



# DIVINE DIRECTION

# OF TIRUMALA SRI VENKATESWARA

The Serial of Divine Acts of Lord Tirumala Sri Venkateswara in order to establish his "HARINAAMA KSHETRA" in Telangana alike another TIRUPATHI.

"Servant of Sri Venkateshwara"
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Direction: Lord Tirumala Sri Venkateswara decided to arrange his "HARINAAMA KSHETRA" near our "Garden well" in my native village Chinna Gundavelli, 7 km. away from Sidhipet. He directed me to construct at least the replica of Tirumala Temple upto two compound walls (Silver Doors). He assured me that He will stay here permanently forever in this area by himself and bless the devotees. Also He suggested to arrange Akhanda Harinam Smaran (chanting constantly) by various devotees in shift system with no break. He also informed me to get blessed by Bhagavataas (great devotees) in order to get eligibility to invite Lord from Tirumala besides rigorous practice (Sadhana).

Starting the training from April 2000, thro' my dreams, He disclosed the actual matter in April 2022. In addition to this, He ordered me to get

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by him in order to make the devotees as partners in this programme from April 2023. The publishing of present part-21 is its part only (February 2008 to May 2008).

We have been publishing these divine deeds of the Lord, in order to gain the blessings of the Lord's devotes in order to gain the required eligibility that the Lord wanted us to gain. This is the 21st instalment in the series. While I do not know how many devotees have given me their blessings after reading my publications, for sure I have learnt a lot. While it was my practice, right from the year 2000, to write down each divine deed the Lord showed me, I used to forget them after a few days and continued to behave like any other normal person would have. It was only in 2020 when the Lord asked me to go through the entire collection of His deeds, that I understood where I was going wrong. Even after reading the entire set also, I was not able to understand the intended meaning of each such experience. The publication of these however has been a different experience, helping me understand the intended meaning of each such deed. It is making me reexperience them granting me great pleasure and increasing my resolve to succeed at the objective that the Lord ordained for me. The reason for not understanding the inner meaning was that some of the deeds that were shown to me, were in a cryptic style.

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And the Lord's style was to present a deed only once, while it was my responsibility to remember it throughout my life, so I could act on it. At that time though, I had not been able to understand his deeds, because I had not been able to destroy the feeling of "I/mine" and develop the required eligibility

### **Sending me court summons**

My relationship with the Lord evolved in an interesting manner. What I first sensed was that he had chosen me to achieve some objective of his and had therefore given me the opportunity to serve him. At that time, I thought dedicating my life to perform his service was sufficient because the objective was to repay my debts to him. That he should manifest himself to me was never a part of my desire. Contrarily however, He compelled me to move in the direction of being able to witness him

Before starting to give me different tasks from 2002 onwards, he had suggested that I involve myself in my business activities only to the extent of taking care of our family needs in a minimal way, while being immersed in continuously remembering him. He also warned me that if I swayed too much towards focusing on my business interests, he would create impediments for me. I forgot this instruction of the Lord and tried to grow my business interests further. And true to his warning, the Lord ensured I failed with the result that my financial situation was nothing to speak about. Without understanding the Lord's intent my reaction was to get angry at him thinking "why is he constraining my financial position, even though I am ensuring that there are no shortcomings in my service to him?" Each time this happened the Lord considered my mental state and blessed me appropriately. Even so, he ensured that my financial status remained just so. In case any of my assets appreciated in value over time, he used to create a litigation around it and distance it from me. I could not accept this and as a result, my reaction was to work harder to grow my business

This state of affairs continued until 2008. From then on, the Lord interceded more actively to bring about a change in the direction of my life and started letting me know more explicitly that I should travel the path he intended for me, since the path I was on was not the right one. I had already taken an oath that I would follow exactly what the Lord asked me to do and that my sole objective would be to satisfy him. I had also promised that I would focus on my business interests only to the extent of taking care of my family needs in a minimal way. Since I had deviated from my promise and was doing what I wanted, the Lord got angry with meand as an impediment he had court summons sent to me. At the same time, he placated me and asked me follow the path which he showed me through his divine act (described here)

Dream on 23-02-2008: I had a strange dream in which, a person with whom I have no connections, was holding inside him tremendous anger towards me. It could have been because I had not done what he had asked me to do and had done him some injustice. He had court summons sent to me. In the dream he was standing in front of my house and shouting at me angrily and stated that he would give me a befitting reply and that I should meet him in the court. Even though I could not recollect any wrong I had committed, I involuntarily uttered, "Sorry, I made a mistake. You have no connection with this matter. Let's arrive at a compromise". This was the first part of my dream.

