fifteen years, he did not send his children to any school. He educated them himself along with traditional values and practices. All his sons tended to be servers of the society. He had connections with all sections of the society and was revered for his knowledge, compassion and accessibility.

Saukumarya, being a close associate of Ekkirala Krishnamacharya (Master EK), had access to Dr. Ananthacharya. Dr. Ananthacharya used to throw simple clues to the complex concepts of Veda and Bhagavadgita. He carried in him, the keys to Veda such as Etymology (Nirukta), Astrology (Jyotisha), Grammar (Vyakarna), Metrical key (Chandas), the key of Utterance (Siksha) and the key of Time Cycles (Kalpa).

Once, on account of a family function Sree Ananthacharya visited Saukumarya's house along with Master EK. The ancestors of Saukumarya hail from the town, Bapatla which was also the native place of the family of Sree Ekkirala Ananthacharya. He enquired Saukumarya if their family also hails from Bapatla and if Saukumarya is related to the Kambhampati family of Bapatla. Saukumarya answered in the affirmative. Sree

Ananthacharya was instantly glad. He said, “Your great grandfather Sree Kambhampati Seetharama Sastry garu was a great teacher in Sanskrit, Yoga and Veda and I learnt Sanskrit from him in my initial years. I know your grandfather too. Yours is a family of yogis. No wonder that we meet again. We are related more by ‘Soul-purpose’ than by any other purpose. I am glad that you have associated with the Goodwill work which is being carried out by my son and your teacher EK.” Saukumarya’s family was deeply delighted of the connections from the past. Sree Ananthacharya said, “We are co-travelers in our journey to eternity. Be blessed.”

Though for five decades, he treated people who approached him for health, he did not treat himself. He used to bear sickness instead of curing it. His famous slogan was “endurance is the best way to cure Karma”. He endured karma while he cured many, when they approached him for health. During the last decade of his life, he had a facial paralysis and he could not speak with clarity. He decided to accept it even without attempting a cure. He was of robust constitution and had the daily routine of an Aryan.

Saukumarya and many associates of Master EK witnessed the glorious departure of Sree Ananthacharya. On the day he was to depart, which was in November 1979, he took an oil bath, put on a

new clothing and prepared himself specially, as if it was his birthday. He joined the morning prayers. After the Morning Prayer, while his son Master EK proceeded to conduct free Homoeopathic clinic in the front verandah of his house, Sree Ananthacharya, gathering certain youngsters around him commenced to chant Purusha Suktam, orienting to the North. When there was a chorus of Purusha Suktam being chanted by a group in the house, Master EK went into the house to notice what was happening and what his father Sree Ananthacharya was proposing to do. He gently enquired, as to who started the Vedic chanting at that hour which is not part of daily routine. One youngster informed that Sree Ananthacharya wanted that a group be around him, chanting Purusha Suktam. Master EK then observed his father who was in a deep state of meditation and was very still. He observed his father and found that his father was leaving the body in a sitting posture! For a moment he was shaken but continued to observe his father. Even before the Purusha Suktam was completed, his father had gently left the body. The group continued to chant. On completion of the Suktam Master EK informed “My father, Sree Ananthacharya left the body a few minutes ago as you were chanting the Veda. He departed in the noblest way. Let us prepare, to commence the procedure

relating to his cremation. All that are gathered here may touch his feet and receive his blessings.”

Only accomplished yogis can depart consciously in a sitting posture. It was so with Master CVV, Master MN and Sree Ananthacharya. To leave the body in a yogic posture and with full consciousness is rare in modern times. Sree Ananthacharya demonstrated it to the followers of Master EK, which was astounding to the group.

A huge group gathered to accompany the departed Soul, whose body was carried to the cremation ground. At the cremation ground, an associate of Master EK, placing a wreath on the body of Sree Ananthacharya, came up to Master EK and said, “Your great father proved that there is a way to depart from the body with full consciousness. So, it is possible even in these times!” Master EK responded, “I do not know if it is possible for all, however intentful they may be. It has become possible in his case. That is all I can say. We are blessed to witness his glorious departure. He taught many dimensions of life by demonstration. This is one such teaching, he gave by demonstration. I was at home. He did not even hint to me beforehand. He let me to do my morning service and left himself seeking cooperation of youngsters who never knew what for they were chanting Veda. He is a giant among men that lived in simplicity.”

Saukumarya was deeply impressed of the noble dimensions of Sree Ananthacharya, in relation to his way of healing, teaching, self-endurance and conscious departure. The influence of Sree Ananthacharya continues to be part of Saukumarya's contemplation and work.





MOTHER ANASUYA, JILLELLAMUDI

Mother Anasuya lived for 62 years in a village called Jillellamudi, near Bapatla, a town in the Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh, India. She was an embodiment of abstract wisdom, Brahma Vidya. Even from her third year, she demonstrated transcendental state through her meditations. Even before she was born, she appeared in a dream to her father and said, “I take to a form of Mother of all and be amidst people in the world. Know that I am Brahman and that I am born of self-will. I shall give presence and help beings as a Mother.” Even from her third year, she was frequently getting into meditations for long durations. She showed little interest in food and even as a baby, never cried for milk. She seldom ate and even when she did, she consumed very insignificant quantities. Yet, she carried a huge body all through.

For 62 years she lived in a female human body. She married and had children like every other woman. But mostly her function was ‘To Be’. She was mostly

witnessing Brahman, within and around. Her normal life was more a happening than doing. She believed in witnessing the 'One' - within and around. Common functions happened in life in a normal way.

She never indulged in teaching nor did she suggest any practices to realize Truth. Yet she allowed people around her to conduct whatever practices they carried out, out of their own inspiration. She was only happy offering food to as many people and animals as possible. The only practice witnessed is her long durations of transcendental meditation – Samadhi.

She is little known to have slept. Her sleep was in very short and insignificant durations. She frequently used to say “Forgetfulness brings sleep. I do not sleep since; I am mostly in the state of awakening. I do not also forget any event, big or small. At all times I remain ‘I Am That I Am’. The only activity I like, is to feed as many beings as possible. Since I am a Mother, I am happy seeing beings fulfilled with food.”

She was daily counseling hundreds of persons that visited her and was also feeding them. She fed at-least one morsel of delicious food by herself and later directed them to the dining hall to have stomach full of food. Her kitchen and dining places were ever active. Every person that visited her for a second time, she remembered them by their family name and also remembered, what dish (of food) she had fed that

person previously. That was amazing to many. She was known to be “A Mother that never forgets.”

Her statements from time to time were noted and circulated among those who relate to her. Ten such statements are given hereunder:

- My form is universe. The form in which you see me is a facility for you. All forms are my forms.
- God is in atom and atom is in God. All is in God.
- You will eventually reach God. The way you reach God comes to you. There is no one particular method or one particular path.
- Thoughts happen since you allow them. They lead you to actions.
- God reveals himself from within you. Have patience to wait and to fulfil your obligations.
- Superstitions emerge from ignorance. Knowledge dispels them.
- The way suffering comes, in the same way relief also comes.
- Astrology is an engagement. It is amusing. The planets and their astronomical speeds brings in much chemistry. Interpretation is one's own opinion.
- There is no black magic. There is neurological disorder which requires rectification.

There are many stunning statements coming from her time to time.

Saukumarya had the good luck of visiting her with his family in the year 1977. She personally gave time to four families that evening, of which Saukumarya's family was one. When Saukumarya introduced himself by his family name, the Mother smiled and said, "Your grandfather and I were good friends. We used to live in the same street in Bapatla." She enquired about every member of the family present before her. She offered a preparation with her own hands to each one in the group. It was the most delicious preparation of Gongura chutney, fully smeared by cow ghee. The taste remained in memory of all who relished it for a long time.

Once again Saukumarya had the good luck of meeting Mother Anasuya along with Master EK and a police officer, in November 1983. The Mother received them with much love. Master EK was younger to the Mother by three years and they knew each other right from the childhood. They grew in the same place, Bapatla. Pleasantries were exchanged between them. The Mother addressed Master EK fondly as 'Krishna'. She said, "It is very long since we met each other Krishna. You have been busy with lot of work. It was 11 years ago that you came, before you left on your first tour to Europe." Master affirmed that it was so and said, "Yes Mother, I was with you in April, 72". The mother said, "In April, 72 you left for Europe. In

February, 72 you were with me.” Master EK looked at Saukumarya and Saukumarya nodded his head affirming the Mother’s statement.

Master EK introduced Saukumarya and his family to Mother and said, “This family is with me and I am with them in their house in relation to the work.” The Mother instantly said, “Yes I know him, and I know his family. He was here in 1977 and I fed them Gongura chutney. He belongs to Kambhampati family.” The memory of the Mother stunned Saukumarya and his family members.

Master EK introduced the police officer and the Mother said, “I also know him. When he was working as a police officer in Nellore, he came to me with his family 22 years ago. I offered food from my hand. But he was hesitant to get fed by my hand into his mouth. He came for a blessing for his eldest daughter’s marriage but refused the food”. The police friend was stunned. Tears of sorrow started flowing out from his eyes. He fell at the feet of the mother and wept. The Mother tenderly touched his head, raised him, took him nearer to her, held his palm in her palm and started cajoling him. More and more tears came out and the police officer wept in gushes. The Mother let it happen for a while and said looking at Master EK, “He has been suffering a lot. His daughter’s marriage did not go well. In his vocation, he faces much tension. He has been

putting up a brave face in public. He had no one to really care for him. He is lonely. He needs the Mother. Now on, sorrow does not touch him. He is now ready to receive prasadam from me.”

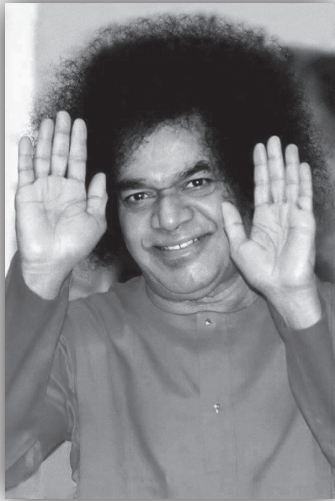
The Mother arranged a huge plate of food preparation. She fed all that were sitting at her feet. She saw the children of Saukumarya and asked them to come for their share of the feed. They came; they saluted and took food and left again to play in the very room. She smiled and said, “Children are natural. They are playful. I am drawn to them. The fun is they are around me, but care not. That is truly natural. I am happy that all of you are here. Time brings beings together according to its’ own plan. No one knows what happens in the next moment.”

The group was given cryptic spiritual utterances of value. The Mother would intermittently smile and say things of profound value. A while later, and reluctantly, the group took leave of the Mother. The impact of her Presence remained with Saukumarya and is recollected from time to time, to once again relish the grand Presence.

Incidentally in March 1984, Master EK departed. In June 1985 Mother Anasuya departed. Till date Mother Anasuya is recollected by a hundred thousand visitors who took food from her hand and gained Presence. Mother Anasuya was a phenomenon. Her

Presence is eternal. It was indeed a deep encounter of enlightenment. She was beyond all controversies of the time. In her name and memory, a temple is built in Jillellamudi, which people visit from time to time. India is a blessed land. Many a time, Divinity incarnates in different grades and in different forms to inspire the surroundings.





SREE SATYA SAI BABA

There have been a few enlightening encounters with Sree Satya Sai Baba between 1973 and 1994. Sree Satya Sai Baba is an embodiment of love and service. He is well known all over the globe. His groups are many. Sree Satya Sai Baba promotes devotion to God, service to man and love to all beings. He lived between 1926 and 2011, for 85 years; a glorious life of Divinity and splendor.

Thousands were gathering to look to him and receive his grace. He grew to be popular from 1960's and became global by 1976. People would crave to meet him, to talk to him and to receive his blessings in one way or the other. He was a clairvoyant and a magician of certain order. He was frequently creating sacred ash (Vibhuti) from hand and distributing it. There were times, when he manifested certain gold chains and ornaments, which were a matter of discussion and dispute. Regardless the aspect of miracles, Baba himself was an extremely joyful and lovable being. His magnetism worked as a magic wand upon his followers.

Consequently, unprecedented good work happened in a period of 50 years.

