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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 the divine feelings published which were

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blessed by him in order to make the devotees as partners in this programme from April 2023. The publishing of present part-26 is its part only (November 2012 to August 2013).

During this period, he was quite harsh towards me in insisting that I should completely renounce my business activities. On the other hand, he also told me that if I established the "Harinama Kshetra," I would gain merit equivalent to that gained by services to the Lord over several lifetimes. In a way what he conveyed was that he would grant me the opportunity to serve Him to my heart's content. In return, He asked me to follow his instructions unwaveringly

The Lord had stopped showing me His Divine Acts, as He used to earlier. He was now showing me His Divine Acts once a month or once in two months. This was becoming unbearable to me. I prayed to Him saying, "I do not ask anything else of you; please show me a Divine Act of yours once every week or ten days. I will be very happy with that." Maybe because of this, since last week he started showing me his Divine Acts once every week to ten days.

### Letting me know that I would be managing a temple

**Dream of 05-11-2012:** In this dream, I had been to a very old temple complex. In that complex, on both sides of the main temple, there were three to four

subsidiary temples. Each subsidiary temple was 10' X 10' in size and of a single-story construction, built of granite. The complex was decorated attractively with a variety of flowers. Apparently, I was the manager for this temple complex and was in the process of conducting celebrations similar to those of "Brahmotsavams," in honour of the principal deity Lord Shiva. There were other deities installed in the subsidiary temples, but I was unable to see them. My dream ended here.

The meaning of this dream was that in the future, I would be the manager of a temple complex and would be performing the services of the Lord with extreme devotion and attention and would have a longing to hold celebrations in His honor. The temple complex at Tirumala has similar subsidiary temples in the portion up to the silver courtyard.

### Letting me know my hidden thoughts: Having darshan at 6:20 in the morning

The Lord Sri Venkateshwara showed me special kind of His Divine Act. In that, I had a darshan of the Lord at 6:20 in the morning. Though this was a special kind of dream, it laid bare what was hidden in the heart of my hearts. I had been on the path of devotion to the Lord since 2002, and even though I was continuously publishing the monthly journal "SriVenkatesham", I was not well cognizant of what was right and what was wrong. It was my strong belief that if I continuously kept having a darshan of the Lord and kept reciting His name, it would enable me to achieve whatever I wanted. On 13-11-2012, which happened to be the festival day of Deepavali, I prayed to the Lord devotedly and asked Him to give me His darshan. On 14-11-2012 I had the following dream at 6:20 a.m.

**Dream of 14-11-2012:** In the dream, I had been to the temple of Lord SriVenkateshwara in some village, to have a darshan. It was quite an old temple, not very striking, but quite spacious. It was a special kind of a temple. It was not the custom there to keep it open for

devotees in the morning and evening. The temple would be opened only during auspicious time. Atall other times it would remain closed. During the times it was closed, devotees used to have a darshan of the Lord through a 6" X 6" slot in the doors of the temple. During that time there would be no prayers performed or lamps lit. There would be no temple priest even. The details of the auspicious time window during which the temple was kept open, would be scribed on the doors by the priest. Only during the time window would devotees enter the temple and have a darshan of the Lord; only during that time window would prayers be performed and lamps lit. That day I went for the darshan of the Lord. When I went, I found the doors closed. The details of the previous auspicious time window was scribed there as 6:20 a.m. Without any option, I just had a darshan through the slot in the door and went back. The next day, I started off for the temple to have a darshan at 6:20 a.m. On the way I encountered some people holding the Bible canvassing for the Christian religion.

In my dream I could see the Bible very clearly. I told those people "Pray to the Lord Govinda; it will do you good." After I said that, I was beset by an internal worry about what response I should give if they were to ask me hare-brained questions like "How will it do good?" That was because I was accustomed to only see the Lord in my mind's eye and recite his name all through the year. I was not used to philosophical speculation or interested in any associated rituals. Even if someone were to explain them to me, I would listen and then promptly forget what was explained. That was because, whether he gave me something or not, to me the Lord was everything. With total faith in Him, I would be immersed in reciting His name; I would be oblivious to almost everything apart from Him. I believed that if one were to surrender to the Lord, there was no need to know about anything else in the world. Whatever I needed, I believed the Lord would take care of it for me. So, my mind would not go to any other things apart from Him. For this reason, I did not speculate about

the Lord's nature or indulge in philosophical speculation about Him. It turned out that those preachers did not ask me any questions. I went on my walking to the temple and stood in front of the temple. Just at that time, the priest of the temple performed prayers to the Lord and offered the Lord's lamp for me to seek His blessings.