The second part of my dream went something like this: I and two of my friends had set off from our colony to another place to attend a function. Since someone had advised that we should stop and pay our respects at the temple of a Goddess that was in our colony, we went there. It was a small temple, about 2 feet square and 3 feet high, and was of the type usually found in agricultural fields of farmers. The image of the goddess in it, was of a dark complexion. In front of the temple there was a richly flowering jasmine creeper. The load of the flowersit bore made it bend in front of

the Goddess, as If offering its flowers in devotion. I plucked a few flowers and offered them to the Goddess and went on my way. My dream ended

What was the meaning of this dream? The first part meant that the Lord was telling me—"Follow what I say, don't ever offend me, else you will get into trouble". The second part meant that the Lord was telling me—"I have gifted you with devotion and the opportunity to serve me and have molded your nature suitably. Focus properly only on being devoted to me and stop focusing on other matters." However, at that time, I could not grasp the meaning of the dream. The Lord however, continued to bring about a change in me

Promising me a gift: The Lord's actual intent was that I should utilize the opportunities of serving him that he provided, ignore all other matters and become deserving of his blessing. Contrary to that, my attitude and behaviour used to reflect the intention "It is enough if I get an opportunity to serve you, why do I need to become deserving of your blessing"? As a result, while the Lord indicated to me several times that I should practice rigorously to become deserving of him, I went ahead focusing on my business in the hope of gaining material benefits, instead of following the Lord's advice. During such periods, the Lordhowever considered my innermost feelings and acted using the four-fold technique of persuasion, gifting, sowing doubt and punishments, to guide me back onto his intended path. In this instance he acted using the technique of gifting. He indicated to me "If you successfully destroy the feeling of "I(/mine)," I will give you a nice gift. Naturally I became eager to possess the gift. Curiosity built up in me about the nature of the gift would be and how it would be. I resolved that I should certainly secure the gift from the Lord. In whatever ways I considered appropriate, I strived for a fortnight to destroy the feeling of "I", and mentioned to the Lord that I had destroyed "I", and therefore should get the gift. The Lord however, said "No, you have not yet destroyed it". This strengthened my resolve further and

I tried even harder for a further one month to destroy the feeling of "I" in me. The ways I adopted included – not bothering about my wealth and assets, not asking for repayments from those who owed me money, keeping as far away as possible my business matters etc., Having practiced this way for a month, I went to the Lord and said to him "Lord, Venkateshwara, I have destroyed the feeling of "I" in me, so please give me the gift you promised". The Lord responded nicely, conveying the message "Son, you have not yet destroyed the feeling of "I" in you and you have not gained the requisite eligibility." You still have to build up the required eligibility to clear the interview, and that can be done only by you using your wisdom". [This example can help explain the Lord's message well: If a person wants to become an IAS officer, he will have to clear three types of tests. First, he has to obtain a bachelor's degree. With this as a qualifier, he will have to build his capability to clear the "preliminary" and "main" written tests. After clearing those he will have to gain the necessary eligibility to clear the interview. Possession of a bachelor's degree cannot be considered as necessary qualification for him to become an IAS officer]. This made me realise that my gaining the required eligibility was the objective of the Lord

**Dream of 24-Feb-2008:** The Lord showed me two incidents in this dream. While they appeared to be disconnected, they were linked to each other internally.

First incident: I had been publicising for my periodical "Sri Venkatesham". When I went to some acquaintances and gave them copies of "Sri Venkatesham" and asked them to subscribe to it, they displayed surprise. When I told them that the earlier "Namo Venkateshaya" was now being issued under this name, they were pleased. In this incident the message that the Lord gave me was "you are doing all the tasks I set for you properly, without any faults.

**Second incident:** I and my wife Surekha had visited an ancient, powerful temple of Lord Sri Venkateshwara that was associated with many

miraculous incidents. The temple was like those in Tamilnadu, comprising a series of interconnected buildings, with flights of stairs going up and down connecting one to the other. We were sitting in a waiting room, which was decorated beautifully using flowers. The priests in that room were wearing traditional dhotis and had "tirunamam" on their foreheads. They were actually priests from the Lord's temple in Tirumala. We saw that one of them was a priest we knew, named Sriman Sheshadri. As they were going inside to perform the prayer service to the Lord, they asked us to keep waiting there. After a while, another priest came to us and told us that the prayer service was over and took us to another room inside. Another priest who was there told us "wait here, let the priests complete having their viewing of the Lord first, after which you can have your viewing of the Lord" and closed the doors. The doors were like those in the olden days, thickly built and decorated in red lac. In the meantime, another priest came and opened the doors and asked to go inside for us to have our viewings. Immediately across the threshold was a veranda like place 9' square in size, and was on a raised level 6' above the floor. After we crossed it and descended it, we had to walk about 20' to reach the stairs leading to the Lord's temple. The veranda like space had steps going down on both sides of it. They appeared to be 6 or 7 in number but were very thick with a steep rise and inconvenient to descend. Going down these steps would lead us to the sanctum of the Lord's temple. Seen from above they appeared to be placed one below the other and not convenient for a normal person to use. They were like the steps typically found on a railway coach, vertically arranged, one below the other. However, because the railway coach would have a height of only a foot above the platform, it was sufficient to have two or three steps placed in such a way, and there is always a steel railing to help in ascent and descent. In contrast the depth here was about 6 feet and we had only 6 or 7 steps, without any railing to provide support. So, we could not descend. My wife declared that she would not be