Saukumarya had few occasions in life when brief encounters happened with Sree Satya Sai Baba and there was also one significant meet.

On 3rd April, 1973, Saukumarya was to attend to a professional work at Hyderabad. He reached Hyderabad on 2nd April and came to know that the scheduled work has been postponed. His client, who was a devotee of Sree Satya Sai Baba informed Saukumarya of the postponement of the work. He further informed that he would be visiting Sree Satya Sai Baba before noon and if Saukumarya was interested he would arrange to pick him up so that they could go together to Sree Satya Sai. Saukumarya readily agreed, as he is ever ready to meet saints and sages.

Thus, on 3rd April, Saukumarya went to a palatial residential house of a devotee of Sree Sai Baba and waited along with many in the front yard of the house, to receive Sree Baba who was to arrive from Bangalore. There were devotees standing in a row on either side holding garlands, flowers and other offerings. The moment arrived. Sree Sai's car turned into the compound and the devotees tended to be emotional. They started chanting bhajans and were craving for the looks and smiles of Sree Satya Sai. Sree Baba gently stepped out of the car, looked at the gathering and blessed them all

raising his two hands. As he was walking into the house through a carpeted path, devotees offered flowers and garlands. Sree Baba accepted one garland to be placed around his shoulders. The rest of the garlands, he gently touched. He looked at the people on either side with much love and walked into the house with a smile on his countenance.

The host of the house made an announcement, “It is now lunch time. I request all devotees gathered here to have lunch along with Sree Baba and later proceed home. The devotees felt blessed to have lunch along with Baba. Baba was seated in a hall on the first floor while the gathering filled the whole house in the ground and the first floors. By sheer coincidence, Saukumarya was offered a place to sit besides Sree Satya Sai Baba on the right side. Sree Baba, while taking to his chair behind the table arranged for him, removed the garland, looked at Saukumarya and smilingly handed it over to him. He also gusted to Saukumarya to sit by his side on the floor. Later he indicated to the group to take their seats on the floor for lunch. All eyes of the gathering were on Saukumarya whom they did not know and whom Sree Baba blessed by handing over the garland that was held by him before.

An elaborate lunch was served for all. For Baba, a huge silver plate with all dishes decorated therein was placed on the table before Baba. Sree Baba looked at all

the items and looked at Saukumarya and said, “Sai eats very little. He does not eat more than three morsels. But devotees offer plenty to him. In turn, Sai gives back all, according to what they deserve.” Saying so, Sree Baba took hand full of rice with dal (lintel paste) thrice and instructed the servers to take back the plate and distribute the food to all. Saukumarya was full of admiration of Sree Baba for his simplicity, love and gait.

Later, the devotees who had laid the garland on Sree Satya Sai Baba ran upto Saukumarya and said, “This garland belongs to us. We had offered it to Sree Baba. Will you please give it back to us? It is a great blessing to hold it in our house for its life.” Saukumarya looked at them and said, “Once you offered, it is Baba’s. When Baba offers it to me, it belongs to me. Nevertheless, I give it to you to keep you joyful. I understand that in devotion, there is no logic. I respect your sentiment. Please take it. I give it to you with pleasure.” The devotees were excited to receive the garland and, in that excitement, did not even thank Saukumarya. Saukumarya walked away with a smile recollecting the smile of Sree Satya Sai. That was the first encounter.

From 4th to 13th of April, Saukumarya happened to be in Hyderabad. Sree Satya Sai was also in Hyderabad during that period to inaugurate a building called ‘Sivam’. He conducted a nine-day program at Sivam

with morning and evening congregations, bhajans and talks. Saukumarya regularly visited to relate to the Presence of Sree Baba. There were large gatherings who were seated on the carpeted floor in an organized manner. During bhajans, Baba moved between the walkways and blessed the devotees, according to his inclination. It so happened that, invariably every day, Sree Baba took the walkway where Saukumarya was seated. The seating is daily changed according to the arrival of the devotees. Yet there was not a single day where Saukumarya missed touching the feet of the Baba. It was astonishing to the relatives and friends of Saukumarya. They enquired Saukumarya “what is the secret that Sree Baba comes wherever you are?” Saukumarya answered, “Perhaps my silence and non-expectation. Reasons cannot be attributed to the actions of saints and sages. They move according to the waves of Light that flow in the area. They do not carry personal likes. Love leads them and they move. Many times, they also do not know. They do not plan to do. The Plan functions through them and they fulfill.”

There was a third encounter in 1977, in the month of April. Saukumarya was at Anantapur to be with his elder brother who happened to be the governmental head of a cantonment (District) in which the village Puttaparti, where the ashram of Sree Sai Baba is. Since the brother knew the interests of Saukumarya, he

proposed to take the latter to Puttaparti to meet Sree Satya Sai. It was a journey of 50 kilometers. Saukumarya and his elder brother reached Puttaparti by the evening bhajan time. After the bhajan, the organizers led them to meet Sree Satya Sai Baba who was still on the stage of the auditorium. When they went upto the stage, Sree Baba invitingly smiled and said, "Please come Sarma. How are you? What brings you here?" Sree Sarma said, "This is my younger brother who lives in Visakhapatnam. I thought fit to present him before you for your blessing."

Sree Baba spontaneously said, "Yes, I know him. He has met me before too. Glad to know that he is your brother".

Turning towards Saukumarya, Sree Baba said smilingly, "We are trying to do some good work to the society, but these officers come up with too many rules and regulations."

Saukumarya abruptly said, "You are doing enormous good work Baba. Our work doesn't stand in comparison." But Baba did not agree.

Sree Baba said, "Good-work is good work. It is not quantity. It is the quality."

In the meanwhile, Sree Sarma, the governmental head intervened and said, "We, the government also do good-work. What a government can do, individuals cannot. What do you say Baba?"

Sree Baba said, “Yes, if government wills, it can do enormous good-work, but the will is lacking. They are bound by their own rules and regulations. The government also wants to regulate us and bind us through their rules.”

Sree Sarma said, “Rules and regulations are for all. By the way, did you find me coming in the way of the good-work you do Baba?”

Baba said, “You do not. I speak of your government. It is better that governments listen to the Men of Wisdom to govern better. It is not good for them, to govern saints and sages. We are here to supplement and compliment your work without any bias towards caste, creed and religion. In the ancient days, kings were following the advice of the sages of the land. Such times should come back. Anyway, having come this far, have some prasadam and return since I know you have things to do tomorrow at the headquarters.” Saying so, Baba blessed the two brothers, who were taken to a guest house by the organizers for a brief meal.

Saukumarya’s esteem for Baba grew in leaps and bounds. Here is a saint who seeks nothing and willing to offer help to all, even to the governments. He remained advisory to all including the national leaders, businessmen and the commoners.

The fourth encounter was in February 1994, when Saukumarya visited Puttaparti along with his family

to participate in a marriage function which was being conducted in the Presence of Sree Satya Sai Baba. The day after the marriage, when Saukumarya was in the gathering participating in a bhajan program, Sree Satya Sai in his errands around the devotees came up to Saukumarya and hinted him to move into his private consultation room which is adjacent to the bhajan hall. Saukumarya went up to the threshold of the private chamber and waited there. Sree Baba completing the errands came up to the chamber and enquired as to why he did not yet enter the room. Saukumarya said he had come with his lady and if Baba permitted, he would call her as well. Baba instantly agreed. Together with his lady, they entered into the private chamber. Sree Baba directed the two to sit on the floor and took to his normal seating place.

“I have been hearing that you are doing a lot of good-work all over the world and that you are teaching various dimensions of Ancient Wisdom and even imparting Yoga and meditation. I am very glad about it. Why don't you share a few aspects of Wisdom that you teach to the world?”

Saukumarya felt humbled and said, “Sree Baba needs no inputs from me. In relation to what I do, all is known to Baba. Further, unless there is a specific question, wisdom does not respond by way of an answer.”

Baba smiled and said, “Good. Wisdom should not be given by mere asking. The questioner should have hunger for knowledge. His questioning should be a deep enquiry and not a casual enquiry. Even if the questioner is Baba, it should be so. I am glad at your stability. Let me now ask a specific question. How many categories do you see among humans?”

Saukumarya said, “Three.”

Baba asked, “Who are they?”

Saukumarya said, “There are animals in human form. There are humans who function with concern for others. And then, there are the Divine in human, who love all and serve all without any reward.”

Baba stood up. Saukumarya also stood up. Baba hugged Saukumarya and said, “What a precise answer. No wonder people listen to you wherever you go and teach. It is true that the humans are essentially in three categories. It is also true that you are working since many years to help upgrading of humans. I am deeply pleased. Be blessed!”

Baba looked towards the lady of Saukumarya and said, “Your husband has developed a Divine mind. There is much jealousy attacking him all through. But he is stable. He withstands the attacks and conducts his work. He is a deeply focused person. He is very tender at heart, which only you know. Sai is around him. Nothing can touch to affect him.”

“What for have you come here, to Puttaparti?” enquired Sai. Saukumarya answered “To see you and to receive your Presence Baba. We are blessed with your interview”.

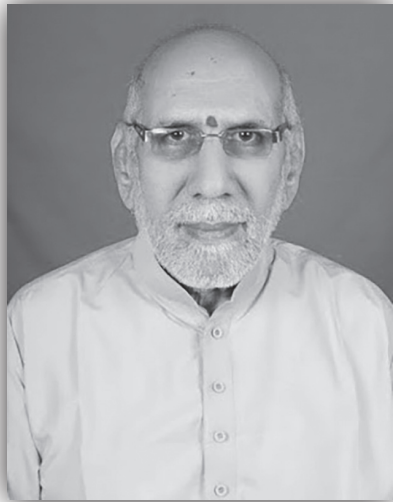
Baba looked at the couple and said, “Sai is ready to give anything you want. You can seek.” In a single tone the couple said, “Your Grace and your Presence is everything to us. We need nothing else, Baba.”

Baba hugged again and said, “The Grace and Presence has always been with you and it will be so, forever. Keep doing what you are already doing. People come here to seek things. It is a never-ending sickness, that they seek. They also want peace. How do they get peace, Bangaru?” Saukumarya said, “When want is dropped, peace remains. As long as wants and desires exist, they distance the peace. This is simple but difficult to practice for many, Baba.”

Baba was so joyful. He hugged Saukumarya for the third time and said “How precise and brisk. I love you Bangaru. Though you do not seek, I wish to give you something besides the Presence and Grace,” saying so Baba materialized a Golden ring with the symbol of OM on it. He decorated it on the hand of Saukumarya and held Saukumarya’s hand in his own hand for a while and closed his eyes. He opened his eyes after a minute, and looking to Smt. Kumari, the lady of Saukumarya, Baba said, “Do you know that

your husband has realized OM? When I hold his hand in my hand, I am listening to the soundless sound of OM through his hand. It is beautiful. I wish to hold his hand for a little while more.” Saying so, he held his hand for another minute and said, “I am not happy at just giving a golden ring. I will transform it to diamond.” Saying so, Sree Baba gently blew air from his mouth at the ring. The symbol of OM transformed into a diamond! That was a great delight for the on looking couple. Baba said, “Baba is now very happy. You came for Baba. You did not come with any desires to Baba. It is rare for Baba to receive people who need nothing. Truly you are related to me. Be joyful and be fulfilled. Baba’s blessings shall ever be with you.”

It was almost an hour that Saukumarya and the lady were in the joyful and playful Presence of Sree Satya Sai Baba. It was a memorable encounter for life. Saukumarya always held the ring to his right ring finger. Baba showered much Sacred ash (Vibhuti) into the pallu of Smt Kumari’s saree and said, “You are a very blessed person. Your life fulfills. Have no anxiety about your husband and children.”



SREE SISTLA RAMA KRISHNA RAO

Sree Sistla Rama Krishna Rao is popularly known in the world as a Nail artist. He is a well known artist that scribes with nails and has scribed images relating to epics such as Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavatam, etc.

