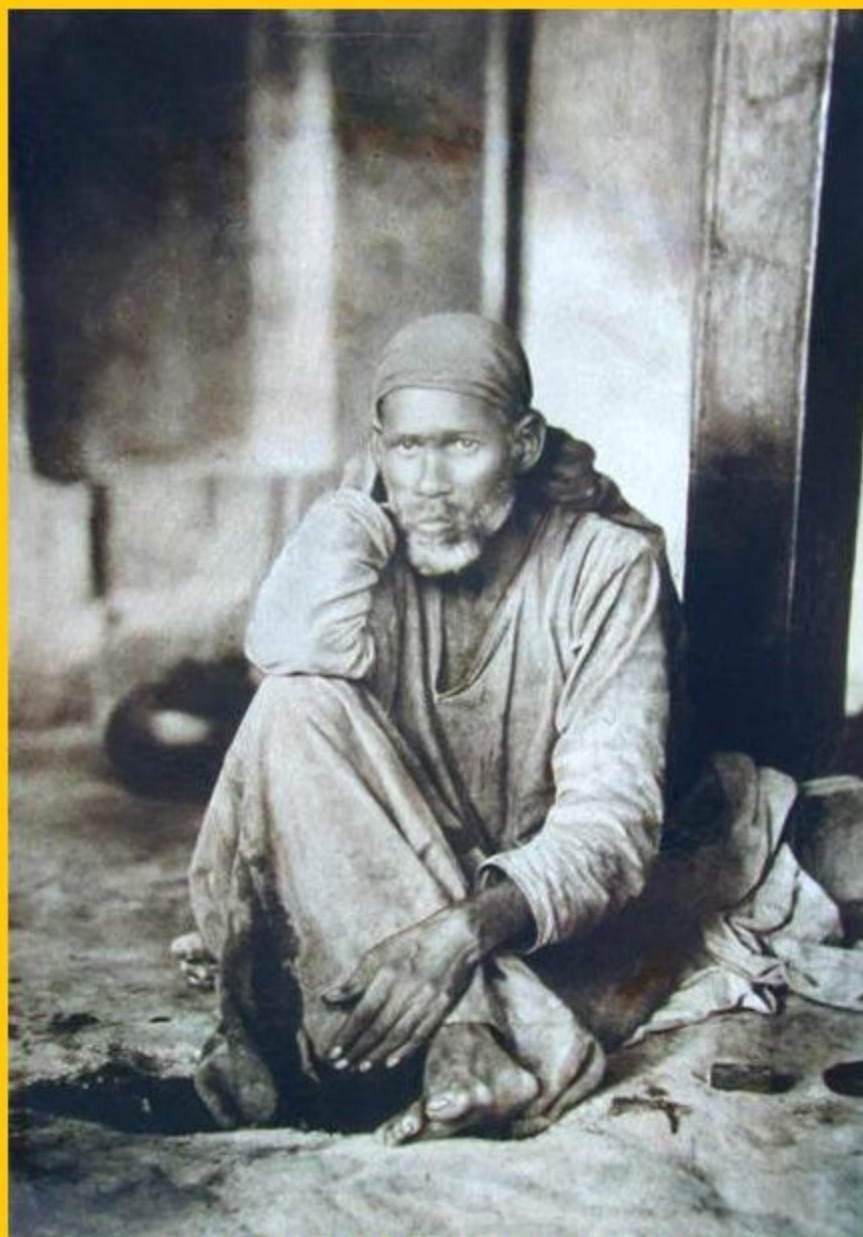


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## Editor's Desk

*In March this year, we had organized the first Sai Sandhya in Frankfurt at a devotees' home. A humble start was made. The motivation was simple - to connect with fellow devotees of Shri Sai living in Europe and other parts of the world.*

*But little did we realize that the small start will gradually evolve into a movement. In 6 months, Sai sandhyas have been organised in 7 countries (Germany, France, Finland, Sweden, Poland, Belgium and Austria) and 10 different European cities (Frankfurt, Hamburg, Helsinki, Tampere, Paris, Stockholm, Warsaw, Brussels, Vienna and Munich ). Guru Poornima was also celebrated in Finland, where many devotees came and received the blessings of Shri Sai. Dussehra will be celebrated in a huge way in Frankfurt - artists will come to sing bhajans along with classical dance performances and painting competition for children. A similar event will also be organised in Finland.*

*This raises a pertinent question, which we are often asked - how is all this happening? What's the force behind this? The answer is simple. It is the divine blessings and love of Shri Sai, which has helped us to successfully organize such events. We had started as a group on Facebook - Shri Shirdi Sai Baba (International), which now has over 1500 members based in Europe, US, Canada, South America, Africa and other parts of the world. In view of the increasing number of devotees, we recently created a website ([www.shrisaibaba.net](http://www.shrisaibaba.net)) so that a larger number of devotees can easily access information about the events. Also, the website has original photographs of Shri Sai and scanned copies of Shri SaiSatcharita. In addition, a YouTube Channel (Shri Sai Baba) has been created where videos of events across Europe are being shared -*

*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8RkmQvsloqx1EsZahk2cPg>.*

*Gradually a number of foreign devotees are contacting us with queries about Shri Sai. With the objective of the Master's teachings reaching to not only English speaking people, we have started releasing flyers with His quotes, in different languages like German, Spanish, English and may be more languages in future.*

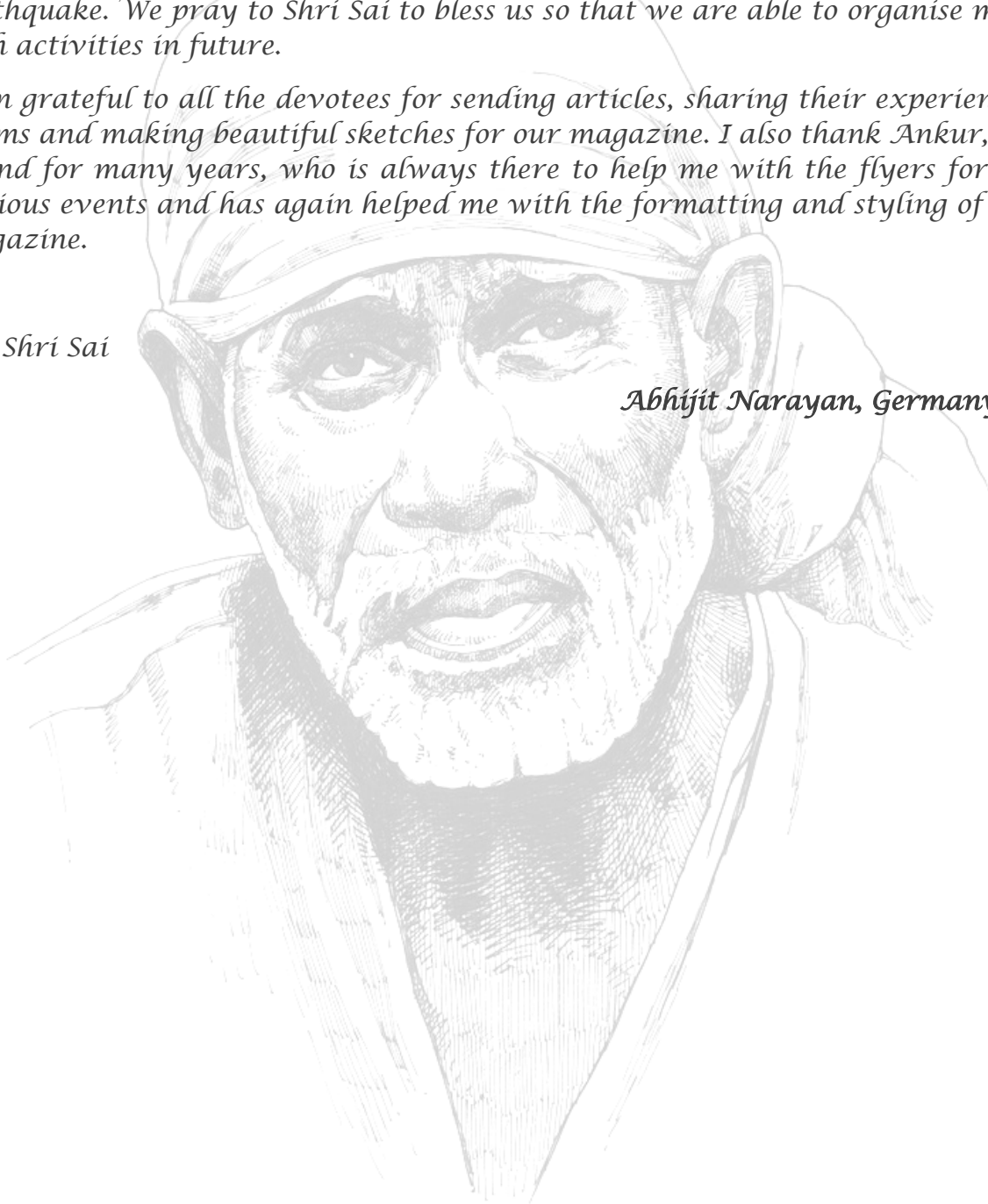
*We hope that by 2017, we have events relating to Shri Sai in all major European countries. Let's all come together and spread the humanistic values of love and brotherhood.*

*In addition, we are also keen to organise activities by which help can be provided to poor and needy people. Earlier this year, some money had been collected which was sent to Nepal to provide aid to those affected by earthquake. We pray to Shri Sai to bless us so that we are able to organise more such activities in future.*

*I am grateful to all the devotees for sending articles, sharing their experiences, poems and making beautiful sketches for our magazine. I also thank Ankur, my friend for many years, who is always there to help me with the flyers for the various events and has again helped me with the formatting and styling of this magazine.*

*Om Shri Sai*

*Abhijit Narayan, Germany*





## Maha Samadhi Message

*A human being is basically an animal. He belongs to the Homo Sapiens group of primates. Homo Sapiens have been defined as the species of bi-pedal primates. Modern man belongs to this species and is characterised by a brain capacity averaging 1400 CC and by dependence upon language and the creation and utilisation of complex tools - the only surviving hominid. How is the human being different or superior to other animals? The question is whether our cognitive abilities differ from those of other animals in kind or in degree or in both. Charles Darwin held that, otherwise similar, human beings are incrementally more intelligent than other animals due to the process of evolution. However, some research findings assert that basically there exists a profound gap between our intellect and that of the animals.*