I paid my obeisance to the Lord and sought his blessings. As soon as I did that, the priest started scribing the time until which the temple would be open. I was watching him with great curiosity. After he scribed the hour as 6, I kept looking at what he would write with the hope that he would write a number that would allow the temple to remain open for the longest period. He scribed it as 6:25. As soon as the priest finished scribing, I entered the temple and had a darshan of the Lord, offering my obeisance to Him. The Lord's idol was about 4'6" in height, made of black granite, with a solemn appearance, and holding his conch, mace etc., and very resplendent. I found His face to be the most captivating. I was lost, having his darshan. Just then, my wife came over to check why I, who was habituated to wake up at 5.30 had not yet woken up. She shook me awake. I asked her what time it was, to which she replied saying it was between 6:20 and 6:25. I continued lying down in my bed, with eyes closed in the hope I would be able to see the Lord, but that did not happen. What it meant was that I had seen the Lord at 6:20. I was able to see Him only so long as I was fated to.

What this meant was - I did not know anything apart from the Lord, did not have any interest in other things and held the firm belief that the Lord would take care of whatever was necessary for me. I felt blessed for having a darshan of the Lord.

### Letting me know that I would gain health and the Lord if I ended my business

The Lord Venkateshwara, employed different techniques like conciliation, rewards, discord and punishment, at various times, suitable to my mental state,

to ensure I always came back to the path he had prescribed for me.

In the past He had asked me to stop my business activities. But at that time, I did not grasp it clearly. Moreover since I was still desirous of running my business, I built a four storied apartment block in Sainikpuri. At the time of that project, the Lord showed us several Divine Acts, indicating that we should not stay in business. He told me several things, that I would lose money, that my health would be damaged and finally that I would get caught in an income tax related matter, until there was a root change in me. Now let us see how he targeted my health.

Today, I had two dreams, which though seemed different were pointing to the same underlying issue.

Dream of 05-12-2012: In my dream, I was thinking about some Divine Act of the Lord. Just then due to some health issue, I got myself checked by the doctor who lived next door. This was the first dream. In the second dream, I was walking along a market. At one point on that street, I saw people of the Brahmakumari sect preaching. They had put up a show themed around Lord Shiva. I went there and prayed to Lord Shiva, as I considered Him to be a second form of the Lord. I prayed to the images of Lord Shiva and Parvati. That was all the dream was. At the time of dreaming these dreams, I could not grasp the inner meaning. But when the Lord in the year 2020, asked me to read all my experiences I understood the meaning as described here

The Lord was warning us "If you adhere to the instructions of the Lord, you will be able to attain the Lord and your health will be fine. If you don't, then you will suffer." This meant that He wanted us to wind down our business fully and engage ourselves in the contemplation of the Lord. He gave a similar warning to my wife too. But the way he did it was different and in a way that changed her mind, as described here



Surekha after the money slipped from her grip

#### My business efforts would go in vain

**Dream of 14-12-2012:** In the dream, there was a four to five storied building in some location. It was in the final stages of completion and had already received a coat of paint. Apparently, this belonged to us. One day, my wife Surekha had gone to the top of the building to see how the building was overall. My second son Chi. Aravind Reddy was also with her. Windows had not yet been fixed to the building. The Aluminum windows which were to be fixed were lying there. A cool breeze was blowing through the windows. Surekha enjoyed the breeze very much and in order to enjoy it more, she went to one of the window slots, and stood there experiencing the breeze, while looking at the sights from the window. Apparently, she was carrying a white envelope full of dollar bundles in her hand. While holding the envelope, she was looking down and around from the window, enjoying the sights. As she was doing so, the envelope containing the dollars slipped and fell out of the window. Shouting in distress she looked down, when she saw a young boy going from there. She called out to him and said, "Son, by mistake my envelope slipped out of my hand and fell to the ground. Please hold it. I am coming down." The boy heard her and nodded his head indicating he would do so. Surekha went down but could not see the boy or the envelope. She was afraid and with a sorrow filled heart, searched all around for the boy and the cover. Despite searching for hours, she could not locate the boy. Finally, she returned home with a pained heart. She said she had never experienced so much sorrow. This was the dream. She told me she suffered terribly.