Sree SRK Rao hails from a simple Brahmin family of Parvathipuram, in the Northern part of Andhra Pradesh, India. He is a simple house holder, holding normal responsibilities of the family, consisting of his wife and daughters. His lady is a staunch devotee of Lord Hanuman while Sree Rao minded the normal life, attending to his employment, to his friends and to his hobbies which included Saturday parties. He was accustomed to alcohol, as was normal with his friends and colleagues on Saturdays. As his children were growing in age, he was avoiding the family on Saturday evenings. His lady suggested to her husband that he may stay at home with his friends and enjoy his party and that she, along with children would go out to a temple of Hanuman or to the market for the

household goods for the week getting into the down town. Sree Rao agreed to do so since he had immense love and even respect to his lady for her righteous and theistic practices. Days passed by until his 40's.

Once on a Saturday, Sree Rao was alone at home. Not a single friend turned out. He waited for a while. He thought he would conduct a party for himself on a solo basis with nuts and alcohol. He set up the articles on a table. He arranged bottles of aerated waters, a bottle of alcohol, a tumbler, an ice box and the nuts (peanuts and cashew nuts). There was already a small image of Lord Hanuman on the table. It was a thumb sized image. He thought fit not to disturb the image. He felt that the lord is all compassionate. He is all knowing. Even if he sets away the image, he is anyway observed. The lord anyway knows that he has a drinking habit. He offered his excuses to the image of the lord and commenced his party, slowly gulping pegs of whisky mixed in soda water and munching nuts now and then. He was all alone. He went into soliloquies. As the whisky went in, thoughts came out. "What kind of life am I leading? I am not an example either to my wife or to my children. My wife is noble. She is even guarding the children from me and guarding me from children. She does not want the children to know that their father drinks alcohol. She is so pious and responsible. I am neither pious nor responsible."

He was feeling disgusted of himself, while he was continuing the drink.

An hour passed by. Slowly he was into the kick of alcohol and he was a bit high. Sree Rao saw that the image of Hanuman was moving forward from the other edge of the table, where the wall was, towards where he was sitting. It was amusing to him, to see the moving image. He spoke to the image inviting the image towards him. Lo! He felt the image was moving towards him and reached the edge. Sree Rao said, "Move further." The image moved further and fell from the edge of the table. Sree Rao abruptly moved his hands to hold it. As he held the image in the hands a beam of light emerged from the image and hit him strongly at the forehead. Sree Rao went into trance!

Much of the past was recollected for Sree Rao and the future responsibility relating to life dawned on him. He repented, repented and repented for a couple of hours. Tears rolled down from the eyes. He wept aloud and alone. A while after, he cleared the table of all the party material. He cleaned the table, set a white cloth on the table and restituted the image of Hanuman at its original place and lighted incense. He sat in contemplation of Hanuman, closing his eyes, facing the image.

The family returned home from the weekly visit of the temple. The lady of Sree Rao observed a sea

change in the ambience at home. The family quietly had the dinner and retired into their sleeping places. The lady gently asked Sree Rao as to what happened and how was it that the house is fragrant with incense smell. Sree Rao narrated all that had happened in the evening. He said that the purpose of life has dawned upon him due to the grace of Lord Hanuman and that he had received the touch of Hanuman. His life hereafter shall be a new and chaste life, in accordance with the commandments of the scriptures. The lady was joyful and was immensely thankful to the deity Lord Hanuman whom she regularly worshipped.

In one of the encounters of Saukumarya with Sree Rao he narrated all that is described above and sought association with Saukumarya in connection with a project Sree Rao contemplated.

The government authorities granted 10,000 Sq. yards. of land to Sree Rao on the eastern sea side at about 18 kilometers distance on the outskirts of the city of Visakhapatnam. Sree Rao had a plan to build a gigantic temple for Lord Rama in that land which oversees the eastern sea (Bay of Bengal). With the help of Saukumarya, he constituted a charitable trust and commenced the project on April 09th, 1992 on the 'Sree Rama Navami' day. Sree Rao had his followers who supported him. Saukumarya was advising Sree Rao from time to time on issues relating to the trust.

Five years passed by. Certain ancillary temples for Ganesha, Hanuman and Balaji were built which were partially constructed. There were no more funds to proceed with completion of the ancillary temples and to build the main temple. Sree Rao was living on the southern end of Visakhapatnam, while the land was at the northern end, demanding a travel of 36 kilometers through the town of Visakhapatnam. It was found to be heavy for Sree Rao to associate with this project anymore.

During the Durga puja days in October 1997, Sree Rao approached Saukumarya and said in a humbled tone, “Lord Hanuman directs me to entrust this project of ‘Ramadri’ to you, which I contemplated in the land given to me by the government. I feel exhausted to do any further work in relation to this project. The distance itself is discouraging me. I would rather remain in alignment with Hanuman and render service to the surrounding people as I now do.”

Saukumarya said, “Respected Sree Rao, it is your project, you conceived it and you have the blessing and the direction of Lord Hanuman. Kindly re-think about the idea of handing it over to me. The activity that I do is generally to do with humans and their upliftment. My work is to build temples within the human beings. I do not build outer temples. There are already many huge outer temples which even await maintenance.

Please rethink and let me know. If you find any group of persons who are deeply devoted to build a temple as per your wish you may kindly hand it over to them.”

A year passed by. It was in 1998 Durga pujas, once again Sree Rao approached and said, “Lord Hanuman repeatedly reminds me from within that the place relating to the project be handed over to you and to you only. Many approached me and even offered large sums of money. But I don’t have confirmation from the Lord. The Lord within me is firm that it should be handed over to you in ‘as is where is’ condition and that you would appropriately develop the place charitably.”

Saukumarya said, “As I said before, I may not build any further temples there in the land. I will logically conclude the present temples which are half complete. I will develop the place in a manner that it is useful to the beings for their upliftment. I do the project as I conceive it. I should have a free hand. If you give me such freedom, I will take up the responsibility and develop the land for public welfare and use.”

Sree Rao said, “The Will of the Lord prevails. I give complete freedom to you. Kindly develop the place and relieve me from this huge responsibility which is disturbing me in my prayers. I am answerable to no one in this world. I am only answerable to Lord Hanuman. He directs me to you even after one year. I see in you,

a younger brother who can uphold the vibrations of the place.”

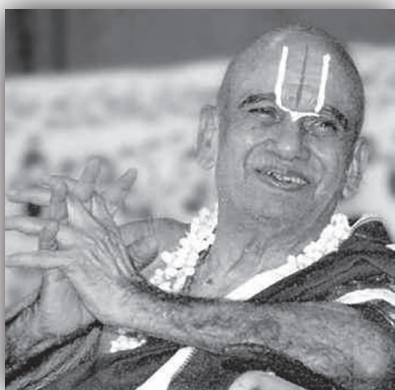
In 1999 the day after Vinayaka Chaturthi, on ‘Rishi panchami’ day the project of Ramadri was commenced and completed in all aspects in five years’ time. Sree Rao was invited with his lady and was honored. Sree Rao felt fulfilled.

Sree Rao continues to serve people in the name of Lord Hanuman. His personal life is fulfilled. He has been a friend, guide, philosopher and a guru to many who sought his advice and guidance. He has frequent encounters with Lord Hanuman. To him Hanuman is Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent. He lives a chaste life continuing to serve.

It is not easy to relinquish, denounce and handover a mind born project. It requires much inner strength and a sense of detachment. A project that was fondly conceived was to be denounced. It is like handing over a mind born child for its further growth. Even if one has an iota of attachment, one does not do so. Sree Rao did it with utter surrender to Lord Hanuman. Saukumarya wonders at this profound gesture of Sree Rao and deeply respects him for this rare virtue. Sree Rao did not visit the project for a second time. He adores it from a distance and does not feel that it was his erstwhile child.

There were frequent meetings with Sree Rao. At all times he remains a humble devotee of Lord Hanuman. Lo! He has regular dialogue with his Lord and rejoices life. Sree Rao stands out as an example of an Undeterred Disciple.





SREEBHASYAM APPALACHARYA SWAMY

Sreeman Sreebhashyam Appalacharya Swamy, a true representation of Vaishavism lived amidst people for about 8 decades from 1922 to 2003. He was a Vedic scholar, a commentator on Veda and a popular teacher of Ramayana in Telugu. His knowledge of Sanskrit and Telugu, as also his expression in these two languages are considered par excellence. Though he remained in a Vaishnavite outfit throughout, the inner being transcended all frontiers of religion, caste and creed. Many Indian teachers even after realization of Truth preferred to respect their outfit as Shaivaites or Vaishnavaites. To them it was a matter of comfort with the surroundings. But there are other teachers who realized the Truth and were bold enough to walk away from the religious outfit, sect or cult. It is the latter ones, who have grown global since they came out of their original Hindu outfit. A realized man does not just remain a Hindu. He tends to be 'That I Am' (Sohamasmi). He firmly believes in fatherhood of God

and brotherhood of humanity. To him the Divine is Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. Sree Swamy did not distinguish between the various names and forms of God. This is natural for those who follow the Veda.

Sree Appalacharya Swamy was accessible to all, for advice and guidance. He did not set himself on a higher pedestal as a teacher, Guru or a Master. He remained humble and simple throughout. His expressions were chaste and direct. He had no inclination to be diplomatic. He was not even worldly. Yet, he could easily see, when the persons around him tended to be diplomatic or worldly. He gently used to disassociate with the worldly gossip or diplomatic maneuvers. He was a treat to the eye to see and a feast to the ear to listen.

It was in the year 1993 that the first encounter happened between Saukumarya and Sree Appalacharya. The latter embarked upon publishing Sreemad Ramayana in simple Telugu which is originally written in Sanskrit by Sage Valmiki. Sreemad Ramayana is known as the first scripture of the world and the Sage Valmiki is known as the first author. Ramayana is a very popular epic, in and around the Indian continent and is the most admired of the epics. When the project of presenting a simple translation of the epic in Telugu was introduced, it attracted attention

of many. Saukumarya was one of them. He silently started cooperating with the publication of the volumes of Ramayana. By the time 4 out of 6 volumes were complete, Sree Appalacharya came to know the continued support coming from Saukumarya for the publication of volumes. Through common associates, he sent a word to Saukumarya, enquiring if the latter could find some time to meet him. Saukumarya felt honored and immediately responded to the call of Sree Appalacharya. The meeting happened one afternoon at 05:00 pm at Sree Appalacharya's house.

Saukumarya was advised to wait at the front verandah and word was sent into the house, regarding the arrival of Saukumarya. In another two minutes time, Sree Appalacharya came up to the verandah, and saw Saukumarya. There was an instant meeting of looks between the two. Sree Appalacharya, 71 years of age, leaned onto the wall looking at Saukumarya. Affectionate looks were transmitted by Sree Appalacharya for a while.

Still leaning on the wall Sree Appalacharya said, "What a magnanimous figure! Tall and good looking! The smile is mesmerizing and the eyes are magnetic. I have been hearing of you for over ten years. I even visited your house when your Master was about to depart. Your countenance dispels all negatives and

establishes love and light. I now understand the Energy behind you. Please step into my house and take seat.”

Saukumarya felt humbled. He remained silent having touched the feet of Sree Appalacharya and later took to his seat. Sree Appalacharya said, “I did not observe you before. Now I see the Mighty Energy that stands behind you. It is even commanding. I feel like saluting you.”

Saukumarya interrupted and said, “For heaven’s sake do not do it, Sir. Your appreciation is received as a blessing but not as praise. Yes, it is true that there is an Energy that has been guiding me right from childhood. It is that Energy to which I am ever devoted and continue to be with it and if possible in it.”

Appalacharya stated, “You have been doing multiple tasks in India and even abroad. I believe you regularly impart wisdom in India (in two states). You tour regularly to Europe and even to South America to impart wisdom to aspirants. I know your Master and the Energy he held. I now see you and I am astounded for the Energy that is hovering around you. May I know your antecedents?”

Saukumarya said, “I belong to a Brahmin family in the dynasty of Seer Sandilya. My father was a great devotee of Lord Rama. My grandfather was a great devotee of Lord Siva. My great grandfather, I am told, was a yogi with enormous knowledge of Vedas

and Sanskrit. More than this, to say anything is preponderous.”

Sree Appalacharya said, “You are humble, yet you are very profound and deep. As I see you, you will fulfill the tasks of your Master and even proceed beyond. Be blessed! I essentially wanted to profusely thank you for your continued support to the work of Ramayana. You volunteered to join the project. May the Lord Rama bless you.”