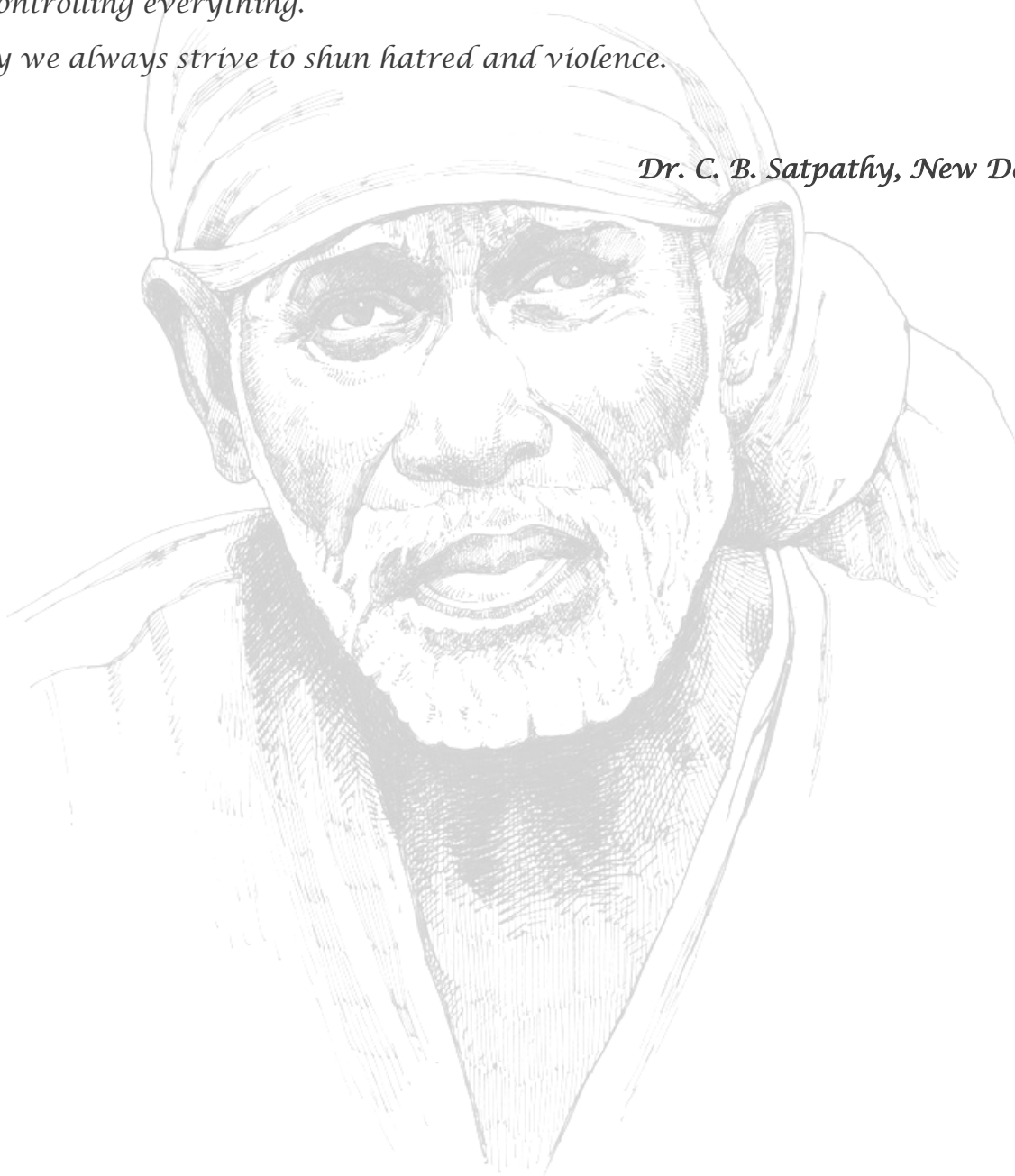
*Why do the animals behave in the manner they do and how is it different from human behaviour? The real secret of how animals are born with the knowledge of how to do things or behave in a certain manner seems to be a mystery. However, they possess 'innate behaviour'. Such an 'innate behaviour' does not have to be taught or practised. It is an activity that an animal knows from birth. It can be said that 'innate behaviour' is nothing but a part of animals' DNA make-up. However, sometimes they can be taught 'learned behaviour' through formal training e.g., as in the case of the circus animals. These behaviours are passed down from one generation to the next through the genes. Human behaviour is mostly, the outcome of an adopted mind. Adoption means adopt from the environment and the prevailing culture. The consciousness of an animal, other than the human beings, is instinctive consciousness whereas that of human beings is intellectual consciousness. Through his adopted culture, the human being is able to control the propulsions of his instinct at will. Unlike an animal, he doesn't always react to instinctive motivations. The three strongest common instinctive behaviours of both animals and human beings relate to hunger, anger and sex. The study of human behaviour has aptly proven that when a man is severely inflicted with any of these three motivations, he behaves no better than an animal. In such a state of mind, he is capable of inflicting grievous violence like murder, rape or robbery on others.*

*Anger, if not controlled, has all the potentialities of leading to violence and committing of crime. Usually, physical violence is a result of a state of mental violence. A person may seem to be extremely polite and calm in his external behaviour but may be nourishing a lot of mental violence within. There are examples of many people who committed major crimes like murder and repented later. This is indicative of the fact that they were not aware about the burning amber of violence within their mind. Such persons are prone to find*

*fault and imperfection in others without realising their own deficiencies. A large number of such persons develop mental and neuro diseases because they live in a virtual world of hatred, jealousy, revenge and inflated ego. They need serious counselling. That is why, the Vedic culture and the wise advised for the control and suppression of mental violence. The entire Indian Culture as propounded by the Seers and the Gurus has been programmed to develop this state of mental equipoise through Yogic practices, meditation and various other methods. It is said that a man who is capable of controlling his mind is capable of controlling everything.*

*May we always strive to shun hatred and violence.*

*Dr. C. B. Satpathy, New Delhi*



## Shirdi Sai Movement in Europe

*With the blessings of Shri Sai, Sai Sandhya and other events are being organised in different parts of Europe. In the last three months, in addition to the monthly Sai Sandhya in Frankfurt, Finland, Sweden, France and other countries, events have also been organised in some new places. Please see below information about these events:*

*(i) The first Sai Sandhya in Munich, Germany, was held on September 26, 2015. Please see below the pictures -*





*(ii) The first Sai Sandhya in Vienna, Austria, was held on September 27, 2015. Please see below the pictures -*



*Vienna was the 10th city and Austria the 7th country in Europe, where, with the blessings of Shri Sai, we have been able to organize an event this year.*

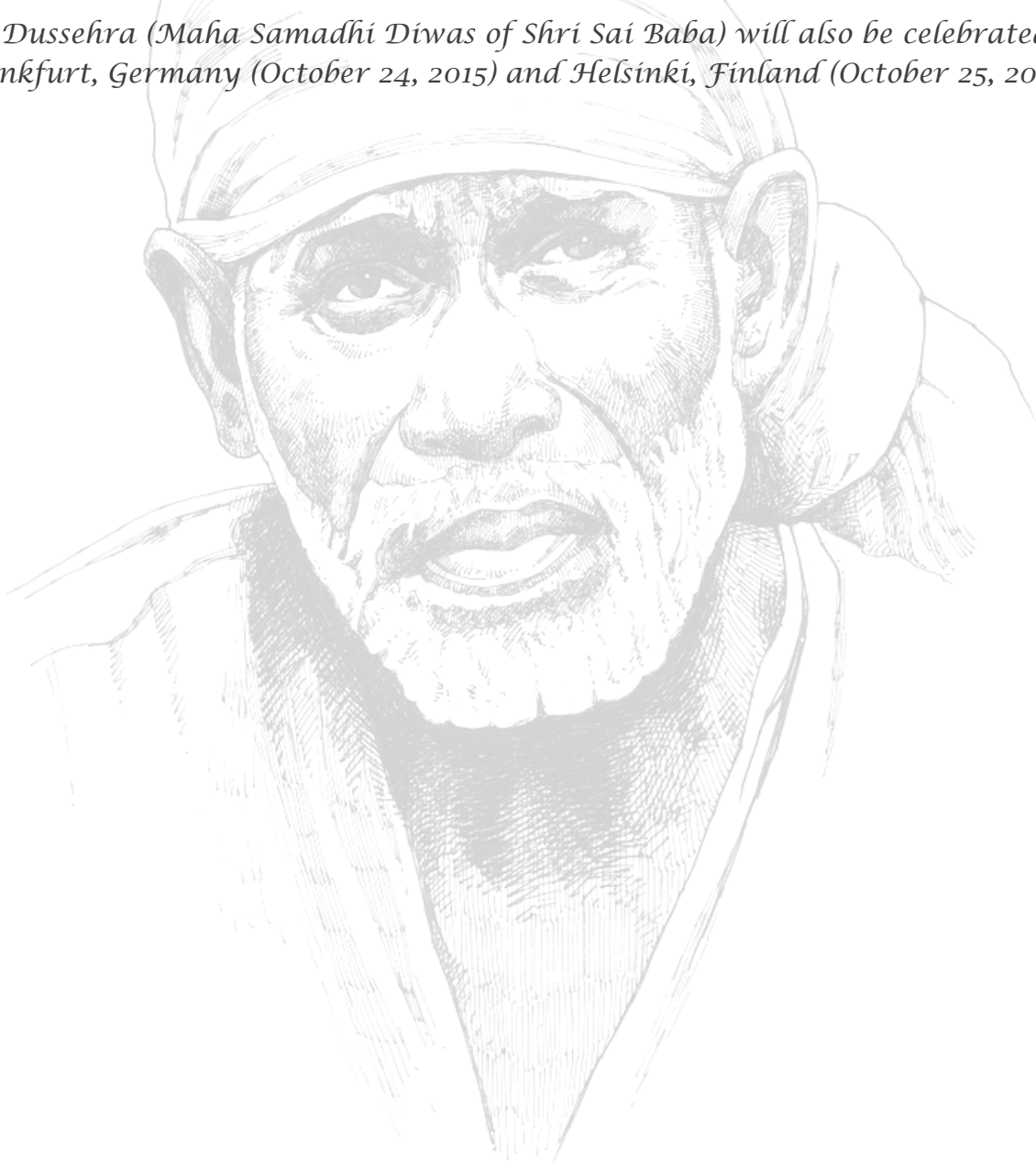
*(iii) On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015, Guru Poornima was celebrated in Finland. A large number of devotees attended the event. Some pictures are below -*