able to descend. I thought about it for a while, took courage, sat down on the floor, and with the support of my wife's hand tried to gradually descend. I then told my wife also to descend gradually. She failed to descend because of her fear. The overall outcome was that we could not go to the Lord's presence. This made us resolve that we should exert ourselvesmore on the path the Lord had indicated and perform the Lord's services with greater dedication, so as to acquire the eligibility that the Lord expected.

After we woke up, we reviewed this dream and came to the following conclusion. Even though I was performing the services of the Lord properly and without any fault, I had not acquired the desired eligibility and hence, had not been able to have a viewing of the Lord. It never occurred to me to assess what my faults could have been

Unbreakable bond with the Lord: For a few days now, I had been experiencing an eagerness to see the Lord and witness more of his divine deeds. I prayed to Him multiple times, but without any result. Adding to this, a couple of astrologers who had visited my office had told me that from now on I would not be focusing on the Lord much as my horoscope indicated so. This saddened me. I was terrified that the Lord may not show himself to me and that I would be distanced from him. But then, the Lord made me have a nice experience and made me happy with the message that my bond with the Lord was not going to be broken

Dream of 27-02-2008: It was a resolution in my innermost being that if I wanted to see or access the Lord, all I had to do was to strive even more. This would ensure that my bond with the Lord remained strong.

I was delighted. My sadness was dispersed. I felt that I should take steps in the direction the Lord indicated. Prior to this unfortunately, I used to forget every divine deed of the Lord after at most a week. It became a pattern with me that I used to be absorbed in



my business affairs on one side and used to pray to the Lord to show me another of his divine deeds, without remembering what he had shown me previously. After this dream, I started working with a firm resolution to overcome the feeling of "I" and gain the gift the Lord had promised me.

### **Blessing Surekha:**

Date 28-02-2008: This day, Sriman Upendar Rao had visited our home. He was blessed with the gift that the Lord would take over his being and reveal details about us through him. We were acquainted with him since 2005. My wife had a positive impression of him.

Also, because, in the past she had a viewing of the Lord's conch and discus through him as the medium. Her attitude towards him could be considered one of devotion. This day too when he stepped into our home, the Lord took possession of him and Surekha saw the black granite face of the Lord on his face, which made her very happy. Speaking to us he told Surekha to offer prayers to Lord Subrahmanya on three Tuesdays and three Fridays, but he had no advice for me. Because of her faith in him, Surekha got ready to start her prayers from the 29 of February. Before she started her prayers the Lord showed her one of his divine deeds, immersing her an ocean of bliss.

Dream of 29-02-2008: This was a dream that Surekha had. Surekha had woken up in the early hours at around 4 a.m. and was getting ready to start her prayers after bathing. Suddenly she had a vision that she opened the northern door of our house and there was a snake with a raised hood of about 7.5 feet standing and staring at her. A portion of the snake's body was coiled in front of the door, but its head was raised at the height of the door and the snake was staring at Surekha. She was initially frightened but then she recovered and bowed to the Lord. The snake was of a dark blue shade. It kept staring at her for a long time. Eventually Surekha's dream ended. This divine deed filled her with boundless joy. She had never seen such a large snake before. She continued with her prayers from the 29th of February to the 18th of March 2008. Againon the 18th of March she had another nice dream