Saukumarya answered, “It is but a humble duty to support within our means, a good work that helps humans. The support that I render is but a drop in the ocean. Do not mention this ever again, Sir. It has enabled me to meet a grand soul like you and gain your blessings. All that I need from elders is blessings and blessings only. The rest will happen as per the Divine Will.”

Sree Appalacharya offered a cup of tea as it is a basic formality when a visitor comes home. The tea was accepted with much devotion. Saukumarya took leave and returned.

The second encounter was in a year’s time. When the fourth canto of Ramayana was published, a meeting was held for its release in the Sree Krishna Ashram, Visakhapatnam. Sree Appalacharya invited Saukumarya to release the book and speak upon any topic relating to Ramayana. Saukumarya felt

embarrassed to speak upon Ramayana in the presence of Sree Appalacharya. Saukumarya himself was giving discourses on Ramayana from 1992, every Saturday evening to a gathering of aspirants and coworkers. But to speak in the presence of Sree Appalacharya was a task by itself. Sree Appalacharya is known for the high standard of expressions, in language. He chooses very chaste and appropriate words. His speech flows like a river. While Saukumarya also speaks in a fairly good flow, he is not a master of languages. His language may not be as exclusive as that of Sree Appalacharya. However, Saukumarya ventured to speak upon Lord Hanuman for sixty minutes. Sree Appalacharya clapped in admiration of the speech.

In his speech he said, “Saukumarya is humble and impersonal in his speech. The language was far simple, beautiful and is easily understandable. He spoke of Hanuman, who is known for simplicity. Yet Hanuman is Hanuman. He is second to none. Yet, he preferred to remain a devotee to Lord Rama. Saukumarya presented Hanuman in such a true picture that I feel Hanuman himself spoke through Saukumarya. I observed his construction of sentences. They are all grammatically very correct, which he himself may not have known. That is the beauty of inspired talk. When a person is inspired, the speech happens from higher levels. Today’s function is fulfilled. Hanuman blesses us all, to

proceed further with Ramayana. Incidentally we step into the fifth canto which is all about Hanuman. The ways of Lord are mysterious.”

The third encounter with Sree Appalacharya was at Radhamadhavam when Sree Appalacharya was invited to Saukumarya’s house for a three-lecture program on three consecutive evenings. Sree Appalacharya addressed the gathering at Radhamadhavam. The audience were maintaining a pin drop silence. All were attentive to listen. On each of the three evenings, Sree Appalacharya was offered hospitality at Radhamadhavam. The abode, Radhamadhavam was shown in detail to gain the Presence of Sree Appalacharya. Sree Appalacharya was pleasantly surprised at the way the whole compound with the house was kept up. He laid his hands on the shoulders of Saukumarya and said, “You made this house, a Temple. Every part of the house vibrates with pure energies. The way you have established energies here is deeply pleasing. You have a special way of anchoring energies. When I went into your Master’s room I realized that the Master is deeply pleased with you. It is no wonder that he preferred to stay with you for seven years and even to leave the body here. Much work is happening through you silently. The group that listened to me is also well prepared. They are not casual in listening. Be blessed.”

On completion of the Ramayana publication project, Sree Appalacharya was requested to give a simple commentary on a Sataka relating to Sree Rama written in poetry by a great devotee of the seventeenth century. A Sataka means a compilation of hundred stanzas. Saukumarya volunteered to publish the commentary in the name of his late father Sree K V Sastry who was as-well a devotee of Sree Rama. Sree Appalacharya agreed. He even wanted to know about Sree K V Sastry. A brief was provided to him for his understanding. Sree Appalacharya thought fit to include the brief on Sree K V Sastry also to be published along with the commentary relating to the Sataka called 'Daasarathi Satakam'. Saukumarya felt the deep affection of Sree Appalacharya in the act of publishing his father's brief biography along with the Sataka. He expressed his gratefulness.

There was yet another meeting at the Sree Krishna Ashram where the two had earlier met. After the meet, Saukumarya confidentially approached Sree Appalacharya and said, "Swamy, since a year, the lady of this property is insisting that I should inherit this property to continue the acts of Goodwill. She says that Lord Krishna whom she worships is hinting her every now and then, that after her, this property should be handed over for good use by me. I am hesitant to do so. Even the elders of the town are gently pressing

me to oblige her. I do not know if I should take up this responsibility. My work is little to do with properties. I deal with persons and their upliftment to the best of my ability. I prefer developing people to developing properties for philanthropic purpose.”

Swamy smiled and said, “I am one of those who encouraged her to bequeath the property in your favour. You are the best person for this responsibility. Your life is an example of being a Trustee. You are a trustworthy person in the eyes of elders. Better that, it is in your hands for its proper development. Please accept it without hesitation. Do not hesitate when things are offered with good heart. The lady is known to us over decades. She is truly a devotee of Krishna. When Krishna decides, why should you hesitate? Go ahead and get the formalities done. It will be for the good of the society.”

The property was accepted for inheritance in favor of The Circle of Goodwill, a charitable society founded by Saukumarya in the year 1985. Ever since 2006 varied service activities are carried out in the property premises, besides many other service activities of The Circle of Goodwill.

Sreemaan Sreebhashyam Appalacharya swamy was honored by the World Teacher Trust for the yeoman services rendered to the devotees in the Northern

coastal Andhra region. He remained an affectionate elder to Saukumarya.

“You respect elders so very completely. The acts you do are truly aligned in terms of heart, mind and body. Over ten years I have many interactions with you. In all these meetings, your aligned state deeply pleases me. At heart I have a place of respect for you. Since you are younger by age, whenever you offer salutations to my feet, I could not say no. But I tell you that I get some shivers when you do that. This is true. I will be happy to hug you than to receive your pada namaskaram (touching the feet of elders)” said Sree Appalacharya swamy in the year 2002. Saukumarya humbly replied, “Nevertheless I continue to touch your feet every time I meet you. Without that gesture, I am at great discomfort with myself. Please do not deny this privilege. Light is One. Servers of Light should always bow down wherever light is experienced, and particularly so when it is noticed in the elders.”

Later, as inevitable karma prevailed, Sree Appalacharya swamy had a fracture of the hip bone and was to be a dependent for few months. When Saukumarya met him in anxiety, Sree Swamy received him with un-diminishing warmth and said, “Please come. I am longing to see you. I believe you were not in station during the last week. Do not worry of this condition of mine. It is a pay-back time. The pain is

there. I try to bear with the strength of the Divine Presence. I don't think I will walk normally again. The Will of the Divine decides the future. It is funny, the way it happened. I wanted to visit my native village and stay in the ancestral house for a couple of days. In that house, while taking bath, I fell and broke the hip joint. It appears that I carefully planned my karma. My attachment perhaps taught me a lesson. Just like the elephant entered the waters to be caught by a crocodile, I went to be caught by my karma." Tears were rolling out from the eyes of the Swamy.

Saukumarya at once comforted him saying, "You are a Divine being, so dear to the Lord. The ways of the Lord have always been mysterious. One can never build a logic around the actions of the Divine. Many Divine beings such as Sree Aurobindo, Sree Ramana Maharshi, Sree Rama Krishna Paramahansa also experienced such bodily pain. Undoubtedly your pain is a pain, to the Divine too. He too feels the pain of his devotees. You have been stable. Only looking at me you well up these feelings, since you see in me, a deeply dear one. You are an example to many. The way you accept the pain and remain with the Divine is also an example to be followed by those who admire you. Let us continue to pray Swamy."

Sree Appalacharya Swamy regained his normal composure and said, "Just it pours out when heart

opens. You are a hearty one. We continue our journey as ever.”

On 7th June 2003, Sree Appalacharya passed away peacefully, a few months after the fracture. Saukumarya was away in Europe during that time. He was duly informed.

Be it Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj or Sree Appalacharya Swamy or Sree Sadguru Sivananda, all the three who were considerably close to Saukumarya passed away invariably when Saukumarya was away from India, a coincidence which is beyond any interpretation. Before their passing away from the body, each of them gave sufficient indications through their conversations.





SREE BHAKTRAJ MAHARAJ

Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj is a Master of Sixth Ray devotion that lived for seventy five years in and around Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India.

He was born in a brahmin family on the 7th of July, 1920 at Manasa Village of Madhya Pradesh during morning hours around 07:10 am. In his 36th year he had a vision of his Guru on 9th February 1956 and met him on 15th February 1956. Until then he was a house holder with family and children and was also a businessman holding a cloth shop. As he met his Guru there was a total change of personality resulting in a Divine life. He lived apart from his family though he continued to be responsible for their upbringing and growth. It was a mutually acceptable proposition to him and to the family. He left all his material belongings to his family, came up to Indore to fulfill the Divine purpose of his life.

Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj was fondly called by his associates and followers as Baba. He was a man of complete freewill. He did not set a routine either for

himself or for his followers. Whenever he felt like, he conducted bhajans. It could be during the day or in the night and for an uncertain duration. He did not impose any rhythm or discipline around. Whoever was around him, he used to feed them. Frequently he was holding bhandara - a group lunch with various dishes. He was also cooking himself. He never behaved like a Guru and was respected as a father figure by all. Neither money, nor any material wealth mattered to him. Many things were flowing in and out of him, to which he remained a witness. He had no possessive instinct. He did not possess any, including his followers. He lived free and ensured freedom around.

His advice to those who sought was always very apt and appropriate. His guidance was also mystical. His actions many times were not logical and were spontaneous. He was frequently getting into trance (Samadhi) and was returning according to his own terms. When he was in the house of a householder, he himself used to be part of the household in matters of fetching water or cooking food. He was clairaudient and clairvoyant. He carried ready wit and a whip too. Anything he did was acceptable to those who received either his wit or whip or advice or guidance.

To Sree Maharaj, the Lord was Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient. He lived and moved, at all times, in the Presence and therefore did not believe

in any practice such as meditation, worship, fire ritual, water ritual, etc. At the same time, he did not downplay anyone's faith. He allowed persons to relate to God as they liked. He used to say "God gave us his form and gave freedom also. I live in freedom and move in his kingdom as freely as he allows me to. He loves. I too therefore follow him. Live well, live free and let others live. Share your affection with all"

Sree Maharaj's ashram is called 'Bhaktha Vaatsalya Ashram' meaning an affectionate abode for devotees.

Saukumarya was informed of Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj by his Master in 1984 when the latter met Sree Baba near Indore. He was also informed that Sree Baba was invited to visit the WTT at Visakhapatnam.

In March 1984, when the Master departed, there was two and half years of ripples and re-adjustments in the WTT.

In January 1987, Sree Baba was invited to participate in the annual congregation of WTT. Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj readily accepted the invitation, attended the function and blessed the WTT group. During the Gurupujas, even while it was raining, when all the devotees ran for shelter, Sree Baba remained where he was sitting, demonstrating to the devotees, the need to be stable in all situations. He did not mind being drenched by rain but remained where he was offered a seat. He later conducted a bhajan in the afternoon with

his followers and inspired the gathered devotees. It was a great example to the entire gathering.

After the Gurupujas, Sree Baba visited the residence of Saukumarya to stay for three days. He was shown the resting room of Master EK, as also the floor wherein he was receiving people and conducting prayers. Sree Baba was deeply pleased of the first floor. He expressed to his followers, “Devotion to a Master and to his place of residence is exemplary here. Master truly gives the Presence as per the devotion showed. This place is blessed. The members who live in this house are also blessed. I am happy that the Master’s abode is maintained spick and span. It serves the required purpose.” He further told his disciples to learn this dimension and maintain the Ashrams in future.

Three days and three nights Baba spent blessing visitors. He also advised many and guided others according to the latter.

He said to Saukumarya, “Your Master is truly a seer. He visited me in my place. We became good friends in the very first looks. I took the pleasure of cooking for him. He wished that I visit him at Visakhapatnam. I have now fulfilled his wish. Your invitation is but a corollary to his initial wish. Having come here I could feel him and feel his joy, for, I responded to his invitation. Take care of his work.”