*(iv) Dussehra (Maha Samadhi Diwas of Shri Sai Baba) will also be celebrated in Frankfurt, Germany (October 24, 2015) and Helsinki, Finland (October 25, 2015).*





## *Questioning the right way should never be discouraged!*

*“Learn from yesterday, Live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning” - Albert Einstein. As kids, we were always told by our elders not to question god. So, most of our lives began as theists who practiced routine theist practices. As we grew up, most of us have had our phase of agnosticism, when it was hard for us to totally believe in God because we would have then already started realizing certain responsibilities that should be fulfilled by us. But it was difficult to be an atheist too since we would have also realized that not everything is in our hands. And this article is a small window to my thoughts on spirituality.*

*“The only source of knowledge is experience”- Albert Einstein. As this very famous saying goes, definitely we cannot very casually neglect the principles/beliefs of our ancestors which were solely based on their experiences. Probably they were not able to explain it better and even today, we still cannot explain some. “Every Cause has its Effect; every Effect has its Cause; everything happens according to Law; Chance is but a name for Law not recognized; there are many planes of causation, but nothing escapes the Law.” [http://www.thenazareneway.com/kybalion.htm].*

*For example, communicating over long distances wirelessly could be something superficial for them at that age. Though there may be many random processes that would make it impossible of us communicating, probably we have not faced them yet. Might be we will be able to overcome it, might be not. All the distributions that we model or name is only of the things that we have experienced. And of all we are only certain that the future cannot be predictable with 100% accuracy i.e., we might never know “the law” of everything.*

*If we think in another perspective, we taking the place of our ancestors, we can take a stand to tell that there is something that is controlling the universal processes or being a cause for which our universe is an effect. And probably we are not able to perceive them yet because we still have not understood them well. Our brain is only capable of seeing and comprehending what it already knows. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQcBQc3oaKg ). And of all we see everything with the aid of light whose properties itself aren't sure to us yet ( Young's Double slit experiment- gave a way towards a new branch of science- quantum physics : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfPeprQ7oGc ).*



*Well I would not want to go in depth with the quantum physics and bore you, I believe being a theist paves a way to a spiritual life with its own priceless returns, regardless of what is our physical, social, economic status and with beliefs not hurting anyone which is the most important.*

- Praying everyday in the morning is an amazing way to concise the issues and concerns and realize that we have more to be thankful for than our issues - healthy way to lead life.*
- Feeling that there is someone always ever with you irrespective of what crazy things life imposes on you.*
- Practicing spiritualism avoids violence, helps you to stay calm and helps to accept outcomes as it comes. Because, we realize the importance of peace of mind over all manly pleasures.*
- Practicing religion is the best way to learn most from the experiences of our ancestors, no matter what the religion is. As the saying from Albert Einstein again : "Science without religion is lame, Religion without science is blind". It only helps us become a better person overall, when practiced the right way.*

*Again, "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence" - Albert Einstein.*

*A belief system isn't something to be fixed, but expanded on.*

*VeenaShivashankar, Germany*

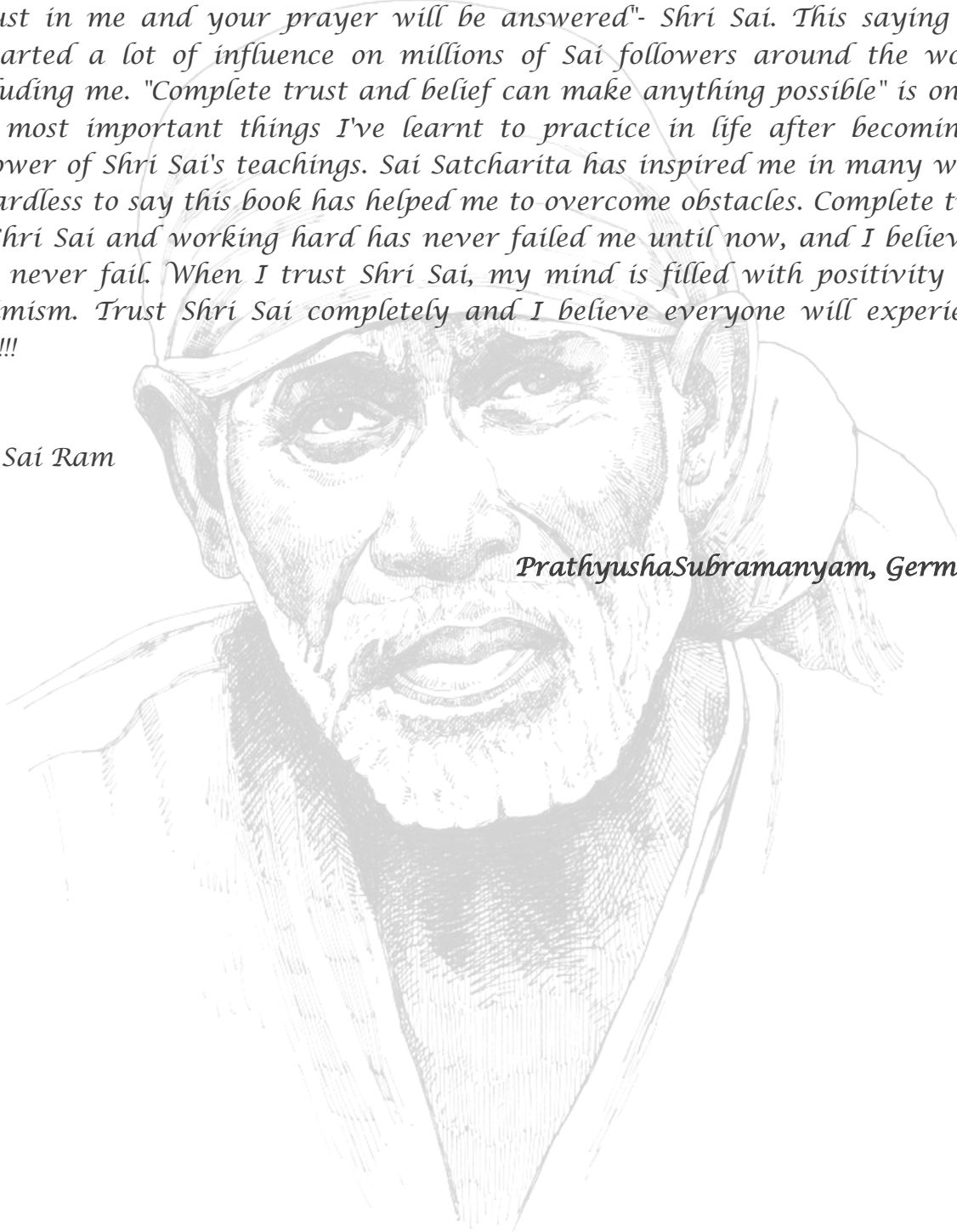
*(Glad to be a daughter of an eminently helpful father, who stayed atheist for most of his adulthood and a theist mother and proud to have grandfathers who constantly provoke thoughts on vedantic, cosmologic and scientific aspects of understanding life. And always inspired by Albert Einstein.)*

## *Trust in Shri Sai*

*"Trust in me and your prayer will be answered"- Shri Sai. This saying has imparted a lot of influence on millions of Sai followers around the world, including me. "Complete trust and belief can make anything possible" is one of the most important things I've learnt to practice in life after becoming a follower of Shri Sai's teachings. Sai Satcharita has inspired me in many ways, regardless to say this book has helped me to overcome obstacles. Complete trust in Shri Sai and working hard has never failed me until now, and I believe it can never fail. When I trust Shri Sai, my mind is filled with positivity and optimism. Trust Shri Sai completely and I believe everyone will experience it....!!!*

*Om Sai Ram*

*PrathyushaSubramanyam, Germany*





DEVOTEES' EXPERIENCES



***Baba's grace yet again!!***

*My husband, me and my 4year old son moved to Paris recently due to transfer of my husband's job. We stayed at a hotel initially like most other people do. We started on our house hunt and spent two weeks looking at houses but we were unable to finalise a house. We were too worried as it would be difficult if we couldn't find a house soon.*

*On a Saturday morning my husband went out to a local real estate agent to put in a word to widen the search for houses. The agent said there were literally no vacant houses. We informed him that we could even compromise on certain things as long as we found one. He said he would try again.*

*After that my husband had to go for some other work and while walking back home he bumped into the same agent who informed him that there was one house in the area which we wanted which would become vacant by end of the month and if we were interested he could show us the house right away. My husband immediately said yes and went along with him to have a look. He called me up to convey the same and asked me also to come and have a look at the house. Finally everything went well and we moved into the same house by Baba's Grace and the best part we did not have to make any compromises for it.*

*Our joy knew no bounds when we realised how Baba made the agent walk past my husband that day. Had the agent and my husband not bumped into each other we couldn't have got that house and some other person would have booked it.*

*Jai Sai Ram !!*

*Sweta and Karthik, France*

## *When Baba helped me with my job*

*I am from Hyderabad, now living in Spain. I was born on Thursday and with that started my attachment with Shri Sai Baba. Every important result in my life, no matter what, has been on a Thursday and I am sure it will always be like this. I just believe in Him unconditionally. Here I want to share a life changing experience with Shri Sai Baba.*

*I belonged to a lower-middle class family from India. I wanted to study abroad. I have a three-year degree from India which doesn't support me to get an admission in popular countries. Also, I was not having enough funds to finance my studies. My father owns a house which was bought on a loan from LIC financial institution. That is the ONLY source for my higher education. But the thing is, since it's already in a "home loan", most of the banks said they cannot process for an "educational loan" as it becomes a second charge against a single property.*

*I had no idea as to how to move forward at this juncture. I visited Shirdi for peace of mind. Later, I got in touch with an overseas educational consultancy which showed me a way to get admission in Spain. Eventually a bank agreed to "Take over" the home loan from LIC and issue another educational loan which finances my full tuition fees and also living expenses. I know something of this kind would happen because I just believed in Him unconditionally.*