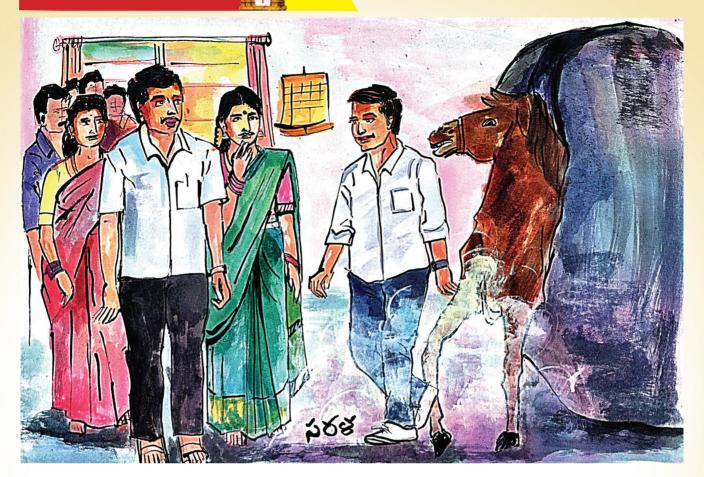
Dream of 18-3-2008: In this dream too, the Lord appeared to Surekha in the form of a hooded snake. In the dream, Surekha was sitting in our prayer room and was praying to the Lord Venkateshwara. Meanwhile a snake of dark blue shade with its body coiled and its hood raised 2 feet above the ground was bowing to the Lord. The snake was praying to the Lord in the same way as Surekha was. Seeing this made Surekha immensely happy. She felt that while She was praying to Lord Subrahmanya, he in turn was praying to the Lord Venkateshwara to obtain his blessing for Surekha.

### Sending across Lord Sri SriSri Hayagriva as my preceptor (Guru)

I however, started practicing very hard to destroy the feeling of "I" and obtain the gift that the Lord had promised me. In the past, since the time the Lord had intimated me about it, I had practiced severely for a month. Each moment of each day was spent by me focused only on this thing because of which what was a month felt like four months to me. Also, this practice made my mind traverse a different path. By now I had

become accustomed to solitude and reciting the name of the Lord. I now felt I should have a viewing of the Lord and spend at least half an hour every day with him. I requested him to grant me this wish of spending time with him, as he had granted to Vibhishana and Vidura in the past. "I do not need anything in this world, because all that is in the world is Yours. I just request you to bless me so that my mind is engaged in you and I feel that you are everything. I was extremely eager to see him and obtain the gift he promised me. Finally, I was unable to bear it any longer and said to him "Lord, I have destroyed the feeling of "I", please grant me my gift". But this time there was no response from him. This caused me a lot of anguish. My thoughts ran like "I practiced a lot. No one in this world would have destroyed the feeling of "I", more than this". Even after I reached this state the Lord did not respond." This made me doubt His intentions. I thought he would not give me any gift. He promised me a gift only to make me practice destroying my feeling of "I"". I felt hurt because the Lord had lied to me. On the evening of 22 of March 2008, I prayed even more to the Lord, while at my office. With tears flowing from my eyes, I requested him to show his kindness towards me, since I had surrendered completely to him, and believed everything was his, and had destroyed my feeling of "I." I believed that probably no other devotee had been subjected to this kind of a trial so far. I then sensed that the Lord would definitely bestow me with his grace this night. That night, the Lord sent a guru to me in my dream, to let me get a clear picture of my exact state and progress.

The preceptor explained to me fully whether I had got rid of my feeling of "I" and whether I had attained the required eligibility expected by the Lord. The preceptor who had come in my dream was Sri SriSri Hayagriva who was considered to be the preceptor of the Lord Venkateshwara. I considered this divine deed one of the most precious things in my life. Through this dream the Lord explained to me in a



clear and detailed way that I had not been successful in getting rid of my feeling of "I". After this I understood that getting rid of the feeling of "I" or "mine" was not such an easy thing and would not happen unless the Lord intended it. This divine deed was made up of two incidents

- In the first incident he showed me the new office space I would be shifting to in the year 2011. (Since 2011, I have been using it as my practice space)
- In another incident he showed me our home and the water well in our village. At that time my now deceased mother-in-law Srimati Shakuntala devi was staying with us. He showed his divine deed using her as a medium

**Dream of 23-03-2008:** I (and I think my wife was also by my side) prayed to the Lord saying "I need you, so please show me your grace. Also, Lord, could you please not come here from Tirumala for our sake?

Please come and stay by my side as my constant companion. I want to stay with you. "Since I have completed the task of destroying the feeling of "I", please come to me." I had offered this prayer in a room of size 12 feet X 16 feet, which we had converted as my office in 2011. The Lord showed this room to me in my dream. He let me know that a preceptor would be visiting us; this was not done through any inner perception, but through a person.