We did not understand the meaning of the dream at that time. We thought this might be a signal from the Lord, not to avoid conducting the "Bhaja Govindam" ceremony, on the upcoming Vaikuntha Ekadashi. But the real inner meaning of the dream was "Even if you build a four to five storied building and earn a decent profit, you will not be able to realize that profit or your business objective." This meant that the Lord was instructing me and my wife to get rid of the business and engage ourselves in the Lord's services.

In fact, he wanted me to stop the business because it would create interruptions in my services to the Lord. But we did not understand it. I kept wondering what the connection between the business and the Lord's services was. I felt that the Lord was giving us meaningless instructions. Since there was no change in our intent of running our business, our next decision was to involve ourselves in some small business activity to keep ourselves occupied

### Godadevi telling me that I could attain Govinda through the "Bhaja Govindam" ceremony

We had made it a custom to conduct the "Bhaja Govindam" program, on every first Ekadashi and on every Vaikuntha Ekadashi each year. In line with this I had firmly resolved that I would conduct the Bhaja Govindam ceremony on the coming Vaikuntha Ekadashi, i.e. 23-12-2012. A few months ago, I had thought differently that this time, I would avoid conducting the "Bhaja Govindam" ceremony and it would likely save us money. Dr. Ramanachari also said that we could drop it. But due to the effects of the Divine Acts shown to me by the Lord, I was filled with a new enthusiasm. My wife too supported me fully and encouraged me to conduct it. As a result, I came to the decision that we would go ahead and somehow conduct the ceremony without allowing any deficiency in the program. I told Dr. Ramanachari and Dr. Ramaprabha and team, that we would be conducting the "Bhaja Govindam" ceremony. I got busy with the preparations.

The Lord who observed my eagerness, conveyed the benefits of conducting the "Bhaja Govindam" program, through a nice Divine Act

A note: The Lord had told me in the past that if I performed His services capably at each opportunity he provided i.e. submission of the written recitations, the rathayatra, the monthly journal "SriVenkatesham," I would be able to attain Govinda, But I did not know what the benefit associated with the "Bhaja Govindam" program would be. Dr. Ramanachari, when he was the EO of TTD, had asked me to conduct it. Hence I had taken it up as an order from the Lord and had been conducting it, but had never known what benefit it would confer. But in today's Divine Act, the Lord conveyed to me that I would be able to attain Govinda, by conducting this program also. He conveyed this to me through the persona of Sri Goda Devi herself. The details of the Divine Acta re as described here

Dream date 16-12-2012: In my dream, I was conducting the "Bhaja Govindam" ceremony of the Lord in a function hall, that was on the first floor of a building. There was a huge open balcony in front of the function hall. A large number of devotees were participating in the ceremony. People were chanting, singing and others were listening. Sriman Kamishetty Srinivasulu, who had been the director of the Annamayya project of TTD was also in attendance. In the open balcony, devotees were adding the final touches to their devotional chants. Just then, a young unmarried girl aged about 20 years, appeared on the first floor of the neighboring building. She was dressed in a yellow sari and a green blouse and had a Tirunamam on her forehead. Looking at the beautiful girl, with chubby cheeks made me feel that I was looking at Goddess Aandaal. She stood in the balcony of her building and observed us and our excitement carefully. I could see her very clearly since the open balcony of the function hall and their balcony were very close to each other. There was no difference at all between her and the picture of Aandaal we see in pictures. Just then, seeing



Goda Devi who said that Bhaja Govindam was being conducted to attain the Lord

our devotional chants, she sang out a pashuram (a Tamil devotional song in the Alwar saints tradition), I do not remember the pashuram, but the meaning was "they are doing all this to make sure they attain Govinda." Sriman Kamishetty Srinivasulu who heard it and was entranced. He asked me who she was. I told him only in the reference frame of the dream "She is well known to me and her name is Aandaal. After that we moved into the hall to initiate the devotional chanting. Someone in the hall whom I knew well (in the dream), unexpectedly sang beautifully in praise of the Lord. All of us were very happy. My dream ended here