*Spanish student visa process is one of toughest and maximum documentation is required. I got over it and I got Visa approval on Thursday. I came to Spain but the economic situation in Spain is not so good. Unemployment rate is over 29 %, very difficult to get a job even for locals. However, I prayed at Shri Sai's Holy Feet and did everything that I could do to find a job. Finally I got a job in which I am happy now.*

*Whatever happens to you, happens for a reason!! Believe in Shri Sai Baba and he will take care of you!!*

*Surya Maneesh, Spain*

## *Baba saved me*

*Om Sai Ram... First of all I would like to thank Mr. Abhijit Narayan who is doing marvelous job in spreading Shirdi Sai Baba's name all over the world and have given us opportunity to share our experiences like this. One of my parent's friends had introduced us to Shirdi Sai Baba in 2003 and after that He became a part of my life. Whenever I am worried or have any decision to take, I always ask Him to guide me. I have experienced many ups and downs in my life, but always believe that if Sai Baba is there with me I can come out of any difficulty smoothly.*

*One more thing which I would like to mention before sharing my experience is that whenever I have asked anything from Sai Baba, He has fulfilled my wishes but sometimes I have experienced that they didn't bring true happiness to me and whenever I have left it on Him and asked Him to do whatever He thinks is good for me, it has truly brought lot of happiness in my life.*

*I have many experiences until now but the one which has truly surprised me was the following one.*

*It was May 2010, I met with an accident and suffered an injury on my coccyx. Immediately, I along with my husband went to nearby emergency hospital as it was Sunday and in Paris it's very difficult to find a doctor during the weekend. They checked me and told me that your coccyx has got hurt. I was having lot of pain and wasn't able to sit also.*

*The doctor prescribed me heavy dose painkiller after every four hours. I wasn't able to sleep that night and then for the following few nights. I used to cry a lot and was feeling low. I had just finished doing my *navguruvarvrat* before one week of accident and was thinking that why Sai Baba has done this to me but on second thought I felt Saibaba is always there with me and He knows what is good for me and I have full faith on Him and you won't believe it the pain was less from that very moment even after not taking painkillers.*

*Within 15 days I was able to stand and walk on stairs and could perform my daily routine work. We had booked our summer vacations in Spain which I thought I won't be able to go but with Baba's grace it was my most memorable trip of mine until now. Nobody who has seen me can believe that I was perfectly fine and as fit as nothing had happen to me.*

*The doctor had warned me that during my pregnancy I will face problem due to this injury as normally women experience backache but in my case my whole pregnancy went smoothly without any pain and I had normal delivery*



*and gave birth to a healthy boy. During my pregnancy and during the time of my delivery I took name of Sai Baba and Baba never left me.*

*I am so happy that Baba has always taken care of me. Sometimes He just tests our patience but He always takes care of His devotees. Sai Baba, if you are there for me ever I don't need anything as you are everything to me.*

*Mansi Gupta, Paris*



## *Baba is always with us*

*My parents-in-laws wanted to visit us for 3 months and stay with us. I was not sure how it is going to be - as from marriage until now; this is the first time we had to stay with my in-laws for such a long duration.*

*I was very skeptical as ever since we got married, my in-laws wanted to control our lives, which always led to some or the other problems between me and my husband.*

*My father also visited along with my in laws for a few days and when my father left, I was crying inside thinking from next day I would be all alone. To my surprise, the very next day after my father left, I received Udi and prasadam from Shirdi. I had made some donations for Annadhana to Shirdi and I had already received the prasadam and Udi along with the bill from Shirdi.*

*I am not sure how this happened as they had sent Udi and prasad for the second time, but I believe truly that Baba wanted to convey me that He is always with me and I am not alone. Needless to say, there were no problems during the stay of my in-laws with us and everything was fine. This wouldn't have been possible without our SAI with us.*

*Anonymous*

*Baba is my father, mother*

*I used to write SriRamaJayam every day for 108 times before going to bed. Few days back while writing SriRamaJayam, I had a wavering mind, thinking being a SAI BABA's devotee, instead of writing Om Sai Ram, I am writing Sri Rama Jayam as this is for Lord Anjaneya. Thinking about this I wrote both SriRamaJayam for 108 times, and Om Sai Ram for 27 times before sleeping.*

*That night I had a dream, that we wanted to go to Sai Baba's temple and there is one Baba temple nearby. As I visited along with my family I saw Anjaneya in the moolastan. I asked my husband, we have come to Sai Baba's temple, but its Lord Anjaneya here. Then my husband showed me Sai Baba's idol on the right side in the same temple and my dream ended. Next day after waking up, I was thinking about this dream and was discussing with my husband and he said, Lord Anjaneya and Baba are one and same.*

*As Baba says in Shri SaiCharita 'In whatever form men worship me, so do I render to them'. Baba cleared my mind in my dreams.'*

*Baba is my Father, Mother and my Saviour always.*

*Dhevi Priya, Germany*



## *Baba helped me with my studies*

Om Sai Ram

*First of all I would like to thank my loving Sai Baba from the bottom of my heart for being always there for me. Baba Ji you are the whole world to me.*

*Please give me the courage to share one of my lovely experiences out of so many.*

*It was in the year 2014 in the month of September. As a part of my Ph.D. study program at Jacobs University, Germany, there is a rule that within 8-9 months of our Ph.D research work, we have to defend our work and convince the committee members, which consist of panel of scientists, that the research work which I am doing has the potential to be taken forward for the rest of three or three and half years. Once the panel members are convinced and satisfied with the initial data and results of 8 months of research work, then only they approve to carry the research further or else the research work will be terminated. This whole procedure is called as "Proposal Defense"*

*I was well prepared but as the defense date started coming closer I started getting bit stressed and nervous, just worrying that whether everything will go fine or not. Then I prayed to my Sai Baba, who is my strength, my courage and my everything asking that if everything has to go fine please give me a hint in the form of you (Sai Baba) coming to my home.*

*But then the very next moment I thought how that is possible and this is just stupid and too demanding. Then I just forgot about this demand of mine from Baba but as very truly said that Baba always keeps His promises even if we forget and so it happened.*

*Just 2 days before of my defense date (which was on 4.09.2014), one of our friends invited us for evening tea as the couple were leaving Bremen and going to Denmark as they got a job there. I was not very willing to go as I had my defense after 2 days and so much was there to study. Hence, I told my husband to attend the tea party at their place alone as I cannot join him. But he convinced me, telling me that we will not spend much of our time at their place and will come back to our home very soon.*

*I somehow unwillingly agreed to visit them in the evening. We went there, had a nice evening but the surprising part came after that when my friend told me that as we are leaving in 2-3 days to Denmark and there are still so many things which they cannot carry so they are giving some stuffs to other friends.*

She told I wanted to give few things to you as well. I said that's fine for me. She gave me some general household stuffs (like sauce, bread etc.) but apart from that the unbelievable gift which I got from her was Baba's original picture on which it was written that "*My blessings are always there with you and so please do not worry my child*". It was like a dream for me to get Baba's picture with such a lovely message.

Then I remembered all of a sudden about my wish where I asked Baba to come to my home and bless me for my defense and no wonder how Baba kept His promise and came to my home just 2 days before my defense.

I felt like crying out of joy and then I felt very light as if all my stress and nervousness has gone. I cannot describe in words how much blessed I felt at that point of time.

On the day of my defense (04.09.2014), I was pretty casual and was not feeling any stress or nervousness. My defense day was Thursday, the most auspicious day for me, as it is my lovely Baba's day.

When I started my presentation in my defense, I presented my results and data very confidently and everything went so smooth and proper. After the presentation got over, the panel of scientists applauded and looked very happy. Then the audience and the speaker (me) were asked to leave the room as they had to discuss and then announce my result.

We all came out and I was pretty confident that I have done quite okay. To my surprise within 5 minutes the panel members opened the door and announced very happily my result telling that I have done a great job and the results of the research work are impressive enough to carry my Ph.D. research further. My joy knew no bounds and I thanked my Baba from the bottom of my heart for making this possible.

Baba I beg you please never leave us alone, forgive our mistakes or punish us for those mistakes but please never ever leave us. We cannot walk without you. Love you more than everything in this world.

NamaskaaraShaastang Sri Sai Natha

*Neha Verma, Germany*

## *Palaki of Shri Sai*

*JAI SRI SAI*

*When did Shri Sai exactly come to my life it is not possible for me to tell, but I am blessed that the merciful and almighty had mercy on me and took me under HIS shadow. Whenever I visit my home town I always try to visit the SAI temple near to my house. It was Thursday and every Thursday Palakiyatra takes place in the SAI temple of our hometown. I had never attended the yatra before there, so I decided to go and attend. But I came to know that ladies are not allowed to touch the PALAKI as it is the rule of the temple. This news made me sad. I thought with so much zeal and excitement I am going to attend the yatra and if I would not be able to touch the Holy Palaki then what is the use. Any how I made up my mind and decided to definitely visit the temple and attend. After the "SANDHYA AARTI" at 8pm the beautiful PALKI, was brought and the beautiful photo of LORD SAI was placed, beautifully decorated as well.*

*The image of BABA caught my attention. It had a magnetic effect on me. It attracted me. All the doubts which were there in my mind vanished. As the PALAKI was about to go to the temple threshold to start the yatra, I moved forward and touched the HOLY PALKI and no one stopped me from touching. I participated in the procession and had the darshan of my beloved SAI to my heart content.*

*The ever merciful BABA only wants love and bhakti from HIS disciples. My BABA is always with me and I always have his darshan.*

*"SRI ANANTAKOTI BRAHMANANDA NAYAK RAJADHIRAJ YOGIRAJ  
PARAMBRAHMA PARAMATMANE SRI SACHIDANANDA SADGURU  
SAINATH MAHARAJ KI JAI"*

*SonalHotaKar, India*

## *Shri Sai in my life*

*Om Sai Ram, Om Sai shyam, Sri SatchitandhaSadguruSainathMaharajki Jai*

*Hello Sai Baba followers and strong believers. I have already shared some posts earlier and do read every day (when time permits) the experiences of other devotees about how they have also been blessed by Shri Sai. I am sharing two more experiences which I had in my life.*

### *Experience 1*

*I stay abroad since many years and have been working for more than 10 years for the same company and have been always a hard worker and acquired knowledge, respect from my colleagues, senior management. One fine morning my boss came to me and told that he is leaving the department and taking another role. I felt very bad because we were working really close and I was his substitute when he was not around for the team.*

