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**Swami:** I have a few questions. Just a little chit-chat, a small discussion. Who is Shirdi Sai Baba, Hanuman? Who is Shirdi Sai Baba?

Hanuman: He's many things. He's Shiva, the Father, pure Shiva character - He's my Sadguru.

**Swami:** He's Sadguru to everybody but who is he, Gustav?

Gustav: He came from Shiva himself, so he's an incarnation of Shiva. And he turned into an incarnation of Dattatreya because he won also Vishnu. He's the avatar of this yuga. He has to take care about this planet in this yuga now.

**Swami:** Out of how many saints in the planet, what is his greatness?

Gustav: My personal belief, he's giving us access to Shiva which the planet has lost.

**Swami:** Meesha?

Meesha: He's the Big Boss.

**Swami:** Ok, whatever you said, he's the incarnation of Shiva. I agree but what is the greatness of Shiva, Gustav? What is Shiva greatness?

Gustav: He's in charge of all souls here. He has to take care of them. He's in meditation. To me he's the soul who's focusing on all the souls and their growth what happens after death. Kind of the pillar of this yuga now. The greatness of Shiva is, he's concentrating on the souls constantly. He's always in deep meditation. Without him there would be no peace. He's holding the alahala. He's our savior. Without him we would not be able to deal with the Mother. We would not understand creation.

**Swami:** So Vishnu won't take care it, huh?

Gustav: Well one part he's taking care, but it's easier to connect with Shiva to take care one part our journey.

**Swami:** He's easier? What you said?

Gustav: It's easier.

**Swami:** Is it true guys?

Gustav: Well, he's Bhola Shankara.

**Swami:** Means he doesn't have any Brahma consciousness to give whatever you like it?

Gustav: He can.

**Swami:** But why he did the stupid things to promoting the Ravanaasura and Gajasura to give certain things to disturb? Only the rakshasas, asuras worship him. All the rakshasa kings: Ravanaasura, Bhasmasura, Gajasura never like the Vishnu. They never worship Vishnu - they hate Vishnu. They're only worshipping Shiva and they're asking very strange things. One time Shiva gave his own wife to Ravanaasura. It means he doesn't have the Brahma Consciousness, Gary? It's a question for you. Shiva gave his wife to Ravanaasura. He doesn't have the consciousness? Just Ravanaasura asked Shiva and Parvati appeared because of his having the austerities power. Simply he looked at Shiva and Parvati, "Hey, your wife is so beautiful, give your wife." He simply said, "Ok, take her." It means, why Shiva doesn't have the consciousness?

Gary: It's his nature.

**Swami:** That's his nature? That's your nature too.

Gary: I wish. Sometimes I heartfully pray it's my nature.

**Swami:** If same symptom things happen in your life what do you do? Don't misunderstand, somebody comes, "Hey, give your wife." What do you do?

Gary: Not what Shiva does, His message is a beautiful message one part.

**Swami:** My talk is very tricky but there's a reality there, sorry.

Gary: He's not attached.

**Swami:** Exactly. In the planet, any negativity, any negative force, that's natural, it's playing on the human beings, on the saints and avadhuts, aghoras, any type of spiritual persons. The negative forces generally will attack. There's only one character, Shiva, who's the person to take care of that negative energy. That's why in Dwarkamai, everyday they're cleaning the Shiva Lingam three times and doing the abhishek. Now they're preparing the sandalwood paste creating the high positive vibrations there. Then it's spreading to everybody. The same with Shirdi Baba, he's purely linked one million percent with Shiva through his master Venkusa to connect a power object. What is that power object, Bharati?

Bharati: The brick.

**Swami:** Can you really sleep your entire life on a brick as a pillow?

Bharati: I would love to meet him and ask him how he did it?

**Swami:** If your master gave you a rock, to sleep only on that as a pillow, can you do that?

Bharati: If the master is saying you have to do it. I mean it's unbelievable, amazing sadhana he did.

**Swami:** Shirdi Baba didn't do any sadhana except the service to his master, only service to his master, Venkusa. Whatever power objects you have, your mala, Shiva lingam, a ring, a crystal stone, all the stuff - that's purely

all your power objects. On your puja you have a small statue - that's a power object. If you think it's a little silly, huh-un. This chair is a power object. When I started the ashram somebody brought it and put it here. I can sit in silver chair, sandalwood chair, huh-un - this chair is comfortable and powerful. Thousands of hours I've sat in this chair and I made sankalpam - this is a power object.