The inference for me from the dream was that the Lord had communicated to us through Goda Devi (Aandaal) that if we conducted the "Bhaja Govindam" ceremony with enthusiasm, we would be able to attain the Lord. To state it from another perspective, it meant that "every opportunity for service that the Lord provided to us was intended only for us to attain Him"

### Moving ahead with courage

By telling us "Don't do this thing, don't do that thing," and making us drop many worldly activities, the Lord Sri Venkateshwara put us on a tough training path to help us attain the required eligibility. As far as I was concerned, he was my teacher, my God, my Lord and my everything. As a result I was terrified and became perplexed as to what I should be doing and how I should manage my living. At this time, I remembered a point from my innermost heart, which the Lord had said in the past – "You keep going ahead on the path, if there are any mistakes, I will be behind you and rectify those." I inferred the meaning of this as – "If I happen to deviate from the right path, the Lord would provide me with necessary directions." Happy with this thought in my mind, I took courage and kept moving ahead.

#### **Bhaja Govindam**

Date 23-12-2012: Today it was Vaikuntha Ekadashi. We had arranged for the Bhaja Govindam program at the TTD hall in Himayath Nagar. We enthusiastically made the best possible arrangements without stinting on money. Starting from 4 p.m., and taking turns several chanting groups chanted the praises of the Lord. We started the Bhaja Govindam program from 6:45 p.m. The group led by Dr. Ramaprabha sang "Bhaja Govindam" beautifully. Sriman Ramanachari and several other devotees participated in the program. After the program we handed mementoes to the chanting groups. After distributing the 'prasadam''\* at 9:00 p.m. we had a darshan of the Lord and returned home. We felt very happy

(\* "prasadam" – eatables presented to God and then distributed to devotees)

### **Blessing me with service opportunities across** multiple lives

Tirumala Sri Venkateshwara is none other than Lord Narayana. He is my Lord. Even though I had been performing His services throughout, I never desired for "mukti" (i.e. liberation from the cycles of birth and death). Because my joy lay in serving Him, I only desired for more opportunities to serve Him. On His part the Lord too blessed me by showing me multiple Divine Acts of His. While some of those acts stood out like pearls and made me blessed, and some entranced me, I made a resolution that I would dedicate my life to the service of the Lord, so that I could repay my debt to the Lord for having me blessed with so many Divine Acts of His.

Even though it was my habit to write down the details of each Divine Act of the Lord, I used to forget about them in a week to ten days. This made me conclude that at the most I may have the opportunity to

serve the Lord across five or six lifetimes. But around 2008. He indicated to me that I would have 14 opportunities, in which my entire lifetime would be spent in the service of the Lord. This meant that I could repay the Lord for his blessings only if I spent 14 lifetimes in His service. This point too, I forgot until the year 2013. Hence, I started praying to the Lord intensely since the past few days. I prayed to Him saying that I wasn't yet satisfied with my services to Him so far and hence He should give me opportunities to serve Him until I achieved satisfaction. I also asked Him piteously to bless me in such a way that in every birth of mine, my mind would be focused on his lotus feet and that in each birth I should have the same opportunity to serve Him as I had in this life. This Divine Act I got to witness was probably a result of my prayer to the Lord. This was indeed a magnificent blessing, which sent me into raptures. I did not know how to thank the Lord. He conveyed to me through this Divine Act that he would bless me in the same way He had blessed Markandeya, (who was supposed to have a truncated life span) and gave him a full life span. I did not understand the purport of the Divine Act when he showed it to me. Only when I reread the entirety of my experiences in the year 2000, I understood the meaning of it. The Divine Act was as detailed here

In my native village "Chinnagundavelli," there is a well named "Orchard Well." It was rectangular in shape with a dimension of 20' X 70' and 100' deep. I had gone down into the well several times, including for removing the silt. I was well acquainted with all the nooks and crannies of the well. In the Divine Act He showed me, the Lord used this well