*But he also recommended me as his successor, but it was not on paper. He just talked about this with the senior management and everybody agreed. However, soon the senior management of the company changed. Either the new senior manager did not know or whatever else the reason may be, I did not get this position. Needless to say I was frustrated.*

*Then I thought Shri Sai is having a better plan for me and I chose to remain quiet. One week later I came to know that the new manager who had been appointed is younger than me and has no knowledge about this subject. I also came to know that he is very ill tempered and thought it will be very difficult to work with him. I was not willing to work with him.*

*So one day my senior manager called me and explained to me why he was not willing to give me the position. But he offered me some other position which is actually not promotion in the monetary terms, but in terms of responsibility, it was a higher position. My management was only checking if I can manage also other topics which are new to me to test my qualifications, skills knowledge and leadership and the time was very hard for me because everything was new but I left everything on my Shri Sai. After about a year and a half, my company announced organizational change where I expected that I will get a manager position. But even this time I didn't make it and they told that our department will be closed as our tasks are no more necessary. This was the toughest time for me. For six months there was no work. I was really frustrated and asked Shri Sai if what he has given me is the right thing.*



*In the meanwhile, my previous senior manager called me and asked me to present myself before the Executive Leadership (as that was the talent review meeting), which I did. After two months, I got a call from other department manager, who was also present in the same meeting where I had presented myself. She had liked my skills and presentation and offered me the position of a manager. I was very happy because this was on Thursday when she called me. From that time all things which happened - the complete approval of my position from top management until my joining the new team was all on Thursdays. So when I look back, I can say that Shri Sai always has a better plan for everybody. We need to believe in Him, deeply and strongly. When the right time comes, He will arrange everything for you.*

*Keep faith and be patient!*

*Experience 2:*

*Once Udi and Prasad which we had brought from Shirdi was almost over. We had planned to Shirdi in a year. So basically it meant that there will be no Udi or Prasad for a year. I told my wife that to not worry, as Shri Sai will do something about it. He will never leave us alone.*

*We have some friends who are also devotees of Shri Sai Baba. They went to India and brought some Udi and Prasad for us, but when we met them they gave us only Prasad and one CD of Sai Baba, which I had also asked to bring, but in the packet there was no Udi. I asked them where is Udi.*

*They told we forgot to bring but we have Udi at home and when we meet next we will give. Six months passed, we met them many times but every time either we forgot to ask or they forgot to give us. One day when we realized that Udi with us was about to get over, I told them to bring Udi. Then they brought Udi and to my surprise there were 3 packets and 10 photos of Shri Sai Baba with the pose where he leans against the wall and Bhagat Mhalsapathi holds the umbrella! What a divine leela of Shri Sai Baba.*

*Now we had Udi but didn't have Prasad. I tried to get through internet but then I thought will it be good by the time it comes to me via post or courier. Suddenly my in-laws decided to visit us abroad. My wife asked her parents to bring Prasad but there was not time to visit Shirdi. But there is a Sai Baba temple near to their house. They went there, bought a packet of Prasad, kept it before the Holy Feet of Baba and then they brought the Prasad for us.*

*So this how Shri Sai Baba helped us in getting all necessary things. This year we are going to India, and will also visit Shirdi. So we will bring a lot of things from Shirdi.*

*Om Sai Ram*

*Anonymous*



## *Being with Shri Sai*

OM SAI RAM

*SAI is such a beautiful name...what should I Say The Name itself says everything*

*I think it was 1991 when one of my cousins took me to the temple in Lodhi Road, New Delhi (India). She said "come we will go to Sai Mandir" !!! I asked SAI ??? Which god is this, I don't know about him. Anyway we went in to the Temple and did normal Puja. But in 1992, Shri Sai had drawn me towards Him and I started worshipping my Baba.*

*He has helped me in every moment of life, sometimes I understand his signs and sometimes I don't, being an imperfect human being.*

*I think if we want to connect with our Sadguru Sainath then we have to forget this word "MY". We have to stop saying - this is 'my' car, 'my' house, 'my' family etc.*

*Once we start to think that everything belongs to our Sadguru Shri Sai, even I belong to Him, then you will see the miracle and experience His love for us. We should realize that all of us belong to Him, we are His family, His children.*

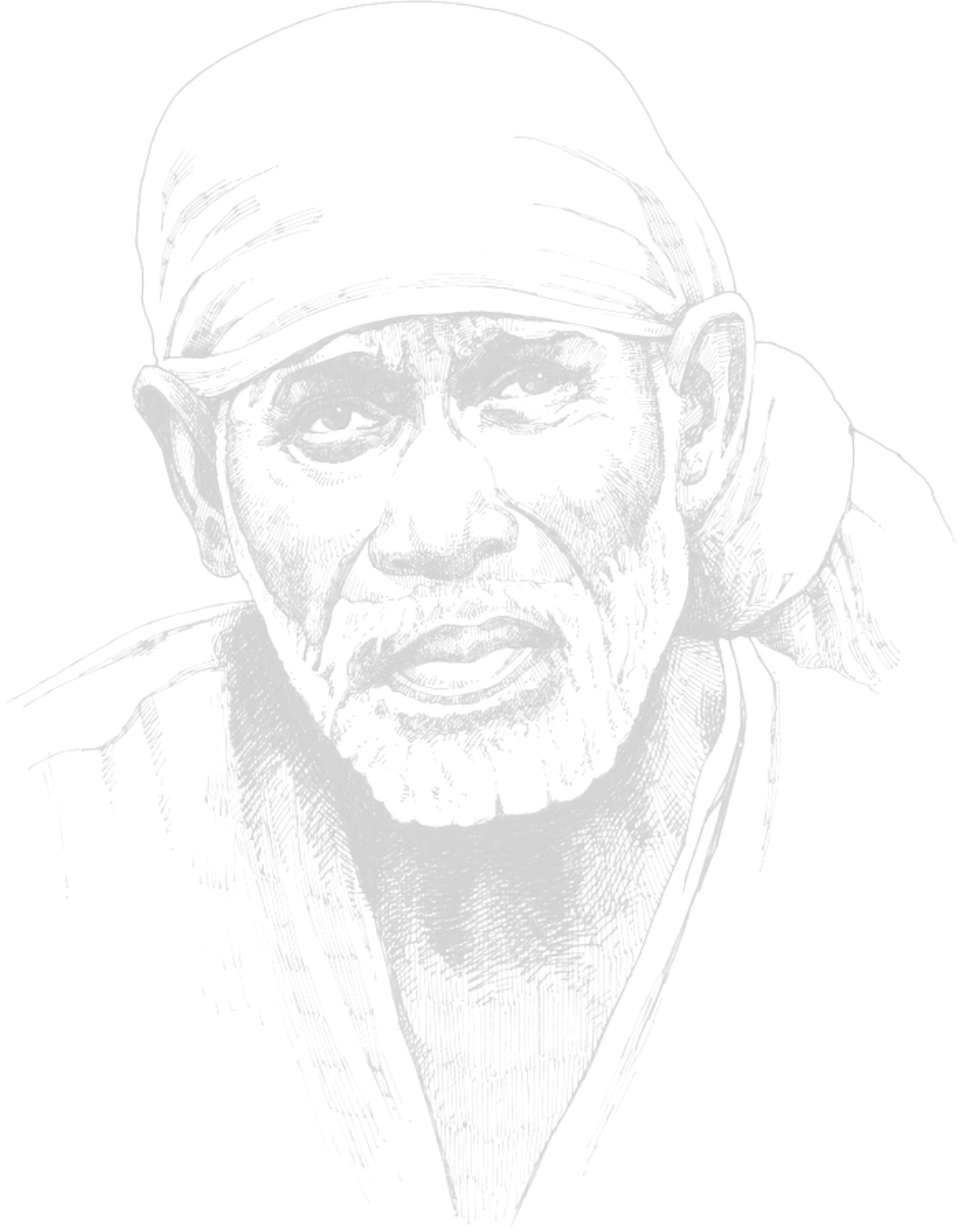
*Always believe whatever happens, happens for good because either He wants to see in our life a big change or He wants us to be stronger and more human. I have heard the following somewhere (in Hindi):*

*Bhagwanapnejin Bachokozyadapyarkarte hai wehunkodukh se gujarte hai, tau jab bhiaap par musibatokapahad toot pade tau samajhlana Sai Prasad nahi Maha Prasad de rahe hai.*

*So let us together bow our head to our SADGURU SAI NATH and ask for His blessings.*

SAI NATH MAHARAJ KI JAI

*Manisha Chibber, Germany*







*Sai's grace*

*Life without the Guru is like sleeping with your eyes open,*

*Oh Sai! Thanks for your mercy for waking me up from this slumber and for this token,*