The second encounter with Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj was in June 1987 at Hyderabad. Saukumarya's younger brother's marriage was fixed for 7th June 1987. Sree Maharaj was invited to the marriage to bless the couple during the marriage function. Arrangements were made by Saukumarya's family at his in-laws place to comfortably place Sree Maharaj and his followers for two nights. Sree Maharaj arrived from Indore with his followers by train. He was received and was taken to the house of the in-laws. Sree Maharaj came up to the front entrance door and abruptly said, "I prefer to stay on the terrace, but not in the house. It is comfortable to me to be on the terrace with my associates." All were surprised. But there was no way other than obliging the Baba's wish.

At night while sleeping on the floor by the side of Baba's cot, Saukumarya gently enquired - "Baba, what made you prefer the terrace to the house?" Sree Baba answered with a smile - "To sleep under the stars is always preferable. See how beautiful is the sky with the stars. In the house, when I join with the followers, we will be too many. It would be irksome to the family to move around. They are already six in number with two kids. Besides it is summer and is very hot here in Hyderabad. To sleep under a cement concrete terrace is not all that comfortable. Don't you agree with me?"

Sree Baba again enquired Saukumarya “I believe in April – May you went to Europe on Master’s work. How was it?” Saukumarya explained that he renewed the work with the groups with whom he had contact along with Master EK in 1983 and that the work will proceed thereafter as planned in 1983. Sree Baba patted Saukumarya and said, “Good! The work will continue unhindered. It is difficult to deal with the occidentals. But you have the right material in you. Your educational background is the strength that helps you to meet the western minds. It is hard work. Nevertheless, all goes well for long years.”

Sree Baba spent much time in the marriage the next day, until late in the night. He profusely blessed the couple who got married. He also blessed all those who gathered around him for his blessing. He preferred breakfast, lunch and dinner at the marriage place. He called Saukumarya’s in-laws and said, “I came for the marriage. It is important for you two to be here and participate in the proceedings. If I am to eat in your house, you would be occupied with cooking arrangements. You will miss the marriage. I do not want that on my account, you miss the marriage. Enjoy the marriage feast. Do not worry that I did not eat in your place. It will happen when it is to happen.” The in-laws were surprised. They noticed that Sree Baba

noticed their feelings and answered even before their expression.

Baba slept for the second night at Hyderabad on the terrace and later left with his group to his place of residence.

The third encounter with Sree Baba happened in May 1993 when Baba visited Visakhapatnam on the invitation of an associate who met Baba in 1987. Sree Baba was placed in that associate's place, where Saukumarya was visiting with his group members and coworkers regularly. He participated in bhajans and spent time with Sree Baba. One day Sree Baba expressed to Saukumarya - "I would love to stay with you in your house. But do you know why I stay here?" Saukumarya said, "It is entirely your freewill and wish, Baba. Your choice is always my choice. You are a free person. You decide and we follow." Baba said, "That is what, I am saying. I would have preferred to stay with you in your house, but I am here. You do not know why. I know. This house holder and his relatives owe me a lot. I have come to collect my dues. I am a pucca businessman. This house holder thinks himself to be a businessman. He does not know that I am a better businessman. Between you and me there are no inter-debts. We meet for joy. Not all devotees meet me for joy. They have expectations. They make business deals

through their prayers. I too do business when others do business with me. Am I not right?”

“Who can say that you are not right?” said Saukumarya. He further said, “What is due to Him, shall have to be collected. You are His agent. He sent you to collect His dues and you do it well. You are truly playful. People pay their dues with love when you do it. Your business is understandable!”

Saukumarya invited Sree Baba to his house for a full-moon fire ritual which was scheduled at 6:00 am in the morning. He also informed Baba that the followers of the Master would also participate in the fire ritual and that they can seek the blessings of Baba as-well if Baba comes. Baba agreed but did not come at the scheduled time. He came at 10:00 am and spent time with Saukumarya and family. The host in whose house Baba was residing informed Saukumarya “Baba could not wake up and get ready to come by 6:00 am. Therefore, they were here now at 10:00 am.” Saukumarya said, “But Baba was here, the moment the fire ritual commenced. He was here throughout the ritual and blessed the gathering. If you wish you may ask him in Hindi.” The host asked Baba in Hindi and Sree Baba said, “Yes, I was here. You were all sleeping at home even at 5:30 am. I thought I would visit myself. I came here on my own and sat in the allotted chair. The fire ritual was very engaging. I was here throughout the

ritual. As required by Saukumarya I blessed his family and the group. I do not disturb the sleeping ones. I am always awake and do not fall asleep. Once in a way I sleep.” That was a wonder to the host.

Saukumarya took Sree Baba to the places of service where WTT conducts good work ever since the times of Master EK. He also took Baba to the Andhra University and also to the Vice Chancellor’s lodge, where a seminar was conducted for the westerners in January 1993.

In September 1993, Saukumarya made a pilgrimage to Baba’s place in Indore along with a group of his coworkers. Saukumarya and the group enjoyed the hospitality of Sree Baba which was very astounding. Baba is Baba. He is unparalleled in paying attention, taking care of every detail, ensuring every possible comfort and also serving very delicious food three times a day. He arranged transport for the entire group to move around in Indore and also to make pilgrimage to Omkareswar and Ujjain, the two of the twelve Jyotirlinga centers. Baba’s love and affection and Baba’s Presence was deeply felt. His fatherly care stunned the group and made deep impressions in the memory of the group.

One day Sree Baba invited Saukumarya to his bed side. He asked him to sit on his bed. He placed his right hand around the shoulders of Saukumarya and

said, “I am deeply pleased with all that you do in the name of your Master. You are a very disciplined person. The Temple in you is built. The Lord, the Master of the Universe functions and fulfills you in all dimensions. Your one-pointed focus in all that you do pleases me. I am happy that you came to be with me along with your family and a little group. Be blessed!” Saukumarya touched the feet of Baba and expressed his gratefulness. “Your blood sugar will not come in the way of your work. Do not hesitate to drink coffee with a spoon-full of sugar. It does not harm you,” saying so, Sree Baba once again patted Saukumarya. Saukumarya humbly left.

The fifth encounter was in May 1994. Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj was once again invited by some of his followers to Visakhapatnam. He was also to attend a function organized to honor the lady of Master EK on the occasion of her



completion of 60 years of life. Saukumarya was daily visiting Sree Baba to pay respects and to stay a while in the Presence.

One day when Baba was resting around 11:00 am, Saukumarya visited him. When Saukumarya was waiting at the lounge, the word came from inside that Sree Baba wanted to see him. Saukumarya was taken into the bed room where Sree Baba was resting on the bed. Looking at Saukumarya, Baba smiled and said, “I told you that I do not sleep. When people are around gossiping I pretend to take rest so that they stay away from me. The Lord does not sleep. He also does not let me sleep. He plays in one way or the other and keeps me engaged. I saw you waiting for me in the lounge and thought fit to call you in.”

“I have two issues to speak to you. First of all, I wish to tell you that I complete my 75 years of life by next July (1995 July). On completion of 75 years, I may leave the body in an year to come. If I want, my Guru can extend my life by 9 years. What would you like me to do?”

Saukumarya smiled and said, “Who am I to tell you Baba? If I were to be in your place, I tell the Guru to do whatever he likes. Our lives are in the hands of our Gurus but not in the hands of the angel of death. This is what I have learnt”.

Baba smiled and said, “You are right. I never asked any from my Guru. I only know to stay aligned. I do not care to be or not to be in the body. I just wanted to know your understanding. Will you be there for my next spiritual birthday in February 1995?” Saukumarya affirmed.

Sree Baba said, “I am to attend to the function where the lady of Master EK is felicitated on her 60th birthday. I know that you have not received any invitation. But would you accompany me to the function when I attend to the function?”

“For sure. To accompany you wherever you want is my pleasure. To attend to the function of the madam is my duty. I do not care if I have an invitation or not. Me and my lady have already decided to attend to the function and seek her blessings. To do so along with you is an added pleasure and privilege,” said Saukumarya.

In that tour Sree Baba moved around to many houses and blessed many. Saukumarya requested Baba to visit a healing centre under construction at the outskirts of Visakhapatnam. He informed Baba that the centre will be inaugurated on 1st January 1995 and that Sree Baba’s Presence is essential for the healthy functioning of the centre which is named as ‘Harmony - The Planetary Healing Centre’. Baba visited the place, appreciated the project. He agreed to attend to the inauguration which he did so by his final visit to Visakhapatnam in January 1995.

In February 1995, Saukumarya visited Baba at Indore on his spiritual birthday. It was a grand event conducted by the followers of Sree Baba. Saukumarya was asked to address the gathering. He was also escorted by Baba to the interior forest of Khandwa, to a place called Devadi, where there was a huge gathering of saints and sages that live in the forest. Baba insisted that Saukumarya should speak in Hindi to the large gathering. Though challenging for Saukumarya, he accepted and spoke in Hindi on the essence of Sreemad Bhagavata. The saints and sages were joyful. They blessed Saukumarya. They were of varied ages ranging from 80 to 220 years. They had long locks of hair up to the knees and were scantily dressed. Saukumarya had the honor of dining with them. Sree Baba informed Saukumarya that within the forest there are sages from very old times ranging up to 1500 years in age.

The encounters with Sree Bhaktraj Maharaj were highly enlightening. They were not only uplifting but also joyful. Such mystical devotees are rare to come across. Sree Baba was at all times normal, joyful and spontaneous in his speeches and actions. Sree Baba passed away on 19th November, 1995. Saukumarya was in Israel with a large group of Europeans, North and South Americans upon a spiritual tour and pilgrimage. He prayed for the peaceful onward journey of Sree Baba.



SADGURU SREE SIVANANDA MURTHY

Sadguru Sree Sivananda Murthy garu lived for 86 years. He worked in the Police office of Andhra Pradesh as a Manager. He lived the life of an austere Brahmin in the lineage of Lingayats. He was a highly learned person with fairly good command over Indian tradition and scriptures. He is considered by his followers as an embodiment of Lord Siva. It is common in India, that the followers see their God in their teacher. Sree Sivananda Murthy garu was ever performing Rudrabhishekam (Water ritual) and always wore on him many rosaries of Rudraksha. His attire was that of an orthodox Telugu Brahmin.

Behind the orthodoxy, there lived an accomplished yogi, a man of knowledge, of simplicity, of love and of brotherliness. He was a friend, guide and a philosopher to many in the society. Inner man has no inbuilt boundaries. He was one with all. Whosoever met him, found comfort. He was unassuming and ever mindful of his work as he conceived it. He lived for 86 years. In

the latter half of life, he was more into a public life of service and was a guide to many aspirants.

It was 1992. During Gurupujas at Simhachalam, organized by The World Teacher Trust under the auspice of Saukumarya, Sree Sivananda Murthy garu was felicitated and was asked to address the gathering of 3500 persons. On 13th January at 11:00 am, Saukumarya saw and met Sree Sadguru and felt deeply enchanted. When they looked to each other, the feeling was of 'No other'. It was two in one and one in two. Smiles were exchanged while Sree Sadguru was received on to the stage, to address the gathering. Sree Sadguru was brief. He was never known to be a great orator but was well known as a teacher that spreads himself through his speech. He spoke for 20 minutes praising the work of the WTT, as it promotes Universal Wisdom and human brotherhood. WTT stands for Ancient Wisdom coming from the teachers of all times. It does not distinguish or differentiate the Divine by way of religion, cult, creed and race.

After addressing the gathering, Sree Sadguru was invited for a common lunch along with the gathering, for which he agreed. The lunch was served on the floor in a traditional Indian way. Sree Sadguru sat to the right of Saukumarya. They looked to each other once again and smiled at each other. Saukumarya said, "It is all but one. I see no second as I look to you sir". Sadguru said,

“It is true. It is one in two forms”. Saukumarya said, “Just as it is with my Master, I see no veils with you too. There is such a free and joyful inter flow of energies. Thank you Guruji for having come and for having given Presence to me and to the gathering.” Sadguru smiled and said, “Much good-work is happening through you and through WTT. What else can I do? It is my bounden duty to attend upon any good-work, when invited.” After the lunch, Sree Sadguru left to his abode which is 20 kms away from the venue of the Gurupujas.