Then the scene shifted. I, my wife and my motherin-law were in our old home in our village Chinnagundavelli. When I got to know that the Lord was sending a preceptor to me, I became agitated with an unbearable joy. I considered it as a special favour that the Lord was showing me. Along with the eagerness to meet him at the earliest, I also wanted to welcome him with utmost respect, and taking the Lord's name, I went to meet the preceptor. My wife and my mother-



in-law followed me. Setting off from my home, I took the path leading out of the village and waited near a well there. About 10 feet from where I stood, there was an almost spherical boulder about 6 feet in diameter. I was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the preceptor and suddenly from somewhere I heard the sound of a horse neighing. Wondering where the neighing sound was coming from, I looked around but could not spot anything. Again, I heard the neighing sound at a louder volume. I then felt that the sound was coming from the boulder. When I looked, I spotted a hole in the boulder. Like a chicken emerging by breaking the eggshell gradually, a horse face was emerging from it bit by bit.

Again, the scene shifted. I found ourselves in the earlier mentioned office room of 12 feet X 16 feet. I saw the front portion of a horse i.e. its face, ears and the front legs before me. I felt this was sent to me by no less than the Lord himself and felt very happy. Suddenly the place was covered in something like a fog. In the

fog I could see a youth with a tender moustache and wearing jeans emerge from the face of the horse. He had been sent to me by the Lord to impart me knowledge, wisdom and what would be beneficial to me. I, my wife and the people who were with us all were amazed at this occurrence. At that moment it a certitude dawned on me crystal clarity that - it was all the Lord's creation, that he was the ultimate Lord, all that I possessed was his, there was nothing that lay beyond him, he had come down here for my sake, I would do anything for him, it would not be possible for me to retain the feeling of "I" or "mine", nothing was mine. I forgot myself in the indescribable, unlimited happiness I felt. Along with me, all my family members too experienced happiness. The fact that the preceptor had come to stay with us permanently, was a source of joy.

Again, the scene shifted. Now this preceptor was along with us in our old home in or village

Chinnagundavelli. Our house was built with wooden pillars. In the meanwhile, a half-day had passed i.e. the preceptor had come in the morning and now it was evening. All of us were sitting inside the house and talking. Only my mother-in-law was standing leaning against a pillar. The preceptor who had come said the following: "Sai Reddy, let's go to the market in the evening. I do not have any other clothing apart from what I am wearing now. Let's go the Sultan Bazar market and buy some clothes". I became a little angry when I heard these words, because I thought "It is just a few hours since he has arrived and he is already asking that we should go to the market and buy clothes, which means that he wants me to spend some money. How should I bear this expenditure, when I am already spending a lot of money on the Lord's services? What should I do, how should I escape this? How did this nuisance come to my home? Echoing my thoughts my mother-in-law Srimati Shakuntala devi also said "What is this Sai Reddy? This fellow has come just now and is insisting that you should go the market to buy clothes. Shouldn't he have brought clothes along with himself? Looks like he wants you to spend your money for him"? At that time she was leaning against a pillar in a slanting position, with her palm under her chin, looking at me in a surprised manner. I too was thinking the same. My dream ended

The meaning of this was that when it came to matters of money, I was behaving in a selfish manner. I hadn't really accepted that the Lord was my everything and I hadn't lost my feelings of "I' and "mine". I hadn't escaped the grasp of worldly possessions. A lot of change was still needed in me. I had not yet reached the stage that the Lord wanted me to. This was the truth without a doubt. The Lord had clearly demonstrated it to me. I decided to practice even harder. I also understood that I could lose the feeling of "mine" and "I" only with the Lord's blessing. After this I never again said in front the Lord, that I had managed to get rid of the feeling of "I" and "mine" or that I should

receive the gift he had promised me. Additionally, I also realised that the person who had come as my preceptor was the Lord of knowledge, Sri SriSri Hayagriva. It became clear to me that only if we are unaffected on losing what we consider "ours," can we consider ourselves freed from the feeling of "I" or "mine"

### Goddess Mahalakshmi's blessings

After this dream, I believed I would not be able to get rid of the feeling of "mine", however much I tried, and I did not go in that direction again. I came back to my initial line of thinking "I will only immerse myself in the service of the Lord and I do not want to aspire for any special eligibility".

In another divine deed of his spread over two interlinked dreams he showed this to me in a very clear way.

Dream of 30-03-2008: In today's dreamI along with my wife and family visited a temple of Sri Venkateswara to have a viewing of the Lord. It was the custom of that place that every devotee who visited the temple had to take a bath before going in to have a viewing of the Lord. In the same fashion, I too had a bath and changed my dress. However, I had taken a bath wearing my lungi. While changing my dress I realized that only the front portion of the lungi had become wet, the rear portion had not. Even after noticing this, I thought "how does it matter if I don't take a bath properly?" and went ahead with a change of my dress for a viewing of the Lord. Then my dream ended. The meaning of this was that in my innermost being I was vacillating and was unable to proceed towards the goal, or in other words I was not bringing about any change in myself for doing the right thing.