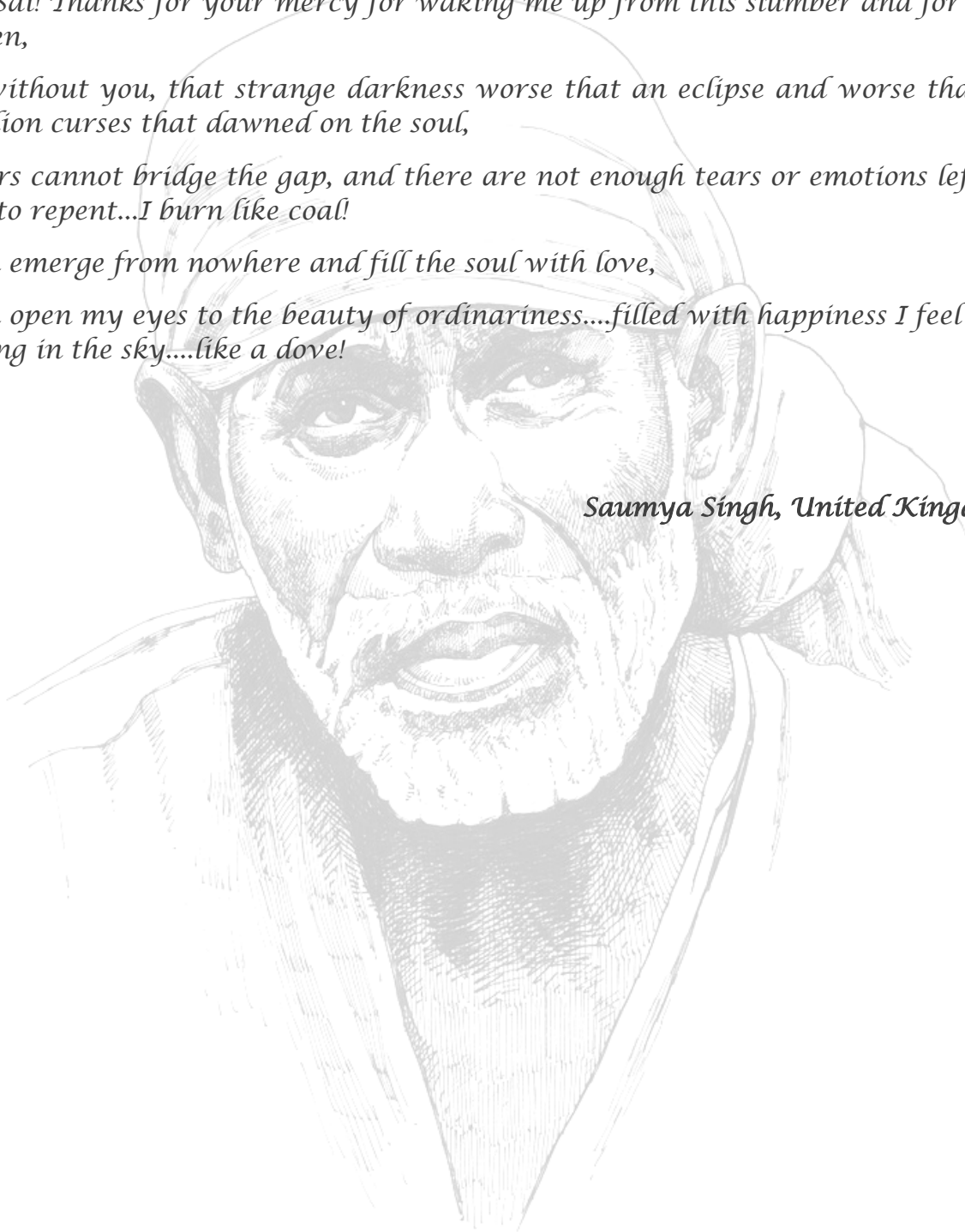
*....without you, that strange darkness worse than an eclipse and worse than a million curses that dawned on the soul,*

*years cannot bridge the gap, and there are not enough tears or emotions left in me to repent...I burn like coal!*

*You emerge from nowhere and fill the soul with love,*

*You open my eyes to the beauty of ordinariness....filled with happiness I feel like flying in the sky....like a dove!*

*Saumya Singh, United Kingdom*

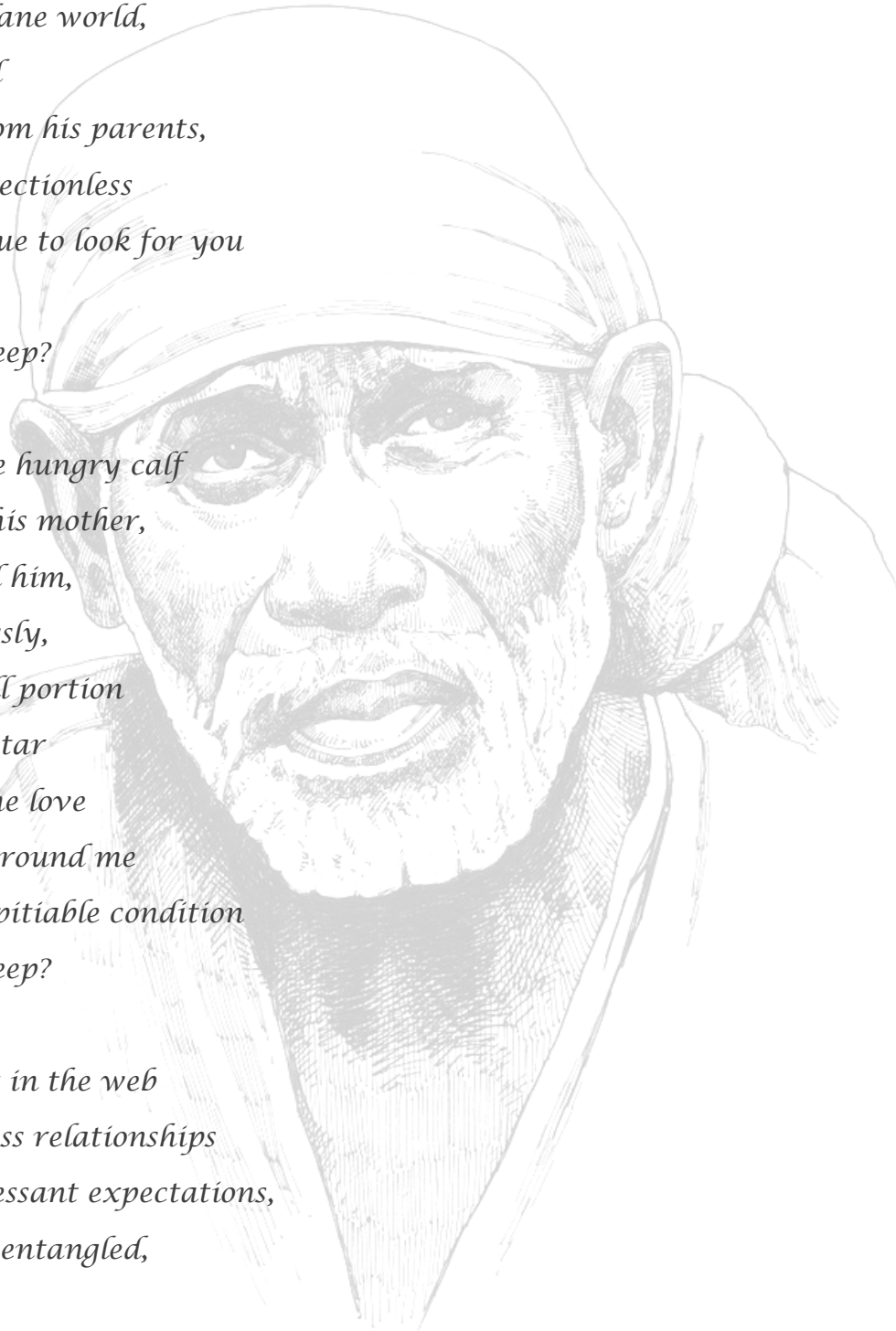


*How can I sleep?*

*When In the scorching heat  
Of this mundane world,  
Like the child  
Separated from his parents,  
I feel lost, directionless  
And I continue to look for you  
Everywhere  
How can I sleep?*

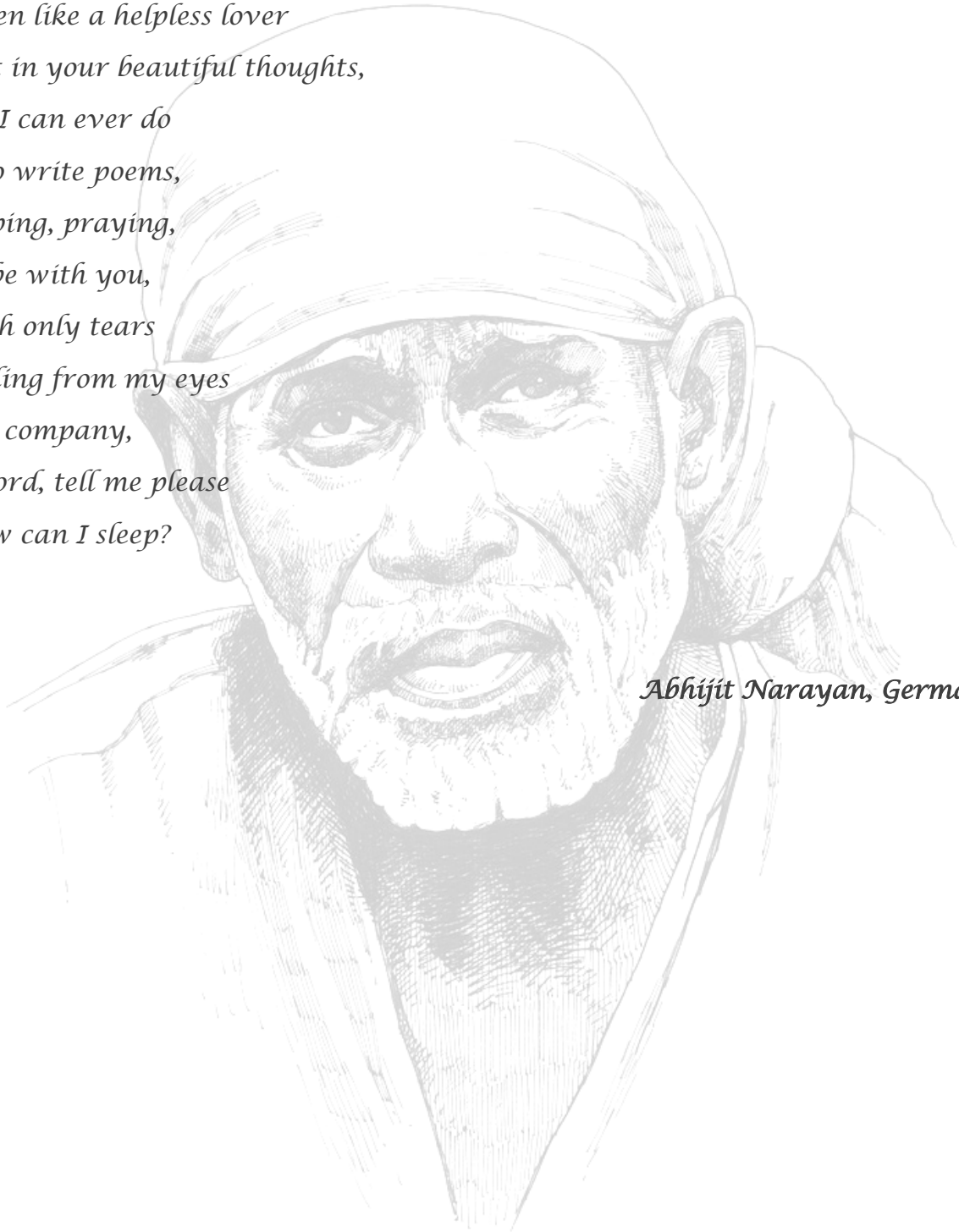
*When like the hungry calf  
Waiting for his mother,  
To come, feed him,  
I wait, endlessly,  
To get a small portion  
From the nectar  
Of your divine love  
And people around me  
Mock at my pitiable condition  
How can I sleep?*