The second encounter with Sree Sadguru was on 7th November 1992, at the venue of Sree Sadguru, whom Saukumarya visited with his family on the occasion of his 47th birthday. It was an unscheduled and sudden visit that happened in spontaneity. Sree Sadguru was deeply pleased for the visit of Saukumarya. He was doubly pleased, when he came to know that it was the birthday of Saukumarya.

Saukumarya and his family squatted around Sree Sadguru who was sitting in his usual chair. Sree Sadguru was joyful and was even a bit excited for the unscheduled visit of Saukumarya. He cancelled the appointments up-till noon time and was freely talking as if he was with his own kith and kin.

Sree Sadguru said, “Your Gurupuja celebrations are still very fresh in my mind. It was a huge manifestation of serene energy. Everything was orderly and clean. The

discipline was to my liking. I have heard of you and your accomplishments in life and also your association with your Master.”

Saukumarya interrupted and said, “All is Divine grace Guruji! Today by morning 07:33 am, I completed 47 years of this life. Normally on my birthday, I escape from all associations and move away with my little family (wife and two children) to be all alone in nature or in a place of pilgrimage. This year, today morning, I got the flash to be with you in your Presence. That itself is an invaluable birthday gift. I have come to hear you.”

Sree Sadguru continued, “You are a very special person for me. You decided to come to me on your birthday. I am elated and joyful. Have lunch with me today. Until then, we will converse. For the moment, accept this sweet.”

Saukumarya’s daughter was skeptical when a sweet was offered to her father by Sadguru. Even before she uttered a word, Sadguru looked at her and said, “Your father’s sugars are no sugars. They do not trouble him. He can eat sweet now and then. He is anyway disciplined. Should we not give sweet to the birthday boy? All of you accept this sweet to start with. Later you can listen to me.” The family was surprised at Sadguru’s gesture. They silently and cheerfully accepted the sweet.

Sree Sadguru continued looking to Saukumarya, “You and your Master constitute a team. Whenever he

comes, you too will come. He brings the seeds from higher circles and spreads them. You endeavor to ensure that the seeds grow to become plants and trees. He is the initiator, and you are the executor. He is an individual. You are an organization, an institution. Without you, his work finds not orderly manifestation. You have been doing so over three incarnations. Both of you constitute an excellent team. You fulfill his visions. Not many are blessed in this manner. A man is fulfilled only through his successor. To find a successor itself, is success. In these seven years after your Master's departure, you have already established what is to be established initially. You still have many more years where the work expands to become global. Keep working as you are now doing. Spread the Ancient Wisdom and ensure its practice through simple ways which you yourself will find as work approaches."

"You have many blessings. You have blessings from the family lineage and blessing from the Hierarchy of Masters whom you invoke. This apart much good-luck is accumulated from your past lives. I too bless you, in the name of Lord Siva. Live long life and serve the humanity. When I first saw you on the Gurupujas stage, I saw in you, the Builder of the New Age. I see you as a pillar of the coming age. All this is spoken from within the God centre in me, as a blessing to you. Do not think that I am praising you. Normally I do not praise

and much less the younger ones. You are younger to me by 17 years. It is a downpour of blessing happening on you on the occasion of your 48th birthday.”

As a blessing, Sree Sadguru arranged clothing and fruits for the family, took them to the dining hall and dined along with them speaking of many contemporary social events. This encounter was very revealing. Saukumarya and his lady were perplexed. They saluted Sree Sadguru and quietly left after lunch.

The third encounter with Sree Sadguru was when Saukumarya invited Sree Sadguru and his associates for a dinner at Saukumarya’s residence. Sree Sadguru arrived at the appointed time, and blessed the gathering that was waiting for his blessings at Radhamadhavam, the residence of Saukumarya. He spoke for half an hour upon discipleship and later retired into the house of Saukumarya.

Saukumarya personally accompanied Sree Sadguru and familiarized the first floor of the house where his Master lived for seven years. The reception room, the visitors hall, the prayer hall and the bedroom and ante-room used by Master EK were shown. Sadguru was deeply touched of the Presence prevailing in the first floor. In the bedroom of the Master, where a large picture of the Master was displayed, was looked at by Sadguru for a while. His eyes went wet. He gently said, “Your Master had a long life. He had to leave abruptly

for some mysterious reasons. It was not his plan to leave. But, it had to happen. He loves you so deep and stands by you in all that you do. His blessings are with you and your family. He has even endowed his life span on you. The way you have retained the vibrations of this place deeply pleases me. Be blessed!”

“And one more thing, you have to increase the duration of the prayer that is given to you all in the name of Master CVV. Personally, you ensure longer meditative prayer. It fulfills the work and fulfills you.”

A delicious dinner was served on the terrace under the shade of the branches of a mango tree which was full of mangoes. Sree Sadguru blessed the family and left the house late at night to travel 27 kms to reach his abode.

On the occasion of his 49th birthday (according to the Lunar calendar), Saukumarya happened to be at Sadguru’s place on the 3rd of November, 1994 in the afternoon. Sree Sadguru having noticed the arrival of Saukumarya, invited him into his private chamber and said, “By chance, is today your birthday?” Saukumarya confirmed and said that normally he follows solar birthday but not the lunar calendar birthday. Sree Sadguru said, “Birthday is birthday, be it lunar or solar. You haven’t come for nothing. It is now lunar eclipse time, though not here. An eclipse is happening elsewhere on the planet and it is your lunar birthday. I wish

to hint a key of practice to you. Practice it for ninety days and inform.”

Saukumarya felt blessed. The Divine has many agencies. When the Divine intends blessing, he finds his way. The key was humbly taken in for practice. It was practiced for ninety days. In February, when Saukumarya was planning to meet Sree Sadguru and submit his experience of practice, it so happened that they were together on a flight from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam. The seats were also together with another associate of Sree Sadguru.

Sadguru smiled and said, “What a pleasure that we met in the flight. I can enjoy a hour’s feast of conversation with you. Are you planning your next western tour in May?” Saukumarya said, “I was planning to meet you Guruji to share with you the key that I practiced at your suggestion”. Sadguru smiled and said, “Oh! Did you do it for 90 continuous days? I believe you went abroad in the meanwhile on your tour for the spiritual fusion of the East and West. I thought that you might have left it at the Indian shores! I am glad that you did it. Share it now. Why should you take the trouble of again meeting me? This associate of mine is also with it (the practice).”

Saukumarya explained the impact of the practice and the ease that it gave him to stay-put at the brow-centre for long duration. Sree Sadguru was surprised, he shook hands with joy and patted on the shoulder and

said, “You are incredible. You are a task Master. You complete any work that is entrusted to you. Having been born in the month of Karthika (Scorpio), it is your special quality. What you experienced can truly be gained in 12 years. But, you are already familiar with the practice in another way. I am happy that we spent time in the flight in a fruitful manner.”

A few months later the followers of Sree Sadguru approached Saukumarya to render an article on Sree Sadguru on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Saukumarya enquired of the topic that he should deal with. They said spontaneously, “Your understanding of Sadguru.” Saukumarya kept silent. He informed the associates that he would let them know his consent, a couple of days after. But the very next day, the associates telephoned him and said that they spoke to Sree Sadguru of their proposal for Saukumarya and that Sree Sadguru suggested that Saukumarya may give an article on “Listening to the Invisible Master”. Saukumarya readily agreed to the proposal and gave out an article in November 1998 which was later published as a booklet in January, 1999 to cater to the ardent students.

When Saukumarya met Sree Sadguru to present the article in November, 1998, Sadguru smiled and said, “My associates did not know what to ask for, from you. As you know, writing a few virtues relating to my life serves no purpose. There are many who do it. Listening

to the invisible Master, only a few can do. Therefore, I sought from you, the practice relating to it. It serves a purpose. We should always look to the purpose of any action. I am glad that you readily responded. This article will inspire some readers, to get into the practice of listening to the Master within themselves. The Eswara in us is the Master whom we should listen to and follow. Be blessed!”

Once, for the annual function of the students and partners of Rao & Kumar chartered accountants, Saukumarya invited Sree Sadguru as the chief guest. Sree Sadguru visited the office of Rao & Kumar, went through every cabin and finally took seat in the chair of Saukumarya, in the latter’s cabin. He closed his eyes for a couple of minutes. He addressed the partners and staff saying – “You are all fortunate to associate with Saukumarya who is not just any other chartered accountant. It is but one of the many avenues through which he serves. I see this office as a true Aryan unit serving the needs of the society. Wealth is incidental. Service is primary. May this office serve for long years to come. The partners were touched. They offered salutations to Sree Sadguru. They requested him to pen his views on a paper. Sree Sadguru did so. Copy of his statement is as under –

“Essence of any profession is Service. Service is the way out of our indebtedness. That is the release from

our bondage to this earthly existence. That being a profession, should be the thought and action of any life.

This office has this Philosophy guiding it as I can see it clearly. Wealth is incidental. This is an ideal Indian i.e., Aryan unit.”

Leaving the office Sree Sadguru laid his hand on the shoulder of Saukumarya and said, “In every activity relating to you, there is a spiritual dimension as-well. Nothing is done without it, be it your family, your bureau, your groups all over and your projects. You manifest spirit into social, economic and domestic fields. You have this ability to anchor the Divine energies into the activities you carry out. To manifest and to lift up are but the two dimensions of one work which you are able to do.”

Sree Sadguru visited all the projects carried out by Sakumarya in and around Visakhapatnam with much intent. He visited Ramadri, an environmental project; the school Bala Bhanu Vidyalayam and a few others. He even visited the Pushkar Bhavan at Rajahmundry in 2009. He deeply appreciated the orderliness and the cleanliness relating to all these projects. He said, “To carry out acts of Goodwill and to manifest projects is but one dimension. But to ensure that they hold on to high and constant vibration even after years shows the commitment that you and your groups hold. This is essential and is the need of the hour. Be blessed!”

Between 1992 to 2013 there were many encounters with Sadguru Sree Sivananda Murthy garu. He was admiring the activities emanating from Saukumarya. There were frequent inter-invitations for functions as between them. For 21 years, Sree Sadguru attended regularly, the annual Gurupuja functions where there was a global gathering for three days. Sree Sadguru always felt Saukumarya as his younger brother. He was frequently hugging him whenever they met and was saying - "The global builder". Saukumarya was always touching the feet of the Sadguru expressing his humility and humbleness. He never claimed himself to be anything other than 'That I Am'. 'That I Am' is his main state and the rest was just an activity in the field. Sree Sadguru admired this dimension.

Once in 2013, for the birthday celebrations of Lord Krishna (September 04th, 2013) Sree Sadguru informed his associates to invite Saukumarya as the chief guest to speak upon Lord Krishna. He told his associates that Saukumarya is the best person to speak upon Lord Krishna and to invite him. Let us honor him in the name of Krishna and rejoice. Sakumarya was perplexed. Yet, he humbly accepted the assignment, went to Hyderabad and participated in the function which is 'youtubed'. Saukumarya's speech on Lord Krishna deeply pleased Sree Sadguru. He unequivocally said, "In the form of Saukumarya, Lord Krishna blessed

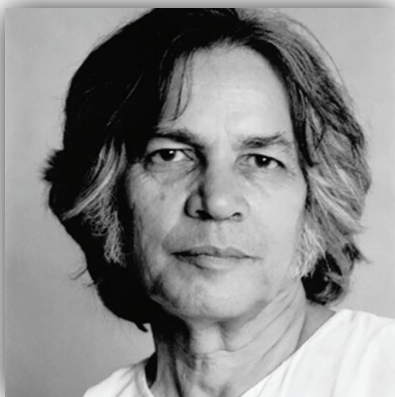
the gathering. The Presence of Lord Krishna is made to manifest. Saukumarya is a blessed Soul and is the right person to present to us, Lord Krishna. Saukumarya is known by so many groups all over the world as their Master. He is a representative of the World Teacher. He is also a Master to us. I fondly say that he is “Our Master”. I am today extremely happy for his presentation of Krishna as the Universal Consciousness. To Saukumarya, Krishna is not only the one, that visited and performed on this holy land for about 100 years. To him, Krishna is ever present and he is the Universal Consciousness. To see the lord as the form, to see him beyond the form and to see him in all that is, is the ultimate practice which Saukumarya promotes. This is the synthesis of wisdom.”

