



The Sadguru's
grace alone wipes
off all ill will



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This extraordinary experience which we Bapu devotees from Singapore have been graced is according to me, meant for the whole world. Mrs. Sapana Sunder was one of those devotees who attended every Upasana at the centre. She was a rather curious devotee. She would regularly keep asking us questions which we would try to answer to the best of our capacities with Bapu in our minds. Due to her regularity at the upasana centre our acquaintance grew. Her faith in Bapu strengthened and she was blessed with many special experiences. Her life until then quite dreary, gradually began to show signs of blossoming with happiness, all by the grace of Bapu. Every time she sang the gajar and offered the aarti tears streamed down her eyes.

Just when life was beginning to look up, Sapana's husband fell ill. He had chest pain among other complaints. He had to be shifted to the hospital as he was not doing well at all. All kinds of tests were done. All the reports were normal. Sapana was naturally glad and she thanked Bapu for it. Even in the hospital, Sapana would do the namasmaran, praying for her husband's health. In her family Bapubhakti was forbidden but undeterred Sapana continued with her upasana. Her faith was as strong as ever. Her husband's health was improving.

In the vacation of 2007, Sapana came to India and was graced with Bapu's darshan which left an indelible happiness in her heart.. She began attending the Upasana at Pune her maternal hometown. Every time that she offered the upasana, she invariably found herself deeply



immersed in it. Her maternal family too was totally against her Babu Bhakti and she had to put up with a lot of humiliation and hurt. Once she happened to talk to her father about her husband's health. Her father then read his horoscope and cautioned her that the period after March 2007 spelt danger to her husband's life. He even went to the extent of declaring that she would give up 'whatever she was given to (Babu bhakti), at that moment'. Once back home in Singapore, Sapana opened up and shared all of this with me. She said, "Please pray to Babu for my sake." I assured her saying, "The whole world, all that you can think of, put together can be no match for our one and only Babu. If you have firm, unshakable faith in Babu, nothing can harm you, absolutely nothing at all. Offer every moment of the insult or the hurt that comes your way, at Babu's Feet and stay calm and assured. You do not need to worry." With her faith in Babu as strong as ever, Sapana returned home feeling light and reassured.

But then her husband began feeling unwell again. Her father called and said that he had consulted an expert astrologer, also his old acquaintance about her husband and showed him his horoscope. The astrologer was of the opinion that her husband happened to have eaten something given to him with ill will. That was the reason why the reports were normal though he was in fact unwell. Also, 3rd March, the day of the lunar eclipse, would be the last day of his life. Sapana was numb. That moment on, she became increasingly worried. Her concern about her daughters was eating into her heart. Her nervousness increased with every passing moment. She gathered her courage and shared all of this with me. I too was stunned. But what I remembered at that instant were Babu's words. He had once said, "If you ever happen to run into a ghost and it threatens to eat you up, warn it and say – my Babu is supreme, the greatest of all. Dare to try it with my Babu before you gulp me down?! You dare not!" Collecting



myself with these words, I offered a prayer at Bapu's Feet to help me reassure Sapana and calm her.

She got in touch with Vaibhavsinh in Mumbai and he too had a similar piece of advice. He said, "He is supreme and He alone is the competent One to protect and salvage." He also told her to read some holy texts as per instructions from Suchitdada. She started with it almost instantaneously. Every day brought her closer to 3rd March and she became increasingly restless. She called me everyday and she had just the one question 'My husband is going to be safe, isn't he?' I too had the one answer – 'Just have firm faith in Bapu. It is Bapu's love that He got the 'Hastamudrika poojan' done, it is His Word, the infallible and ultimate Truth that 'He will never forsake us. Hold on to it.'

Around that time, her husband was away touring and that made her even more anxious. 'Your problem is nothing as compared to our Bapu. He is way above all of this. He will take care of you and your family.' I kept telling her in order to compel her to think positively. Once again she got in touch with Vaibhavsinh and he said that 'Bapu had instructed her to start reading regularly, the 11th chapter of the Shreesaisachcharita along with the Shree Saistavanmanjiri and to recite a few other stotras.' All of us at the centre decided to do the same along with her.

Finally the dreaded day dawned. It was 3rd March. With all her faith, Sapana recalled Bapu to her mind and prayed, "May I not lose sight of Your Feet Bapu. Please get me to recite the jap constantly."

It happened to be Saturday and we were all gathered at the Upasana centre. It was decided that Sapana would do the aarti. All the bhaktas went home after the aarti. Sapana and I continued with the jap and



the reading through the night. During the period of the eclipse, sapana recited the Ghorkashtoddharan 108 times.

On the next day at 9.30 in the morning her husband called to say, “All is well and I am fine.” When she called to share this happy news with me, she kept proclaiming ‘Bapu ki jay ho!’ (Glory to Bapu). Tears flowed down from her eyes.

Exactly one month before this incident, i.e. on 3rd February, the glass pane on Suchitdada’s photograph had cracked. The words that one of the bhaktas uttered then will forever be etched in my heart. He said, “Bapu has taught us not to be timid or disheartened in the face of any situation. Suchitdada has definitely taken upon Himself and borne some kind of grave trouble that could have come our way.”

We actually got to experience and live the words

करणी मंत्र तंत्र काळे, नासती श्रीकृपेने

(The grace of the Sadguru alone can wipe out evil and ill will)

....the verse in the Sadguru Upasana that depicts fruition and fulfillment. Sapana’s bhakti became even more intense and firm since then all by the grace of our Bapu and Bapu alone.

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