Like even in his Dwarkamai, what Baba used a hookah, of course later on people knew very well he smoked ganja. We feel he's a smoker but many angles, many levels, to control his avadhut energy to the body, to digest that energy he requires it. Sometimes he needed to go in Yoga Nidra two days, three days. In that small hamlet, village, like small street, it was amazing raining, he smoked and fell down in the street. The water was going on top of him two feet. He was like dead in the mud. I'm serious. Then some villagers they recognized the next morning, "Oh Baba! He fell off in the street!" Then they carried him and dropped him in Dwarkamai. Even they dropped him in Dwarkamai he screamed on them. All his dresses are dirty. Like not even one or twice a year he took a shower. His dress is very damaged. He didn't care. Somebody is bringing like one million rupees and somebody else has only like three rupees in their pocket. Baba tortures the three rupees person, "Give me those three rupees." The guy with million rupees, "Baba I'm happy to give this money to you." He won't accept it. Why? Why? That's his nature? He's a psychiatric patient or what is that type of character? We need to discover, Gary?

Gary: That type of character... something he sees that that person with three rupees needs, he goes for that.

**Swami:** That guy is greedy. Who has that three rupees, he's super attached. He doesn't have any helping nature. He wants to keep that. Baba takes that. Once you are very liberal then he's, "Take it. I don't need it." Anything in your life, if you have super attachment to anything, does it make sense guys? Absolutely. Is it true Gustav?

Gustav: Yes, Swami.

**Swami:** What you lost with him?

Gustav: What is left?

**Swami:** For example, Skye is good chiropractor. He helped my body a lot. And Michelle M. is also very good - super strong to fix the nerve systems. Many times I warned to Skye, "You need to discharge man. You're working a lot." If you're not discharging enough - forget your lives. Even Ramakrishna Paramhansa, Vivekananda, Kabir Das, Tulasi Das, Shirdi Baba, Jesus Christ, any person on the planet, once you're receiving some energy, then after you're giving some energy you're receiving some energy from the person. If you don't know how to deal with that - it will bite you, it will torture you no matter what. I gave a lot of discharge techniques too. You know what I'm saying? Today she's in a bad position and Skye got the huge operation on his back. Now he needs to take a bed rest, he cannot walk. He's such a strong guy - forget it. I know you're learning lot of the things but you need to discharge that part. Like today I gave the process Womb Chakra. That's a huge discharging purification for many lifetimes. So what you lost Gustav?

**Gustav:** Well, I lost my jobs. I lost the people from my earlier life, my former friends, they don't believe in me in what I'm doing. They say, "Ok, they put all his family and he's doing his thing." But they don't believe in it, so I don't have a place to go there any more.

**Swami:** Because of me, or because of yourself?

**Gustav:** No, no because of myself. I gave it up freely. I don't care so much about what I lost. My attachments are more family.

**Swami:** You should recognize one thing. Who enters inside Shiva Sai Mandir, once you stand near him straightly - there's a reason why he called you here. Period. That reason I smelled it, but I never expressed it to you. Like you're doing your meditation, you're doing your sadhanas, fine. Whenever he doesn't want to see you, your work is done. Whenever he sends you back, do your job. Whenever you're in the controversy, "No, I want to stay here. No, I want to go back. I want to do this." Don't do that stuff. Just sit, be in clarity what he really wants to do. And in your life, what your heart is saying, try to think deeply and doing it. Don't go into confusion - surrender to him and start whatever your work. If it's happening, that's his blessing. If it's not happening - that's good for you. That's good for you.

Since fifteen days, everyday I'm waking up 4 p.m., 6 p.m., why? Ramakrishna, how many hours you can be on the bed, even you're sleepy or not sleepy? How long you can really lie down?

Ramakrishna: Really maximum nine, ten hours, sometimes eight.

**Swami:** Everyday you can be like that?

Ramakrishna: No way.

**Swami:** He gave that much of work to my mind. I have the huge bed, from here in one hour I'm there in that corner, turning around, again one hour moving in this direction facing the north, facing the south, all eight directions like a wheel. Whenever I start thinking about Gary, I have to face the north. His whole force is in the north direction, how to put him in the place, in the right track. I am doing that.

So in Baba's case, he's pure Shiva character. He's seeing two thousand years ahead, from Oct. 17, 1918 from that day on wards he's seeing two thousand years ahead to prepare the souls. He already planted the seeds. He's not doing the job now - he already did it. He already made a movie and just now he's playing the cassette. He made a movie already. In simple Dwarkamai he's enjoying whatever he wanted in a simply way, then he released the cassette. Anything happens, any moment is running - that is his blessing. Take it for granted. Shiva is that much all the time he's in the meditation, he's seeing the whole millions of years, the whole universe, every part well taking care of it.