Dream dated 18-01-2013: In this dream, I saw the "garden well" in our village. I was on the perimeter of the well. When I peeped into the well, I assessed it to be half full. Some desire in me, which I did not understand prompted me to get into the well and start swimming. As I was doing so, I saw a cave like opening in one of the edges of the well. I was surprised to see it, since I had never seen it before. I peered into the cave in excitement. I saw a small ancient temple nestled inside. The temple had no doors and was open. There was an idol of Lord Shiva sitting in a meditative pose. The water in the well at the level of the cave was just sufficient to cover the feet of the Lord Shiva a person. A little in front of Lord Shiva there was a Shiva Lingam. A small boy was embracing it tightly. Seeing it made me recall images of Markandeya hugging the Shiva Lingam to his heart. I felt that Lord Shiva and the small boy were animated. But as I stared it for some more time, it appeared to me that they were idols, which seemed to have been painted using different colors sometime in the past. The small boy was hugging the Shiva Lingam to his heart, with his head resting in an inclined fashion on it. Just then I saw another cave next to this one with the water reaching the same level in it too as in the first one. And in that cave, I saw another Shiva Lingam of a dark hue which was about one-anda-half foot high. I felt drawn to this other Shiva Lingam. I went to it, and embraced it to my heart, resting my head on it Like Markandeya was and sighed, taking the Lord's name. My dream ended here

This was a dream needing careful analysis for its meaning to be grasped. I did not grasp its meaning when I had the dream. I just considered it as the Lord blessing me once more. But after my eligibility improved some more, I was able to understand its meaning. I understood it as the Lord telling me "Just as I had revoked Markandeya's truncated life span and blessed him with a long life, I will provide you my blessings or the opportunity to serve me across your births." I felt extremely happy. And since he had used our "orchard well" for this message, I also concluded that I would receive this blessing only if I established the "Harinama Kshetram" as the Lord desired. I then interpreted it in another fashion - If I establish the Harinama Kshetram in this life, the Lord will be revered for ages because of me and will bless devotees across the ages. It is for this reason that He is giving me the opportunity to serve Him by establishing the "Hainama Kshetram."

#### The Harinama Kshetram will attract devotees

The Lord also showed me another Divine Act, which was an indication that the Harinama Kshetram would get established near our "Garden Well"

Dream date 26-01-2013: In this dream, there was a religious fair going on in a place which was extremely familiar to me, perhaps it was my grandmother's native village, where I was born and grew up. A lot of devotees were traveling to participate in the fair, and I too was traveling to participate in it. The number of devotees traveling to the fair was extremely large, making it feel as if a column of ants was relentlessly marching on towards the village where the fair was being held. I too was going to the fair, but alone. The road we were traveling on was not a cemented road or a tar road, but just plain mud. The area we were traveling through had not yet become developed. On both sides of the road, here and there were trees and hillocks. Since a lot of people were going along the road, I too was traveling in their midst. It was clearly a forested area. All of a sudden, I happened to glance to my right and saw a hill in the distance. As soon as I saw it, the Lord's conch and discus appeared on either side of the hill and the peak of the hill transformed to the face of the Lord adorned by his crown. It occurred to me then that every hill or mound is nothing but the form of my Lord Venkateshwara, and that he was present in everything. I continued my walk. My gaze then fell on the people traveling on the road. I saw Sriman LV Subrahmanyam, who was the then EO of TTD, who was attired in his usual dress of shirt, dhoti and his "kanduva" (an upper stole kind of garment), walking in the opposite direction. I inferred that he would have already attended the fair, before I did and was returning. My dream ended here.

It may have meant that my village which was not developed or did not even have a proper road would have the "Harinama Kshetram" established and would attract a lot of visitors. It could also have meant that I would be going on a journey. I don't know.

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Telling me that I was being blessed with the opportunity to serve the Lord across multiple lives, similar to how Markandeya's life was extended to its full term

### Visting the Kumbh Mela

**Date 06-02-2013:** As guided by the Lord, I along with my wife and my friends went to the Kumbh Mela that was going on in Allahabad. There we stayed in the Ashram of Sri Sri Sri Vratadhar Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar for two days. We took the ceremonial bath at the Kumbh Mela after which we visited Varanasi and then returned home.