*When caught in the web  
Of meaningless relationships  
Based on incessant expectations,  
I find myself entangled,  
Motionless,  
And I struggle*

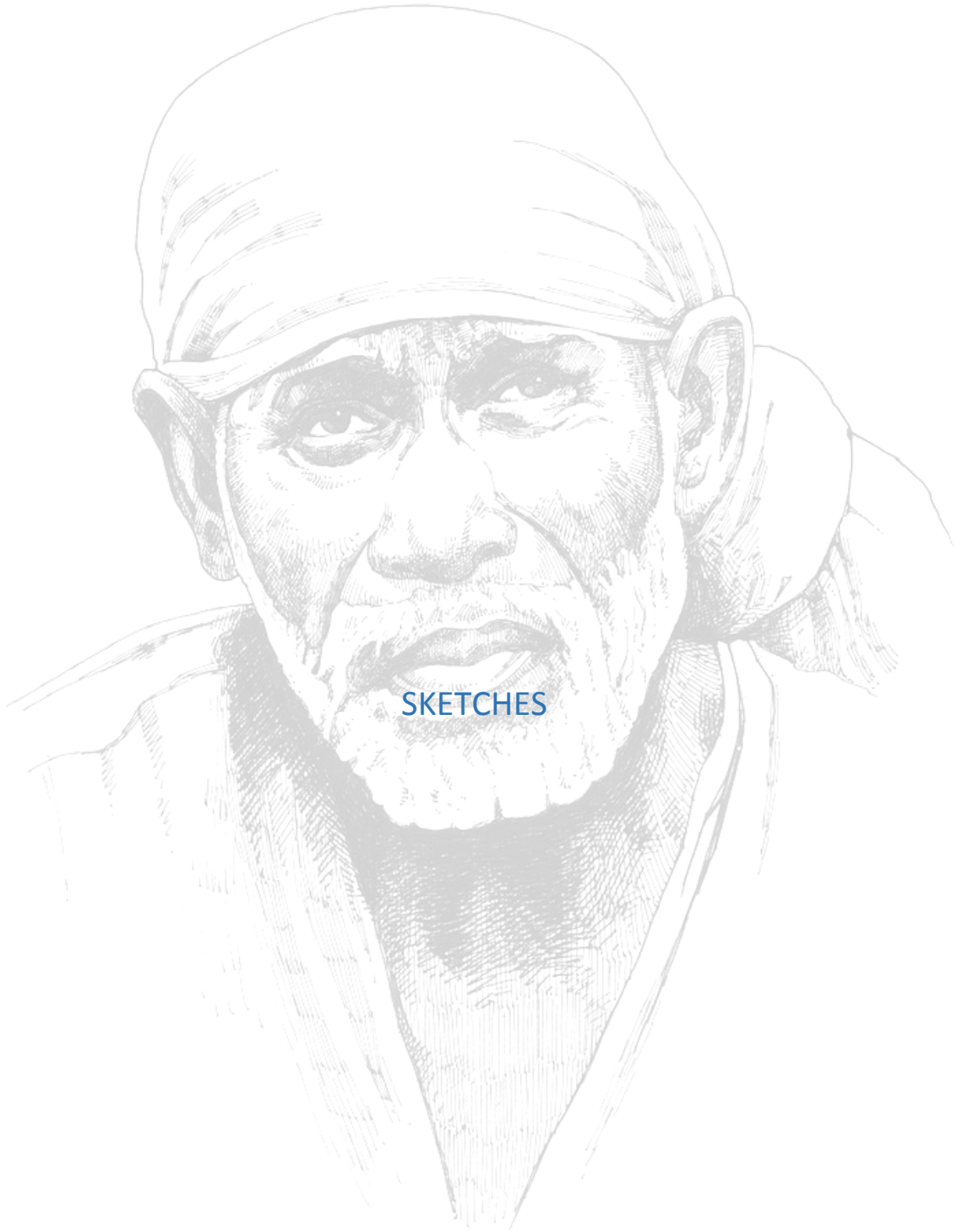


*To set myself free,  
How can I sleep?*

*When like a helpless lover  
Lost in your beautiful thoughts,  
All I can ever do  
Is to write poems,  
Hoping, praying,  
To be with you,  
With only tears  
Falling from my eyes  
For company,  
O Lord, tell me please  
How can I sleep?*