Sree Sadguru went on speaking of the talk of Saukumarya until after mid night to his close gathering. Saukumarya also felt blessed for having spoken of Krishna, as he does every year.

In 2015, in the month of April when Saukumarya met Sree Sadguru at Anandavana, to inform of his 62nd global tour for spiritual fusion of east and west. Sree Sadguru blessed and said, “By the time you return from the tour I may not be here. It is already late. I should have gone back to Warangal where I am to lay my body finally. Something or the other is holding me. But for sure, I move away from Anandavana to Gurudham near

Warangal and leave this body. All preparations are made to restore this body in tune with my family tradition. I wish you good-luck in all your endeavors.” When Saukumarya was in Europe, the news came on 11th June, 2015 that Sree Sadguru left his physical abode last night around 01:00 pm. Saukumarya observed silence for a while and paid homage to the Sadguru who, at all times, played the role of an elder brother to Saukumarya.





U G – THE MASTER

The full name of U G is Uppuluri Gopala Krishnamurti. He is popularly known as U G Krishnamurti or UG. He did not want any title as a prefix or suffix to his name which he shortened as UG. He minds not, if he is not addressed with the prefix of Sree or Mr. or Master or Guru or Sadguru. If one did so, he used to be vehemently critical. Likewise, he did not want any suffix as Swamy or Baba or Garu etc. Just UG is what he intended to be addressed as, no more and no less. He did not define himself, nor did he allow anyone to define him. He lived for almost 90 years from 1918 to 2007.

Some of his famous statements are:

- Save yourself. No one else does it for you.
- Sex for reproduction has a reason. Sex for pleasure is ignorance.
- Check, how free you are with money.
- There is nothing as a reward to Love.
- The human being is the most despicable than other beings.

- Do not fit me in any religious frame.
- You do not get what you want from me or from anyone else either.
- There is no such thing as spiritual enlightenment. It can be an accident. Build no logic around it.
- The demand for permanence is the cause of misery.
- I am not sociable, yet I am not anti-social.
- Your birth may not have been in your hands, but your death can be.
- There is no need to change anything. Do not attempt to change. Let things be. Do not disturb.
- The mind is the myth. No mind, no matter.
- Do not ever try to follow me. Follow yourself.

UG has been a globe trotter. He moved around the globe innumerable times. He was a free man, no entanglements whatsoever. His carry bag was all his property! He held no other properties than a pair of clothing besides the one on him, a shaving kit, toothpaste and a tongue cleaner.

He lived by a cup of cream or by a plate of two idlies as his daily meal. Once in a way, he drank coffee. He was agile and active and did not sleep during the day. He was self-reliant in the sense that he himself washed and ironed his clothes. He did not allow anyone to assist him in his personal routine. He did not care, if his

clothing was ironed or not but it was always clean and radiant. UG was a man that lived 89 years on his own terms and not according to others. He experimented himself, upon himself and was full of conviction of his understanding.

He was born in a family of Andhra Brahmins where religious orthodoxy prevailed. His grandfather was a theosophist. UG also was in Theosophy for some time and was even teaching ‘Secret Doctrine’ until he found his spiritual ‘accident’. Thereafter, he abandoned all philosophies and theosophies and religious practices. His final statement was “What I have found of and by myself runs counter to everything anyone has said in any field of human thought. They have misled themselves and misguided everybody. What interests me is that I live 90 years, all by my Will. That is all, there is to it.”

UG was a unique person, a person that was simple, authoritative and yet friendly. Strong in conviction, he did not allow anyone to follow him. A follower remains a follower, he cannot be original, is what one should understand from his various talks. He promises nothing and expects nothing. He was truly Original. To be spiritual is to be original, is the understanding of Saukumarya too.

On many occasions, Saukumarya had interactions with UG. The encounters were as unique as UG himself.

It was 1997. On one occasion, when Saukumarya flew to Chennai on professional work and stepped into the house of a friend who was also a relative, to stay, he found UG and a few followers of his in the drawing room. The host introduced Saukumarya to UG and UG to Saukumarya. UG was 27 years elder to Saukumarya and was in his 79th year. He stood up from his seat and offered Namaskar to Saukumarya. Saukumarya responded with equal warmth. Saukumarya was stunned to notice the agility with which UG stood up and wished Saukumarya. He was the first to greet, for he was speedier. Saukumarya excused himself, got into the house, to the arranged room, freshened himself up and came back to join UG, his associates and the host's family. Again, it was UG who stood first and showed a place to sit to Saukumarya, which was the other end of the sofa in which UG was sitting.

There was some conversation for about two hours where the associates were asking questions to UG and UG was briskly answering in his own style. Saukumarya was just a witness. He did not involve in the conversation and was in complete silence, observing what was happening. Suddenly UG declared "It is time for dinner, let us stop this." He turned to Saukumarya

and said, “Is it not the time to dine? I am hungry.” Saukumarya nodded the head. The dinner was ready and all were invited to join the dining table. UG headed the table and suggested to Saukumarya to sit on the other side where they could see face to face. The dinner was served. Conversations continued. Dinner was over. UG did not talk, so was Saukumarya. The rest were speaking as between them and with the host. The topic was the dishes that were served for dinner.

After dinner, the associates once again shifted along with UG to their earlier meeting place. Saukumarya also took to his earlier seat.

Yet another two hours, spicy questions were made to UG and UG answered with equal vigor and extra spice. The group was engaged and was absorbed. Saukumarya was as silent as before. The clock struck 11:00 hours. UG broke the conversations and said, “It is late. We should sleep.” He turned to Saukumarya and said, “Should we not sleep, sir!” Saukumarya nodded in affirmation. The group dispersed to their allotted places and Saukumarya to his room. UG was taken to the room on the roof.

When Saukumarya was preparing to sleep, his door was knocked. As he opened the door, three associates of UG appeared and said, “Sir, we wish to talk to you. We heard of you through the host of the house. UG also said before he went into his bedroom that you are

‘a remarkable person’. We want to know a little more of you”. Saukumarya gently said, “If UG said, I am a remarkable person, I am not responsible for that. I have nothing to answer. If you wish to talk to me, it can only be tomorrow. This is my time to sleep and I have work tomorrow. You too please retire.” The incumbents left. Saukumarya retired to bed.

Next day morning, at the breakfast table, UG smiled at Saukumarya and said with a smile, “I believe I dislodged you. The room in which you sleep when you come to this house is given to me and you are given some other room.” Saukumarya said, “It is but our tradition that elders are honored. What the host did was the right thing to do. There is no dislodgement in me. Till you mentioned, I did not even notice it, Sir.” The breakfast was over and Saukumarya left on his work.

As he returned for lunch the group was still there. They were all invitees of the host. Even to the host it was first time to receive UG and his associates, while Saukumarya was a monthly visitor for 10 years and was a friend and a guide to the family. At the dining table, when lunch was served, one of the associates said to Saukumarya, “UG said that you are a gentleman and that you mind your business. When shall we talk to you?” Saukumarya said smilingly, “I am being defined at every session. You are with UG. That is enough. You

don't have to know anything from me. Enjoy your stay. You have your sessions and I have my work. We keep meeting. We do not have any specific issue to talk. Let us Be! I leave tomorrow and in the evening, I will join you all.”

Again, in the evening by the time Saukumarya came, the group was in spicy conversation. Saukumarya saluted UG, went to his room, refreshed himself and joined the group. A retired Army General asked UG, “UG! Can you pass on your spiritual experience to us? The Gurus of the ancient times, I believe did so to their followers.” UG said, “I have no followers. I am not a Guru. I do not believe that anyone can pass on their experience to the other. Can you pass on your experience of sleeping with your lady? It is all nonsense. Each one makes or breaks himself. It is entirely an individual business.”

Another retired professor enquired with hesitation, “If one surrenders, I believe, one gets transmission from his Guru. The Guru passes on to the surrendered one, his energy. This is what I hear. Is the path of surrender true?” UG Said, “Yes! It is true.” “In that case I surrender myself to you. Will you please pass on your enlightenment?” said the professor. UG said, “For sure. Just go up this building to the roof and jump from there. You will get it.” The professor was stunned.

He turned pale. Such are the few examples of UG's answers to seekers whom he felt as idle ones.

UG turned to Saukumarya and said, "Hope your work for the day went well. It is true that I told my fellows that you are a remarkable person and a gentleman. Having said that I owe an answer to you. You were remarkably silent for four hours yesterday evening while there was so much of conversation. To be silent is not easy. Your silence was gently touching me all through. I also said this morning that you are remarkable because you live by your professional work. The world needs working hands not just preaching mouths. You are self-reliant and not a vampire on others. I heard that you teach and that you teach 'Secret Doctrine' also. I am glad that you do that. Till date I did not fully understand what HPB wanted to communicate. I too taught 'Secret Doctrine' for a while. There were many idle listeners, mostly retired persons older than me. They needed some pastime. I therefore stopped teaching. I felt it was futile to teach those who have neither inclination nor ability to practice what is taught." Saukumarya listened but did not reply as there was no specific question. It was a perception of UG which Saukumarya respected.

There was yet another meeting when Saukumarya was in Chennai in 1998. UG came along with some other associates. Among them there was a Bollywood

producer and a Bollywood actress. The house of the host was filled with exciting activity. There were visitors not only for UG but also for the Bollywood actress. Many young girls gathered around her and took photographs. When UG saw Saukumarya stepping into the house he was all smiles and said, “It is good you are here, when I am here. How many days will you stay?” Saukumarya said, “Two nights and a day in between. I leave the day after, in the morning.” UG questioned, “Do you see any coincidence in our successive meetings in this place? Last time when I was here, you were here too. This time when I am here, you are again here.” Saukumarya said, “My visits are monthly, sir. Your visits are annual. I am trained to see the incidents and not interpret. Interpretations are individual perceptions. It is incidental that I am here when you are here and vice versa. I do not interpret and fall into the related traps of mind. For the moment, we are together here. That is it. Anymore interpretation is dangerous and specially with you.” Saying so Saukumarya smiled. UG also smiled and said, “That is all there is to it. Interpretations are mostly misinterpretations. Interpreters miss a lot. They don’t live the moment. They get into unnecessary gossip through interpretations. I am glad that you do not interpret every damn thing. Let things be. Let us observe.”

As usual there were gossip mongers, enthusiasts, enquirers and aspirants around UG, receiving brick bats, jokes, silence and subtle answers. Suddenly he used to close the session saying “The game is over for the moment” and move away abruptly. The group used to continue their gossip. Gossip is but a mental itch in which humanity is caught unconsciously. As UG retired, Saukumarya also retired into his room, to do other things ordained for him.

The third encounter was in April 1999. Saukumarya visited Chennai with his family (wife, daughter and son). The same day, UG also landed in Chennai. The host was pleasantly perplexed. He said, “It is a beautiful coincidence. I like it.” UG said turning to Saukumarya, “Yes, it is beautiful incidence to see the lady and the children. Have you come with family for pleasure or have you come on work as well?” Saukumarya said, “It is both. There is a little work followed by family vacation for a week”. UG said, “it is nice that you include your family in your travels. Do you also bring them abroad?” Saukumarya said, “Depending upon their work and their convenience, I do bring them. They were there in Europe already twice.” UG turned to the family and asked them, “When do you plan again to come to Europe?” The lady answered, “We are accompanying Saukumarya this year in May-June, Sir. We stay for 40 days in different nations as per his

program.” Turning to Saukumarya UG said, “In that case, please come to me when you are in Switzerland. I will be too glad to receive you. I stay in Gstaad, near Speiz, Switzerland. Saukumarya nodded his head.