### Asking me to stay in solitude and pardoning my mistake

Whenever my mind drifted away from the Lord and was attracted to other matters or the pleasures of life, He used to immediately signal me that it was not right and that I should not allow it to happen. This incident is an example

Since we were green card holders, we decided to visit the US for a fortnight from 20-03-2013 to 05-04-2013. We stayed at my nephew Sriman Mosara Madhava Reddy's place in Philadelphia. He was younger to me by two and a half years. We had studied in the university together and therefore, I knew some of his friends. It was the first time I was visiting his home. It was a new place, a luxurious environment and since his friends were inclined to always celebrate, I too started behaving like a regular person (as opposed to being a dedicated devotee). As a result, the continuous devotion to the Lord that I was engaged in was interrupted. I became attracted to worldly matters. Today's dream was a reflection of this situation

Dream of 25-03-2013: I do not remember much of the dream. The vague memories of this dream were that someone was burning on a funeral pyre and I was witnessing it. It was a dream with ill omens, pointing to something bad.

The next morning, when I reflected on this, I realized my mistake and prayed to the Lord to forgive me and overlook my mistake and to accept my services. This night I had another dream

Dream dated 26-03-2013: In this dream, I dreamed that the Lord had forgiven me and was willing to accept my services. I was extremely happy. I prayed to Him asking to bless me so that my devotion should continuously increase and I should be immersed in meditating on Him. After this, I stopped being socially active

### Showing me my mother

My mother had passed away in 2008, but in the recent days, I developed a strong desire to see her. I immediately prayed to Lord Sri Venkateshwara to show her to me. The Lord showed her to me. That details of that Divine Act are as described here

Dream dated 19-04-2013: In this dream, I saw my mother. Apparently, I was living along with my family in the house we had built for ourselves in Hyderabad. In the open space in front of our home, my mother the late Rukkamma, was standing with my elder aunt Sri Ratnamma behind her. As soon as I stepped out of the house, my mother started saying ranting at me, saying – this is like this, that is like that. Hearing this, my elder aunt had a faint smile on her face. This was all the dream was

I don't remember what my mother said in the dream but I saw my mother very clearly. She looked hale and hearty as she was 20 years before her death. I felt very happy seeing her. I expressed my gratitude to the Lord for showing me my mother

### **An introspection**

Date 01-05-2013: Though the Lord had urged me several times to gain eligibility to attain Him, I never paid attention to the matter. I always thought that my business and my services to the Lord are two completely different things. It is more than enough, if I perform my services to the Lord without any flaws. Thus, I spent managing my business on one hand and performing the Lord's services on the other hand. Traversing this path, I reached the nadir of my life. I became powerless and felt crushed. As a result, my thinking started to change. I had led my life fully immersed in my business and had forgotten that I had sought refuge in the Lord. Unable to face my current situation, I had once again sought to gain the Lord's refuge, but could not get Him to agree. Hence, I was leading an ordinary life. Since the last few months, my health was not good. I developed an unbearable burning sensation in my soles due to diabetic neuropathy. Whatever remedies I tried did not provide relief. Along with this, my other bodily problems made me turn my mind to the Lord. On the other hand, every asset I had was getting into some tangle, as if telling me -"I don't want to stay with you." I thought that buying land parcels of the wrong kind impulsively, despite my 20 years of experience was the reason for this. Those parcels of land seemed like gold to me at the time of purchase, but were creating troubles for me now. I did not know what to do. Ultimately, I lost interest in my life. I realized that my assets, my home, my body, my family members - none belonged to me. My fondness and attachment for these continued to reduce day by day. Finally, I prayed to the Lord saying "Sri Venkateshwara, whatever I possess, whether acquired on my own or inherited, I am surrendering it to you. Please accept these. Let me just be your servant. You please manage all the problems and tiffs surrounding these. Take whatever decision you wish to about these.

Whatever be your command, I will follow it. Your decision is final. I requested the Lord to use my assets for His services. I was clear that henceforth, I did not have any control over them. The only thing I requested Him was to keep me happy. A feeling grew in my heart that in the dream I had that night, the Lord felt happy about my request to him. I was immensely pleased.