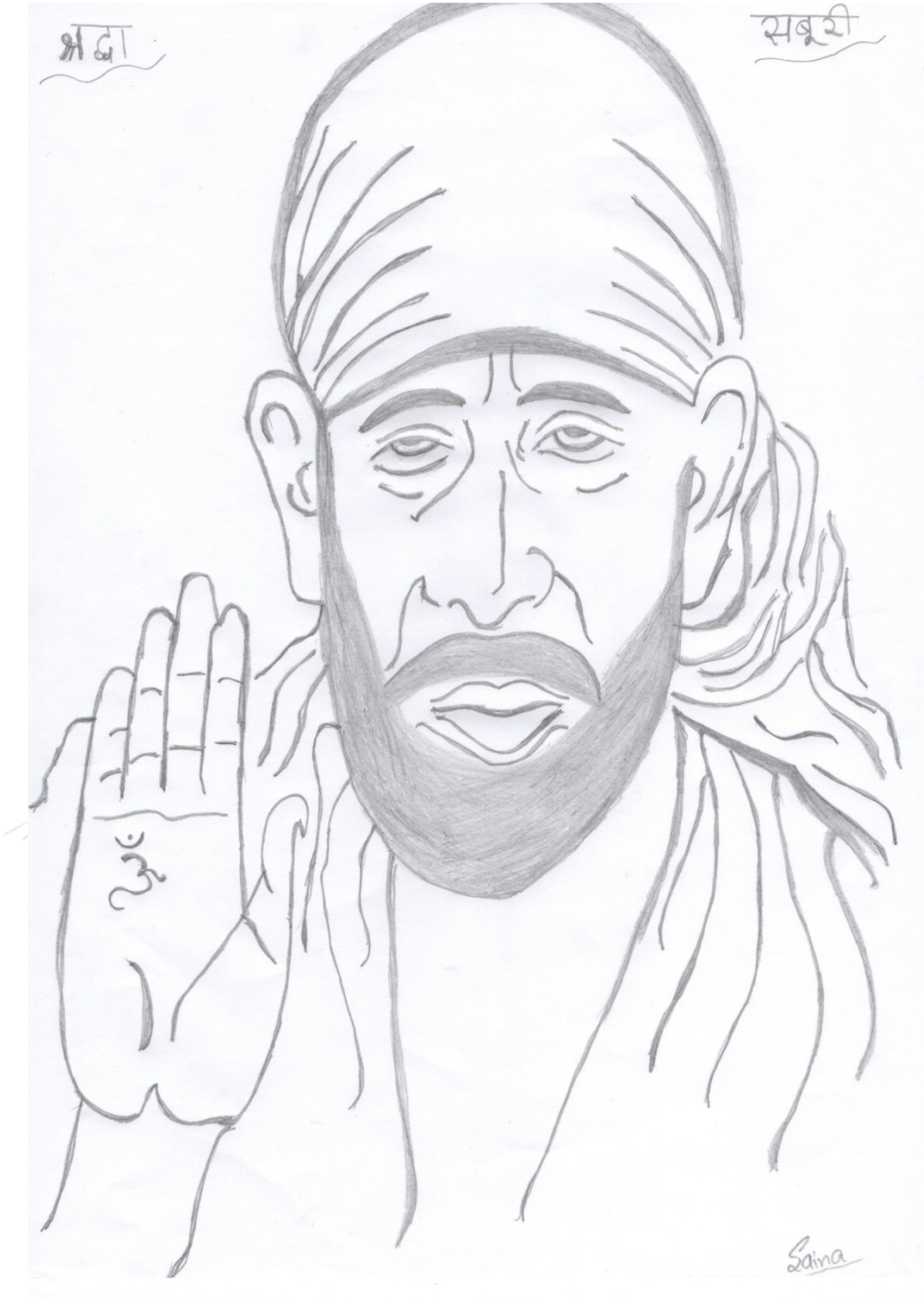
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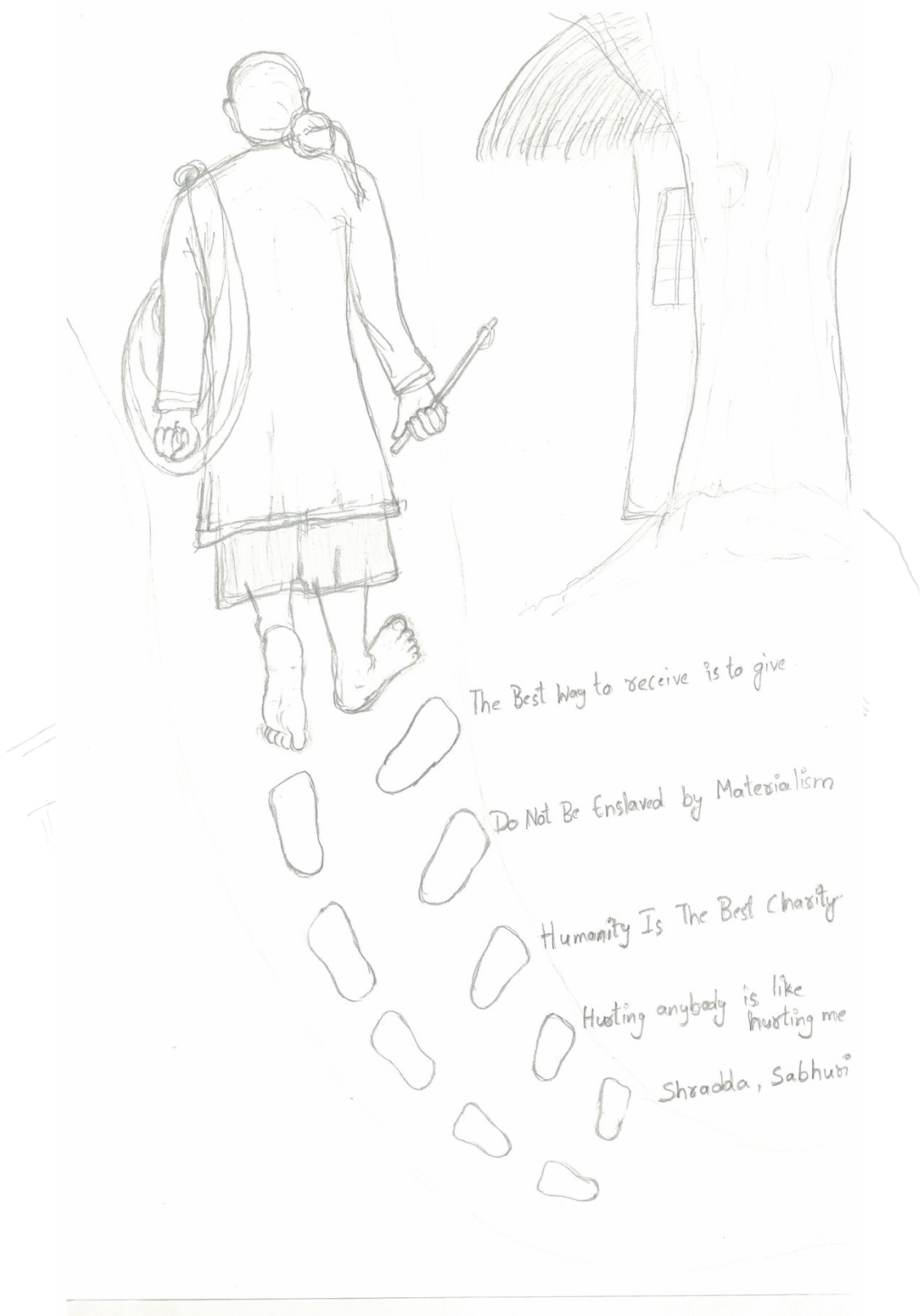
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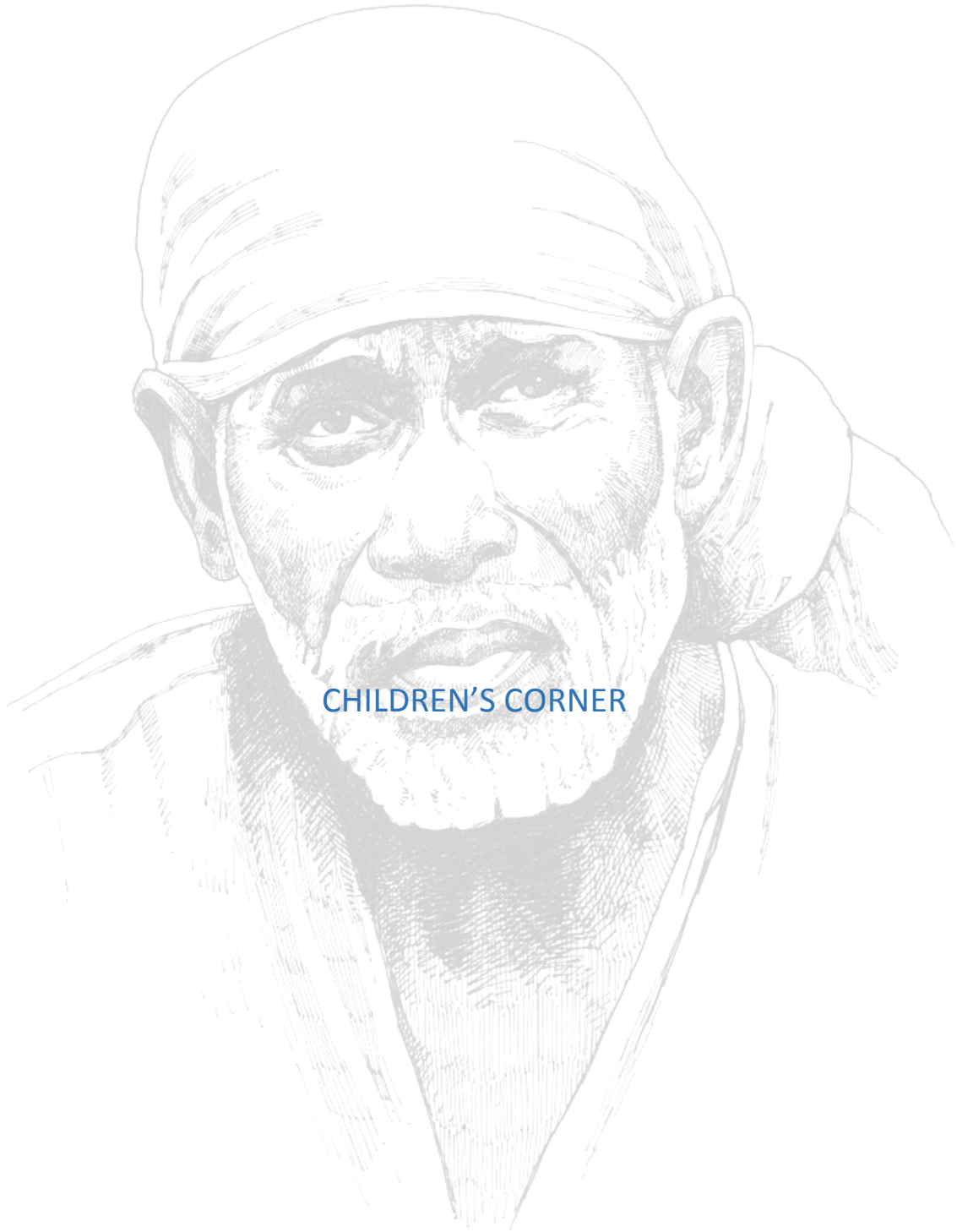
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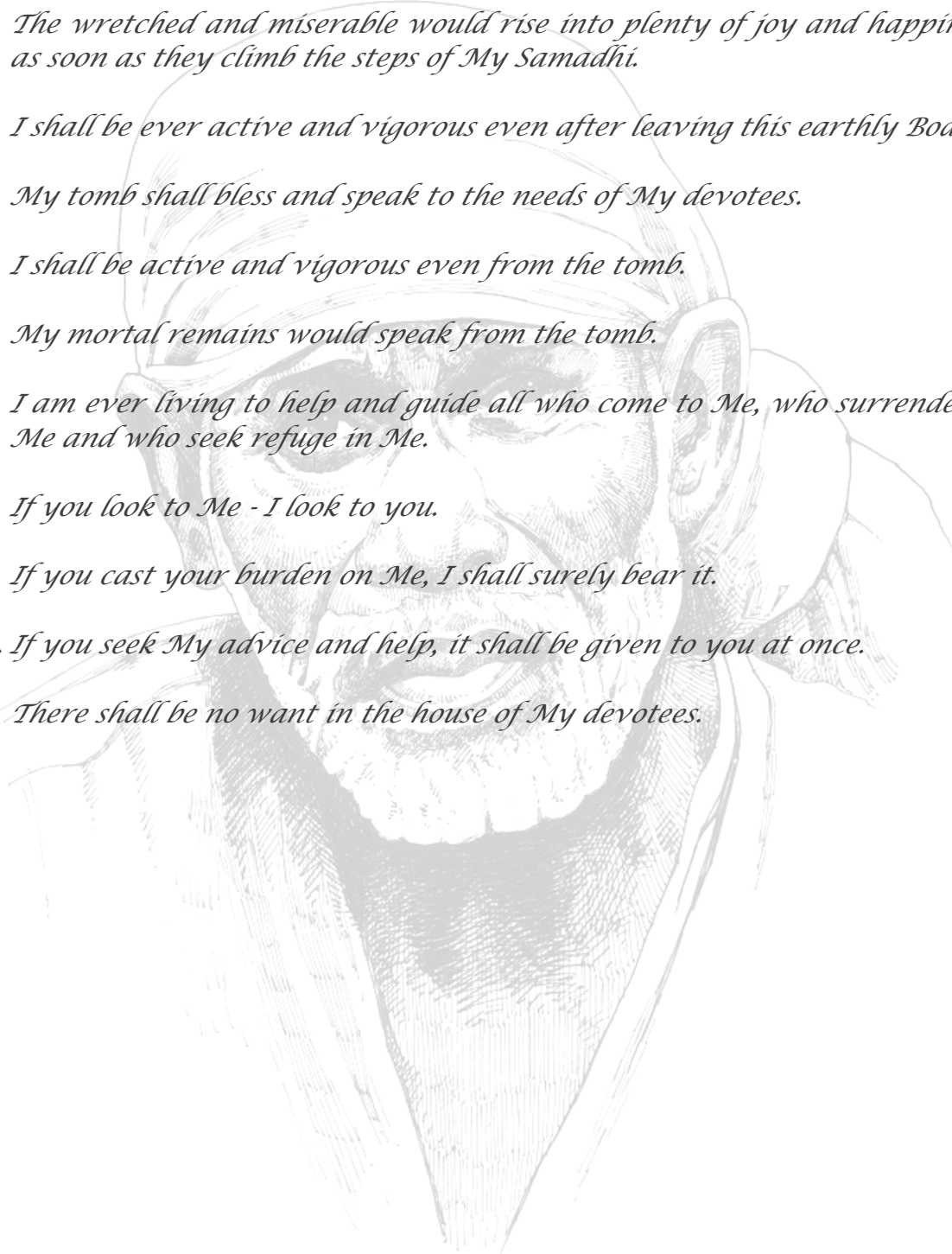


RiaKanungo, France, Age – 6 years



## ELEVEN SAYINGS OF SHRI SAI BABA

1. *Whoever puts his feet on Shirdi soil, his sufferings would come to an end.*
2. *The wretched and miserable would rise into plenty of joy and happiness, as soon as they climb the steps of My Samadhi.*
3. *I shall be ever active and vigorous even after leaving this earthly Body.*
4. *My tomb shall bless and speak to the needs of My devotees.*
5. *I shall be active and vigorous even from the tomb.*
6. *My mortal remains would speak from the tomb.*
7. *I am ever living to help and guide all who come to Me, who surrender to Me and who seek refuge in Me.*
8. *If you look to Me - I look to you.*
9. *If you cast your burden on Me, I shall surely bear it.*
10. *If you seek My advice and help, it shall be given to you at once.*
11. *There shall be no want in the house of My devotees.*





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