So the point is, Shiva Ratri is coming, surrender. A few years back, the time is almost 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. I woke up. I want to go to Sri Sailam to touch the Shiva Lingam! That was my sankalpam. I called the helicopter person. He said, "Yes boss, I'm ready, let's go." He landed here. We took off, me and Nityaananda and Jagadish, engineer. There is no place to land, all cars with millions of people on the hill. If we need to land we have to go for sixty kilometers, then take a taxi or bus to come back to that temple. I said I don't have the time. He kept circling forty-five minutes around the Shiva Temple. All the police is getting alert, "Who's this guy?" They're super angry and upset but I'm getting little anxiety, I have to make it land. Then I told to the captain, "Look at this rock with the little bushes. You can stop for awhile then I will jump."

He said, "You're not a James Bond. Shut up. I can't do that. You'll lose your legs and your head. Forget it." "Please captain, I'll do that, don't worry." He's a good friend of mine. He said, "Well, okay. I understand your face, don't get angry." He put it almost like fifteen, twenty feet high above the

ground. Straightly I jumped. I lost my shoes. Standing up I saw my legs and my hands, "Okay, it's perfect. Run!" Then the people, "Oh somebody fell off from the helicopter." Then they're chasing me. You saw Nityaananda?

Nityaananda: Yes Guruji, thousands of people were running after you up the hill at the helicopter. Then you ran the other way then they ran after you.

**Swami:** After I fell out, the people are chasing me and I'm running my maximum best. Finally lucky, one person who I know, he had a motorbike and he's standing there, "Jump." I jumped on his motorbike and went to the nearby temple. The big police officer is screaming at me, "Who gave you permission to come here?" "Shiva." Then the person in charge of the temple, that ego in charge officer, he came from inside the temple, "Oh, he's the character, please, we need to let him alone." Then after two hours later Nityaananda and Jagadish came.

Why I'm saying this, it's not doing like a crazy way. You have the consciousness, good sankalpam, clarity mind, the heart is open, the channel is very clear - you can do it. With confusion mind, if I really had confused mind and panic and jumped, forget it. It's not a joke. Same thing in our lives, some bad incident is happening, okay accept. Some very good thing is happening, accept it. But try to be in the stitha pragnatata. Whenever good things are coming it never tells you when it's coming. Whenever bad things are coming it never tells you it's coming. You know what I'm saying? That's the life.

Once you gave your life to him, Guru Parampara, it's their job to take care of whatever is coming in, whatever is going out. If you feel you're responsible for your life all the time - that's the number one stupidity thing you're doing. Some crazy mistakes, some of your habits, addictions, harming anybody, that's not healthy, again you have to pay with interest. If you harm somebody, if you cheated somebody for your happiness, for your own selfishness, you have to pay back. Again he'll give you back with interest in this lifetime - no need to wait for next lifetime. Especially this lifetime you have to face that, enjoy it, either sweet one or bitter one. Does it makes sense? Even tons of things in my life, I've had tons of experiences with him, quite amazing things - simple surrender, happy, accepting it. I want to help somebody like Nityaananda, like Patrick. I know where is the block, where the problem is there, want to lift him. Whenever I approach to taking care of his soul to lift up, it doesn't work. I can't push it too much. I

have to wait. Again second approach, again third approach but until I get there, until I really hook you guys to make you tied to channeling to Baba, my journey with you, even though my physical presence is not working with you but the soul level energy all the time working, catching your thoughts, no matter what. Understand?

As a new student you might think, "How can I have that much approach with Swami? Who is Shirdi Baba? This is all new culture." No need to worry like that, or, "Oh, since ten years with Swami, we had great time. Now he's ignoring." There's a reason why I'm ignoring you. You know what I'm saying? If the mother has the five kids but she's concentrating only one kid majority to feed him and take care of him, but she loves the four kids too. That one kid is a little spoiled so she's feeding him and taking care of him. Who takes care of themselves, mother never concentrates too much on the four kids because they're getting well trained themselves. Who is really driving the mother crazy - then she's concentrating on that kid. Does it make sense Chamundi?

Chamundi: Yes.

**Swami:** You're also well spoiled in your family isn't it? She has three brothers and she's the only girl. She's like the dictator in the house in Bangalore, super attached to her father but her father also good talker like her - talking, talking, talking talking... Okay any questions guys?

Mutiam: I was reading my notes from last Shiva Ratri...