The second dream on the same day was that I had gone to one of the temples for a viewing of Lord Venkateshwara. There was a huge open place in front of the temple. On both sides of the path leading to the temple, there were rows of vendors selling flowers and other stuff used in prayers. I went along the path looking

at both sides. On my right side there was a lady with dark complexion and an oval face, probably 45 to 50 years of age, dressed in a yellow saree and a white blouse. She had probably bathed a little while ago, because her hair was left open, and knotted loosely at the end. She stared at me unblinkingly and I too for some reason was compelled to look at her. I went to buy prayer related material from her and spoke to her. She stood out as a special attraction among all the vendors, like the moon among the stars. She had a large red bindi on her forehead and had a few pimples on her face. She exuded maternal affection towards me. This was the content of the dream. The meaning of this was that due to the blessings of Goddess Sri Maha Lakshmi, I would become ready to surrender to the Lord. I understood that even though I was making mistakes the goddess was behind me helping me walk the right path.

#### Surekha's dream

On the same day my wife Surekha had a dream. The dream was about a matter that was connected to both of us. The dream was like this. In the year 2005, with the blessings of the Lord, we had built a nice house for ourselves in the Habshiguda area of Hyderabad. I myself was an engineer. Because I had several years of experience, I overruled the suggestions of our architects and created the house plan on my own and built the house. After some time had passed, I stopped liking the plan. At that point the Lord told me to build an L shaped hall. To build an L shaped hall, we got ready to demolish the existing structure. As a part of that we decided to remove the existing prayer room and build it in a separate place. The demolition work was about to start in a few days. It was in this context that Surekha had her dream

Dream of 30-03-2008: In this dream, I had brought with me some workmen and was trying to break some of the walls for the proposed renovation. But this was not to the liking of Surekha. She said no to one thing first and then to another and finally insisted that the prayer room was not to be touched at all. She had a fight with me and the workmen and said "If you intend

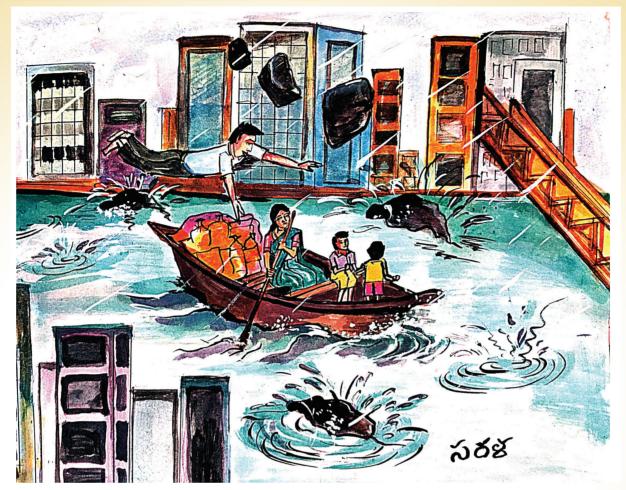
to do anything to the prayer room, it will have to be over my dead body". That was all the dream was.

I did not grasp the meaning of the dream. I thought that since Surekha was someone who was content with whatever we had, and was devoted to the Lord, she had this dream. I would also like to reveal a deeper insight here. Despite my being an engineer and a builder with a lot of experience, I ended up making mistakes in the construction of my own house. The Lord himself stepped in with his advice on the rectification that needed to be done. It was a good thing but then why did this thought not occur before we built the house? Why did I ignore the suggestions of my architect? It meant that the Lord's objective was to play on my weak points and allow me to go ahead and exhaust my resources, to bring me to a low economic status. To ensure this he made me renovate my house twice – once on the ground floor and again on the upper floor

#### Showing me the way of serving the Lord

It is not an easy task to serve the Lord. The great poet saint Annamacharya who had attained salvation, had once stated that "It is easier to find a three-legged hare, than to serve the Lord successfully." While seemingly easy, it is extremely tough in reality. When the Lord Tirumala Venkateshwara had blessed us with the opportunity to serve him, he had asked us to serve him without committing any mistakes. We understood this as needing to satisfy the Lord and every devotee when performing our service. We have been carrying out the service of the Lord without expecting any financial support from anyone. We have been doing these services i.e. submitting 70 million written recitations of the Lord every year, taking the "Namo Venkateshaya" chariot on a tour from Hyderabad to Tirupati, and publishing the "Sri Venkatesham" journal on a monthly basis, with great fondness.