It was in June 1999, when Saukumarya concluded his seminars in Europe and came to Switzerland for the last part of the journey that he could schedule a visit to UG. Saukumarya was at Speiz, with his family and friends (a Swiss couple). He telephoned UG and found out the latter’s convenience to visit him the day after. Time was fixed. Saukumarya and the group left to Gstaad from Speiz by train and reached Gstaad by an hour. To the utter surprise of Saukumarya, UG was at the railway platform to receive Saukumarya and his family. The lady of Saukumarya was fully delighted looking at UG and the daughter started taking a video. Saukumarya introduced the Swiss couple. Looking at the lady of Saukumarya, UG affectionately enquired, “Hope your tour with children is comfortable in Europe. I have been staying in this corner of Switzerland and touring around. This is the place I like most.” Saukumarya observed that UG sees a dear daughter in his lady and therefore preferred to address her which he did so in Chennai even in the first meet. He enquired the lady if she can walk a little, up a hill, where he resides in a hermitage like Chalet. The lady was all enthusiastic and said that she can,

though normally she carried knee pains. All walked together in enthusiasm, through the village Gstaad up the hillock. All were seated comfortably. UG was in his best elements. He was on his own narrating all that happened to him in that village. He narrated the enlightenment that happened to him in his 49th year and how a lady took care of him for almost a year. He also said that the chalet where he now lives is hers and that it is her wish that he stays in the chalet while in Switzerland.

Saukumarya's daughter was continuously taking a video when UG was talking. Saukumarya said in Telugu that she should not do so without UG's permission. But UG intervened and said, "She started even in the railway station. She has my permission, obviously." Then Saukumarya's daughter ventured to ask UG if he could show the place where the enlightenment happened. UG got up at-once and said, "Let's go. I will show." Saukumarya was vividly experiencing the love, the intimacy and the joy that was emitting from UG ever since the meeting at railway station. A lady associate who is an island owner near North American continent was also there. She was surprised at the enthusiasm of UG and said to Saukumarya, "This man seldom speaks. I am here since a fortnight. He is very cryptic in his speech and many times admonishing. Since this morning, he is in some kind of excitement.

He told me that he is receiving a very special guest. He was making lot of fuss since 8 o'clock. While the train comes at 9:30 am, he went away all by himself an hour before. Now he wants to show the place where he received enlightenment, just because your daughter asked. I asked before for it and received a nasty answer. He is truly funny. He told me that you are a man of wisdom and that I should learn astrology from you. Are you also an astrologer?"

Saukumarya smiled and said, "If he says so, how can I say no. I know a little astrology. He must be teasing you to learn from me. Do not take it seriously." The lady said, "I should take it seriously. If not, he will haunt me. Please, give me some time." Saukumarya said, "There are two books on astrology. You may kindly read them. I will gladly answer your questions or doubts thereafter. The books are 'Esoteric Astrology' by Master Tibetan and 'Spiritual Astrology' by Master EK. In case UG asks you again, inform this to him." The lady was satisfied.

UG led all the group to a bench on the hillock from where there is an over view of the village. On the opposite side there is a beautiful mountain covered with snow. UG said like a child, "This bench was my friend for long hours every-day and for long years. It happened here." Five to ten minutes of time was spent around the place and all returned to the chalet. UG

offered lunch to the group which, it appears he cooked all by himself. He did not allow anyone to enter the kitchen and did not even allow the associates to lay the table. When he himself was laying the table and plates, the lady of Saukumarya took initiative to join him and arrange the table and even serve. It was a memorable event for the family of Saukumarya.

As the proceedings were concluding and when Saukumarya was ready to leave, UG informed that there is an excellent vegetarian restaurant in Zurich and that if possible, all should meet again the next day evening. Saukumarya said that every time they visit Zurich, they enjoy their food in that restaurant which is called 'Haus Hiltl'. UG said, "That is it. Can we meet again at Hiltl for a proper food? I normally go there." Saukumarya said, "What we have eaten here is much more chaste and tastier. Just for taste of Indian food we do not have to go over there. But if you wish so Sir, we shall gladly come. We are free tomorrow evening. The day after we are leaving to India."

As scheduled, UG was there at Hiltl Haus on time. Saukumarya and family along with the Swiss couple were there a few minutes before to receive him. The beauty was, UG had already reserved a table, even before he started his journey and as they went in, the table was already kept ready. UG has been an Andhra Brahmin and so is Saukumarya and family. The other

three are fond of Andhra vegetarian food though they were of different nationality. This is because of their association. UG ordered Andhra vegetarian dishes, one by one and then looked to the lady of Saukumarya Smt. Kumari for any further dishes. The lady typically added two more Andhra specialties. While the dinner was served at-once the dishes were found to be too many. UG said, “Well, I cannot eat all that is ordered. Can I share with you all?” All agreed and from his plate, he himself distributed, hardly leaving any in his plate. Looking at this, Smt. Kumari asked if she could share something from her plate. UG smiled and even before he said anything, she served two vadas into his plate. The lady who was his follower also wanted to share from her plate. UG refused saying, “I cannot receive from you”. The lady said, “Why is it so? Do I not deserve to share with you?” UG said, “You are different from her and in as much as what is in my plate is sufficient. If you still question, you may have to hear unpleasant things.” The lady smiled saying, “Thank you. It is typical of you. Yet we love you.”

As the dinner was progressing, the lady from the Swiss couple got up for a while and came back in 5 minutes. UG said looking at Saukumarya, “Dear Mr. Kumar, your secretary seems to be smart. But I do not like if someone is extra smart with me. I invited you all to this dinner to Hiltl. I have ordered the table. It

means I should pay the bill. If someone else does it, I feel offended.” The Swiss lady was surprised and a bit shocked. She said, “I am sorry, Sir. I refrain.” The bill was paid by UG. All moved out. UG got into his cab. Saukumarya and family returned by local train to the place of residence. Saukumarya and company were engaged in their return journey in the thought of UG. UG gives a definite and deep impact each time someone meets him. Even when he talks a bit harsh, people take it, for he does it with much precision, accuracy and hidden love.

Again in 2001, there was one more meeting, when Saukumarya visited Chennai. UG came from Yercaud, a resort in Blue Mountains where he was residing during the last two to three years along with a retired colonel. He was to go to Australia. On the way he stayed at the same residence as before. When Saukumarya stepped into the house, there was already a gathering of associates. One of them was reading the palm of UG. When UG saw Saukumarya, he stood up and went to Saukumarya, as Saukumarya was also advancing towards UG. He shook hands and said welcome. He suggested to Saukumarya to take a seat. Saukumarya humbly said that he would refresh himself and then join. UG said, “You came by flight. Should you take a shower?” Saukumarya said, “Yes UG, it is

already evening, better I join you after the shower.” UG agreed and a bit later Saukumarya joined the group.

UG smilingly said, “This fellow is trying to read my palm. He thinks he knows palmistry.” Saukumarya smiled and did not say a thing. Few minutes passed by, and the associate was reading and giving some commentary on UG’s palm. UG abruptly said, “What you say is drab. I am getting bored with your reading. Do you know that Mr. Kumar is a good palmist? He can read far better,” saying so he looked to Saukumarya and said, “I would like you to read my palm. Would you please do that?” Saukumarya said, “Yes, if you say so. But I am not a palmist.” UG extended his hand to Saukumarya and Saukumarya started giving details of the palm. He narrated certain past events relating to UG’s life. He also stated that UG is a deeply hidden man. He further said he is not what people think he is. He likes to stay hidden and plays around. Saukumarya was slowly opening up and UG tended to be silent, keen and heartfelt. When Saukumarya said that UG is ‘connected’ and he did not want it to be known. UG suddenly changed the topic. He asked Saukumarya, “Let us not get into that. I would like to ask you where am I in relation to JK?” Saukumarya smiled and said, “Why would you require comparisons? You are what you are. You are original.” UG said, “But the whole world compares us. I do not like it, but we have

somewhat same name. He is Krishnamurti and I am Gopala Krishnamurti. This Krishnamurti commonality brings comparisons. I would like to listen from you. Where do I stand in relation to him?” Saukumarya said, “Up to a point you treaded a common path. Later you found your path and proceeded farther and faster. More than this I do not wish to say.” UG said, “That is it. That is enough for me. As you said, let us leave it aside. According to your terminology, what was the ‘accident’ that I had in my 49th year? And how long do I live further?” Saukumarya answered – “The accident was an Initiation. In our terminology it is called Third Initiation. You are nearing your Fourth Initiation and for few decades you are on vacation. Once it is through, you would once again be into the fray of the world, serving it, which you may not like now. As regards your life span you seem to be entertaining an idea that in your 84th year, that is next year you pass away. But the hand reads otherwise. You may continue into your 90th year.” UG enquired – “What should I do until 90th year?” Saukumarya said, “You have a cross on your Jupiter mount. You pass away when you strongly decide. As of now, there is no such intense thought relating to Passover.” The palm reading activity was over, dinner was taken. UG retired into his room. There were no more talks after the palm reading. The flight to Australia was after midnight. In a couple of

hours UG was to move to the airport. He sent word to Saukumarya to come to his room and said, “You may have to accompany me up to the security check. Will you please come to the airport? After your talk relating to me, I am into a different state of Mind. It is not returning to be normal. Unless I am normal, I do not wish to take to the flight. Do you think I would get back to normalcy? Anyway, thank you for your touching narration relating to me.” Saukumarya agreed and accompanied UG to the airport. UG was holding the hand of Saukumarya all through the journey to airport and up to the security check. He said, “Thank you! I gained normalcy. See you soon.”

Saukumarya felt that UG has been all along alone. He lives as himself. He remains original. He went through many difficulties in life. Yet, he faced himself, all by himself and conquered himself. Such ones, when they find a co-traveler, they feel the comfort at their heart. UG was 83 years of age by that time and still remains all by himself. He travels alone, he stays alone and he relates to people according to his terms. A brave man indeed. A man of tremendous Will. He is indomitable. But, inside he is as soft as butter and as sweet as honey.

The last meeting with UG for Saukumarya was in 2005 in Palm Springs, CA. Saukumarya was on a global tour with his lady. He covered Europe and eastern side

of USA, traveled to Grand Canyon with a few associates and later joined a group life in Los Angeles. After the group life in Los Angeles, he telephoned UG who was in Palm Springs and enquired if he could come with his lady and three associates. UG readily agreed that they may come the next day itself.

As scheduled, by the evening of the next day, Saukumarya was at UG's place. After the pleasantries, UG asked Saukumaraya "Were you there in Las Vegas for about three nights?" Saukumarya said, "Yes, on the way to Grand Canyon I landed in Las Vegas and on my return from Grand Canyon for a night I was in Las Vegas." The associate of UG, a famous Indian film producer laughed aloud for a while. It was a belly laugh. Saukumarya and his team were perplexed. The associate said, "You know Sir. UG is a Guru buster. It is his pastime. He came to know by his own means that you were in Las Vegas. He made haste to come to Las Vegas. I am his teammate. We searched for you in Las Vegas. We did not find you. We quietly came back. Now we know that you were here and were not there in Las Vegas."

UG said, "Shut up! I wanted to join him and his lady to refresh myself. Do not think I am a fool. Anyway, I am glad that they are here, and we spend some time together." UG was enquiring from Saukumarya the future of the nations in the context of phenomenal

growth of the economy of China. He also enquired about the future of Europe. Together they rounded up the continents and their future upheavals up to 2020. A simple dinner was taken.

While returning the associates of Saukumarya enquired about UG's mission of 'Guru busting'. Saukumarya said, "UG is fed up with fake gurus. He is generally vehement of fake gurus and even exposes them. He is a very wise man in a different outfit. He is unlike many God-men. To be with him itself is joyful and even enlightening. We do not have to go by his pastimes."

In 2007 in the month of March, Saukumarya was at Vijayawada conducting a group life in connection with the Equinox. On 20th March, a call came about UG having taken the decision to depart in a remote place in Italy and that it was already five days that he stopped eating and drinking. He also sent away all associates and was remaining on bed awaiting his departure. Saukumarya was enquired if he could give an idea of the likely time of UG's departure. Saukumarya said he will call back in two minutes. After a small contemplation, Saukumarya said it is likely that he leaves the body after the Equinox hours. The Equinox was on 21st March at 00:07 hours. UG passed away on 22nd March. The scriptures say that great beings would like to pass away all alone. They would not like any persons around. The

scripture further says that great saints are like elephants who pass away all alone. UG did so. He was all alone and in a place which is incognito. It was in Italy, in a place called Vallecrosia. UG has been a man and a Master whose impression remains on humanity with a difference. He is distinct and unique and is loved by those who related to him. He denied every title to him. Yet he is adored as a Sadguru by all those who had an intimate interaction.





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