**Swami:** Tell the point!

Mutiam: You mentioned that you would discuss how Shiva became purified.

**Swami:** What's the point?

Mutiam: You said you would tell us how Shiva became purified.

**Swami:** Just wait for the program to come. This is just a little chit-chatting only. I'll explain. I'll explain how to activate the Shiva Lingam in the yantras, the bijakshras, everybody knows that right? In the ancient palm leaf book you saw it.

Luzia: Swami, you said Baba made the movie and he's playing the cassette. And now we're all here right now with Baba. Were we there too with him when he started the movie? When Baba made the movie, in his lifetime, were we all there with him? Did we also play a role there with him that's why we're here now?

**Swami:** There's no doubt on that, not on that part with that body.

Luzia: Not with that particular body but sometime we were with Baba?

**Swami:** Yes.

Christin: Swamiji, you said the movie is already made, so I wonder what is our part? Is it enough because you said we shouldn't be confused what we have to do or what we should do? Is it enough if we have the wish to do the work what he wants us to do? If our heart is open, if we really want to give our life, does it mean we don't have to make plans anymore? You know what I mean, that I don't have to focus on something or try hard to go in some direction but just to accept whatever comes?

**Swami:** When did you come to India?

Christin: In 1999.

**Swami:** You really thought in 2000 you're really going to India?

Christin: In 2000? Maybe I had an idea that I wanted to go but...

**Swami:** Did you have the idea you wanted to come to Penukonoda?

Christin: No, no idea.

**Swami:** So what's the deal? For example, Tina, just I talked to her one time with her mother when she came first time with her mother. Just I talked fifteen minutes to her. I scanned all her energy then I put my sankalpam. Her mother is so attached to her and worrying about her. Just I threw my sankalpam. Now she's here. She was having luxury life in London, now she's chanting the Five Elements perfectly. Paul is since ten years but she's very less time. You can see the difference. That's enough.

One time when I was in Los Angeles, Ramakrishna had one girlfriend who had a kid. At George's house, he's drinking the carrot juice and I asked, "Man, when are you coming to India?"

"Oh no Swami, I'm very happy here in Los Angeles. It's a perfect life, perfect enjoyment. I'm sorry, maybe in the future." Then he made us to sit in his Lexus car. I sat next to him, "Oh, this is so nice beautiful car."

"Yea my girlfriend gave it to me."

"Good for you." Then he's driving with his sunglasses. I'm sitting thinking, "How I have to change this buffalo to come to India? He's really getting spoiled. What can I do?" I put two thoughts sankalpam, then shaking his hand, "Good luck." Two, three months later he showed up in India. Point, even though you're doing the mistakes, sometimes the Guru Parampara can recognize that. Even though you're hiding and doing it, that's more dangerous. Voluntarily you're telling to the Guru Parampara, "I don't know, with or without intention I'm doing this stuff. Please give me the right direction." The indications will be there with you.

Luzia: Swami, how do we see when a soul is ready? Are there certain symptoms you can tell or we just can't recognize but you can recognize?

**Swami:** Majority you guys, everybody's ready.

Luzia: Yea, but let's say like the case of Tina. You saw her, you scanned her, or Ramakrishna, or certain people you scan, what do you see and how can we also develop seeing?

**Swami:** It comes. Once if you feel in your heart or mind, the person is doing wrong - put the thought. That's called sankalpam siddhi - everybody has that. Have the thought, release the thought - they'll come on the track. You know what I'm saying? How many thousands of japas you've done? How many hundreds of homas you sat? That energy is not gone, it's there with you. Every meditation - you didn't lose that, it didn't go anywhere, it's in you, it's with you. You know what I'm saying, so you have to.

Guenther: Swami, five years ago, in 2003, you said that even Shiva got heartbroken, how is that possible and what happened and how did he cure himself?

**Swami:** It's a lady's controversy. He had two wives you know.

Guenther: But he's not attached.

**Swami:** It doesn't matter - the women don't care. He has one on top Ganga another one is Parvati. You can read the Shiva Puranas...Done?

Guenther: So how did he cure himself?

**Swami:** It's not a big deal.

Gustav: You said that Baba made no sadhana, he had the channel to his master.

**Swami:** He was born as the divine just his master removed the clouds. Krishna was born himself like pure avatar - his master removed the clouds. Buddha he was born, the nature, Mother removed the clouds. You guys came with huge divine here. You're already born with divine. You came here to do some sadhana then you're ready again in the planet. You don't need to be for the rest of your life here - no.

It's time for arati. Good luck. Have a good day.

End of Talk