

Shri Shirdi Sai Baba

Guruji Shri C. B. Satpathy Message on the occasion of

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'Durga Pooja' or Dussehra is basically '*Shaktipooja*'. It is through this *Shakti* that Divinity manifests itself. It emanates from the '*Parabramha*' when activates and rests in '*Parabramha*' in a dormant state when not manifested. Thus, there is no difference, between the '*Parabramha*' and His *Shakti* or ordinarily known as '*Purusha*' and '*Prakriti*'. Adi Shankaracharya at the height of his spiritual realisation came across this truth. The '*Shakti*' takes different forms, symbolically represented by the various *Devas* and *Devis* etc. in the Hindu mythology. These *Shaktis* have utility in carrying out the cycles of God's desire i.e. creation, maintenance and destruction.

In front of these *Shaktis* human beings are very fragile. A human being will become miserable if any of these *Shaktis* would abandon him. e.g. speech, hearing, etc. The *Shakti* works both at micro and macro levels. They operate in atoms (Quantum Theory) and also in the space (Relative Theory). Goddess 'Kali' is said to be the ruler of *Kāla* i.e. 'time-dimension' and Goddess 'Tara' is said to be ruling the space-dimension. They say that Bhadra Kali (Kali in a certain mood of action) is said to be crying because she feels hungry even after swallowing a few universes. The beginning of the universes, is also the beginning of time or *Kāla*. Similarly, the form of Durga or activities of Durga indicate the force which having destroyed the destructive forces establishes supremacy of the creative forces and Durga, 10 Mahavidyas, 18 Matrukas, 84 Yoginis, etc. It is difficult but necessary to please these *Shaktis*. Many *Sadhaks* have faced great hazards. Those who make self-advertisement through various media of possessing '*tantrik*' powers are the most dangerous lot. I have seen many innocent people having their nemesis at their hands.

What is the simple path then? The devotees of Sri Shirdi Sai know that whoever surrenders to Him, He takes care. The Sadguru is the repositior of all *Shaktis*. Because He carries on the wishes of the '*Parabramha*', therefore, all *Shaktis* of the '*Parabramha*' assist Him whenever He wishes. Whenever we surrender to Him, the support of whatever *Shakti* is necessary will be provided by Him, whether it is for material benefit or spiritual upliftment. To various devotees He has shown Himself in the form of different deities and *Avatars* – Vishnu, Maruti, Krishna, Shiva, etc. On

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the day of Dussehra, He is to be worshipped as Durga. Whatever He is, for us He is our most dear, most loving and most caring Sai. He is our father, mother, friend and Guru.

Om Shri Sai

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