In reality we had completely dedicated ourselves to the Lord with the performance of his services as our sole objective. But then we were ordinary people, not



any super people. Therefore, we also were subject to the effect of evil forces and the Lord's own power of illusion that tried to impede us from performing the Lord's services. After we started these services to the Lord, there was an enormous change in our lives. Disinterest in social gatherings, eating a vegetarian diet and a life of solitude became preferable to us due to which we faced multiple instances of people mocking us. And some others insulted us by saying "maybe Sri Venkateshwara granted them millions in wealth and therefore they are performing these services." We faced a lot of difficulties in satisfying other devotees. Apart from this we also felt the effects of the power of illusion of the Lord, that created a dislike for the Lord's services in us, pushing us away from the Lord. This power excites any of the six enemy qualities (Desire, anger, greed, infatuation, arrogance and jealousy) in us and diverts us from devotion to the Lord. Withstanding the

impact of this power is an extremely difficult task. Added to which performing services to the Lord Venkateshwara in a way that pleases him is a difficulty of a higher order. That we were staying steady in the performance of his services, despite facing so many difficulties, was a point that the Lord showed to us through a divine deed of his

Dream of 11-05-2008: We were nearing the time of submitting the written recitations. We had filled 30 to 40 sacks with the recitations and were on our way to Tirupati. In the dream, the only way available to take these recitations from Hyderabad to Tirupati was using a waterway, which could have been a big river or the backwater channel from the sea. On both sides of the waterway there were several multi story towers e.g., like in New York or Chicago. With all the sacks on a boat, my wife Surekha along with our children, started off for Tirupati. There was no one else to help us. Surekha had to take the boat to Tirupati by herself. I

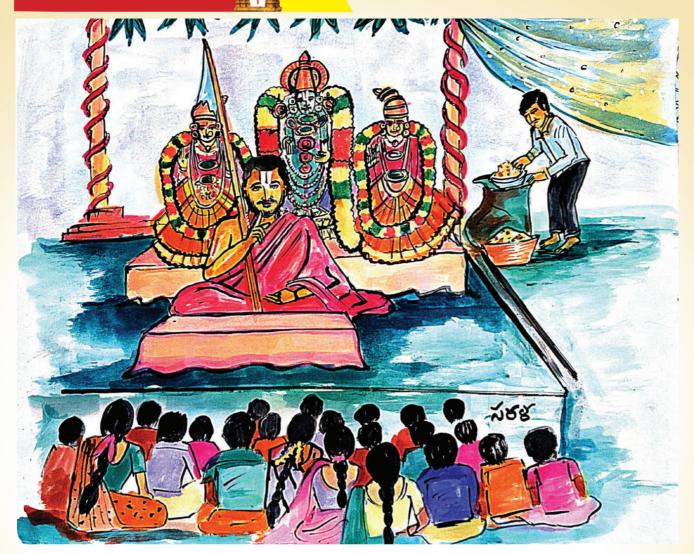
had already told Surekha how to operate the boat, how to solve any problems she was likely to face. At the same time, it was raining very heavily. With great difficulty, my wife was rowing the boat in the direction of Tirupati, all the while trying to prevent the sacks from getting wet. It was clear that she was facing a lot of difficulty. The pouring rain was accompanied by raging winds. I was however, traveling through the air (probably by the Lord's power), accompanying them, to protect Surekha and my children. From above the modern looking buildings on either side of the water way huge boulders started falling, targeting me and my family. Flying in the sky, I was using the buildings as a shelter to avoid the boulders and was guiding Surekha on how to avoid the boulders. We were proceeding this way to Tirupati. Three to four invisible demons were throwing heavy rocks weighing several tons on us. The rocks were falling in the water and creating loud splashes spraying water on all sides.

The rocks were so big that, even if one rock were to hit our boat, it would be smashed and we would certainly be dead. Probably because of the Lord's power, I was flying, avoiding the rocks, and guiding Surekha appropriately. In a way I was protecting myself, Surekha and the written recitations. The buildings on the sides of the waterway were aiding us avoid the rocks. The journey was proceeding thus with great difficulty. Meanwhile we reached a bridge. The demons showered rocks at us to prevent us from crossing the bridge. However, with great difficulty Surekha managed to cross the bridge. I too crossed the bridge and reached her. The rain stopped. I asked Surekha whether she was fine. She said she was fine. I and Surekha along with sacks of written recitations were on the boat in the middle of the water. The dream ended. Through this dream the Lord showed to me how the Lord's power of illusion was creating obstacles to our service of the Lord, and how we were still persisting with going ahead with our services to him without fail.

## Letting me know that he had granted blessings that would keep me indebted to him for 14 lives

The Lord Sri Venkateshwara had given me several gifts in my life that could be considered precious gems in their own right. I consider some of the gifts even more precious than gems. What he gifted me would keep me indebted to him even after I submittedmy entire life to him. On the first "Ekadasi" (the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the fortnight) of 2002, I had committed to the Lord that I would submit my life to him and would continue to serve Him so that I could repay my debt to Him. After that I kept allotting one lifetime of mine for every such blessing received from Him.