### **Testing me**

After a week i.e. on 08-05-2013, I introspected as follows

In 2005, when I was embroiled in a quarrel about my plot of land in Miyapur, my mind was in a turmoil. I felt terrible that was being looted of what I had earned through my efforts. Due to this, my mind stopped being fully in my control. All my focus was on protecting my assets. By 2013, eight years had passed since this incident. During these eight years, since I was continuing with my services to the Lord, I thought my focus had shifted to the Lord. I felt that the feeling of "I" in me would have reduced to some extent at least. Once, around 2009, when I had suggested to the Lord that the feeling of "I" in me had reduced, He told me it had not. After that I made a lot of efforts to change myself. When I sat and reflected patiently, I used to think I had definitely changed. I thought I had reduced my attachment to money. And I also had a thought like this "If I encounter problems like what I had encountered in Miyapur, I will stay at peace by putting the responsibility on the Lord."The Lord who perceived this, put me into a similar problem for a few days to test me. Faced with the problem, I reacted as I had done earlier and was extremely agitated. I used to be afraid all the time. I could not stay at peace by making it the responsibility of the Lord. The desire to protect my assets at any cost drove me mad. My mind kept wandering and I behaved as though I had forgotten that I had decided to place the responsibility on the Lord and be at peace. I continued to take the Lord's name every moment, while my mind was focused on

protecting my property. Finally, I accepted my mistake and prayed to the Lord as detailed here

"Lord Venkateshwara, I see that there is no change in me. The feeling of "I" in me has not reduced. The idea that you are my protector for everything is not firmly established in my mind. My mind remains as agitated as before. I have not changed. Please forgive me." I also pleaded saying, "ultimately it is something I have purchased with my money. I have not cheated or looted anybody for it. I obtained it in an ethical manner. I fought deceit and injustice to acquire it. Hence you should certainly protect me." On matters related to my assets, there was a change in me. I felt ashamed in front of my Lord. I felt pained that the practice and devotion of so many days had not brought about any change in me. Any amount of money spent in the Lord's service did not bother me but that my assets were being grabbed unjustly was intolerable to me. I had not yet achieved the imperturbability of mind.

#### The Lord's protection for the Ratha Yatra

This year we thought we should route the ratha yatra through a new route i.e. through Chennai, even though it was a much longer route for us than usual. In this context, the Lord showed em a Divine Act

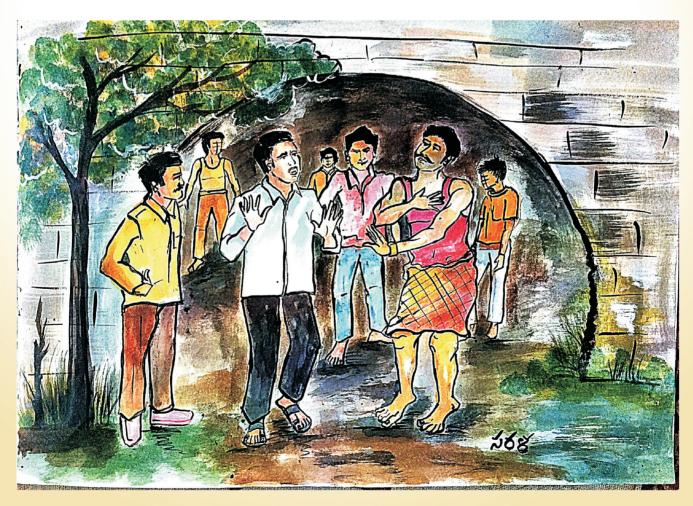
I had this dream when were performing ritual prayers to the written recitation in our home. This time we thought that after Hyderabad we should go to a new place i.e. Channai. We made all the necessary preparations. Srimati Deepa Venkat, who was Sriman Venkayya Nayudu's daughter said that she would initiate the ratha yatra in Chennai. Since I had not seen the Lord's Divine Acts in the recent times, I prayed to him asking him to show me one. What he showed me was as detailed here

Dream of 30-07-2013: In this dream, we had taken the chariot (ratha) to a new unknown place. It looked like a railway station. As we went inside, we could see vendors here and there, selling snacks and cigarettes going about their business. The chariot went inside. The path it was taking was like a rectangular tunnel. I was walking behind the chariot. I could not see the chariot. Only the idea that it was going gripped my mind strongly. It was a totally new place, and we did not know anyone there. The people there looked like Muslims, who did not care to show any courtesy to us. I noted this and felt somewhat worried and afraid. and stepped into the tunnel like path following the chariot. Even before I could set my foot down, a dark, heavily built vendor of snacks came running to me. Seeing him, six to seven people came from all directions and surrounded me. Observing this I was afraid. But the heavily built person said. "We are policemen in disguise; our boss has employed us for your protection." My dream ended here. What I inferred from this was that the Lord was not forsaking us wherever we took

the chariot and was providing us protection. I offered innumerable obeisances in my mind