My impression was that He had given five or six such blessings thus far, that would allow me to submit my life and remain indebted to him, I felt. That's why, I used to ask him repeatedly, not to give me salvation but grant me life as a human again so I could work on repaying my debt to Him. But today he revealed the actual detail. It seems he had given me similar blessings 14 times so far. It had to be true because the Lord himself had revealed it to me. Whether I recorded them or not, remembered them or not, whatever it may be, his gifts that would keep me indebted to him for my lifetime totalled 14 in number. It meant that unless I took birth 14 times as a human and submitted each life time to the Lord in his service, I would not be able to repay my debt to him. It meant I would be indebted to the Lord for several lifetimes together. This was how I made a note of the divine deed he showed me that day. For a few days after I received such a blessing from him, my mind would be fully set on him, I would not have any other desires, I could not think about anything else: I would be immersed in reciting his name as if it were my prescribed duty and my destiny. I would come back to this world after these few days passed. My mind would be unsettled with thoughts wandering all over the place. Then I would again beseech him and plead to Him with eagerness, that I wanted to see Him or his divine deeds. I would pray thus to get a glimpse



of his divine deeds. Fortunately, the Lord too obliged me by showing me so many of his divine deeds. The one he showed me today was one of those. I wrote them down so that I could remember them and work hard to be able to follow them

Dream of 30-05-2008: Today was a Friday. I had this dream after 4 in the morning. The celebrations of Lord Venkateshwara were on since 10 days in a spacious and modern community hall. Today was to be the last day. At one end of the hall, there was a stage about a foot high and 12' X 15' in size, along with a room. Any prayer service conducted on this stage would be clearly visible to all devotees seated in the hall. The hall was filled with devotees who were seated. On the stage there were a few priests of the Sri Vaishnava

traditionwho were performing prayer services to the Lord. Every monk was wearing the traditional mark on their forehead. An important Jeeyar Swami was sitting in the centre of the stage and had a three-bamboo stave in his hand and was expounding on the sacred texts. Everyday I used to sit on his right. I was one of the organizers and was wearing prayer clothes. Today was the last day of the ten-day ceremonial services to the Lord, that had started last week. Every day devotees used to bring material like rice, turmeric, dates etc., for the prayer services of the Lord. These were filled in a cloth satchel and kept in a corner. The satchel was filled up to three fourths with rice. It was the last day. Contrary to my usual practice, I was not sitting on the right of the jeeyar swamy.

The idols of Lord Venkateshwara and his wife Goddess Alimelu Manga were on the stage, decorated beautifully. The jeeyar swamy was seated in front of them and expounding. All of a sudden, I suddenly had to do some work and I needed some rice urgently. Without any other option, I took some rice from the material that the devotes had brought, which meant I had taken rice from the Lord's rice or in other words I had borrowed from the Lord's property. I scooped rice multiple times into a large hollow tray. When I recounted how many times I had scooped rice, it was exactly 14 times. This was the Lord's rice which I was taking as a loan from him, with the firm intention of returning it to him later. The rice was mixed with some turmeric with a date and betel nut here and there. The dream ended

The meaning of this was I was indebted to the Lord for 14 lives. I had to repay the loan. I was living my life only with the thought that I had taken a loan from the Lord. Whatever I was doing for him, was only for repaying the loan. There was nothing I was offering him that was mine. I mentally offered millions and millions of obeisances, for having given me this message in such a clear and satisfying way. It was beyond me to describe in words my life that was the recipient of so many blessings. Another thought I had was that what

the Lord meant to convey was that in addition to the blessings he had given me so far, he would be giving me additional blessings that would result in me being indebted to him for 14 lifetimes. Overall, I understood that this life of mine was superior to all my previous lives.

An overview of my current state: The Lord made me strive for obtaining the gift he had promised me. He told me that my relationship with him would never be severed. He sent me Sri SriSri Hayagriva as my preceptor. He told me that I was exerting and taking a lot of trouble for performing services to the Lord. He told me that 14 times he had given me his blessings of a calibre that would keep me indebted to him for my entire lifetime. He had blessed Surekha too.

Blessings we seek from devotees: As ordered by the Lord Tirumala Venkateshwara, with the only intent of gaining your benediction and to make you all a part of the Lord's mission, even if it is just for you to receive his blessings, we are publishing all these divine deeds of the Lord. Hence, we request every devotee who has read these divine deeds, without any regard to age or gender, to remind yourself of the Lord and bless that we succeed in our mission at the earliest.

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