### 11<sup>th</sup> round of submission of 7 crore written recitations of the Lord's name

We conducted prayers to the written recitations at our home to our heart's content. The inaugural ceremony of the ratha yatra was held on 02-08-2013. The chariot moved around different locations of Hyderabad until 18-08-2013. After which we took it to Chennai by 20-08-2013 to take it across various locations of Chennai. Actually, we wanted to cover Chennai for a period of five days, but as per the Lord's Divine Acts we moved around Chennai only for two days. After that we went across the towns of Puttur, Tiruttani, Kanchi, SriKalahasti and on 26-08-2013,



### The Lord providing protection

reached Tirupati. On 27-08-2013 we submitted the recitations at the Lord's feet and prayed to Him.

On 28-08-2013, which happened to be the festival day of Gokulashtami, after conducting a fire sacrifice the then EO of TTD Sriman MG Gopal formally completed the fire sacrifice and submitted the recitations to the Lord, and initiated the 12<sup>th</sup> round of submission of 7 crore written recitations. After that, devotees submitted varying amounts of recitations to the Lord. Subsequently we went up the Tirumala Hill and had a darshan of the Lord, and on 30-08-2013 returned to Hyderabad. While at Tirupati, we also had a darshan of the Lord at the "Padala Mandapam\*" and while submitting the recitations, as was our usual practice

(\* a dais where a replica of the Lord's feet is available for devotees to pay respects to)

### Pooling money for the Lord's services

After the 11<sup>th</sup> round of submission of 7 crore recitation, while we were returning to Hyderabad by train, I had a dream, the details of which are as described here

Dream of 30-08-2013: In this dream the chariot was going along a particular path. With the thought that devotees would contribute money, I had spread a bedsheet on the ground. But the ground was quite uneven with small pits all over. All the devotees there contributed money according to their ability. The coins gathered in piles on different parts of the bedsheet. When I went to pick up the money, I thought that it was not much but just a little. However much I picked up, there was still money lying on the bedsheet, probably because the money had fallen into the pits and was hidden from view. The money we received as donations was much more than I had hoped we would get. My dream ended here

What I inferred from the dream was - Since the last few years, we had been facing financial problems. We could manage the ratha yatra each year with great

difficulty. I assumed that with the blessing of the Lord we would resolve our financial problems. As indicated by the Lord, Srimati Deepa Venkat contributed some money to our organization

An analysis: The Lord SriVenkateshwara frightened me several times to get me back on to his path. It is natural for the thought to occur "Is it right on the part of God to frighten his devotees to make them walk his path?" For this it is essential to know why I sought the refuge of the Lord and how I sought his refuge

Before the Lord gave me the opportunity of performing His services, in a particular context, I along with whatever was mine became dedicated to the Lord. I told him "I am yours, please use me in a way that is beneficial to the world. In the past, you had willed the happening of the Ramayana and thereby provided an opportunity for people like Anjaneya and others to perform your services. In the same fashion, please create some necessity of yours and provide me an opportunity to serve you." I had also told Him that I was insignificant and a human being with a wavering mind and hence the responsibility to make me walk the right path was His. Granting my request, He created the necessity of establishing a Harinama Kshetram at Chinnagundavelli and entrusted me with the responsibility of establishing it. He informed me that If I wanted to succeed in establishing it, I had to first gain the eligibility to attain the Lord. As a part of this, He has been putting me through a strict training to ensure that my negativities were purged. Since I was an insignificant human with a wavering mind, He was using all the fourfold techniques of – persuasion, gifting, dissension and punishment to get me on to his path. Even so when He was punishing me, it was with my permission. Moreover, I was His property, so He could use me the way He wished. Maybe this part was something special to me. Maybe He was not punishing His other devotees this way. It has to be also

remembered that along with punishments, He had given me blessings that were not available even to the Gods

My current state: He told me that I would be the administrator of a temple similar to the one at Tirumala. He gave me multiple opportunities to have his darshan. He tasked me with performing His services so that I could attain Govinda (the Lord). He blessed me with the opportunity of serving Him across multiple birts. He showed my mother to me. He was always behind me protecting me **Blessings of 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 Acts of the Lord. Hence, we request every devotee who has read these Divine Acts, 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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