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Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

Chapter 44
The detached Shastri held the
Lotus-feet of Siddha

He showed him a great Guru
lovingly.

He attained his real nature by doing
Nama-Japa

He made men, women and children
do Naama.

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Sri Siddharudha is the ocean of mercy, very generous to the devotees, kind to the non-devotees too and the provider of knowledge to the intense seekers. One must begin one's daily work by saluting such a Sadguru. All difficulties will be vanished and one gets the things done. All will be gained by His thought. One will receive name and fame in this world through His darshan. All the desires of the devotees will be fulfilled by saluting His feet. If you want wealth, you should surrender to His Lotus Feet because one's desires will be fulfilled by worshipping Him. Siddha gave shelter to knowledge within Himself as it had no place to sit on. Those, who are desirous of knowledge, must fall at the Feet of Sadguru. They will certainly achieve it. Now, listen to the story of Siddharudha who is the ocean of knowledge. All the holy rivers join this ocean together.

There was a man called Tammanna Shastri. He was virtuous. He was not only a great saint but also a *jnani*. He was the native of a village called Navalagund. In Hubballi, he was uplifting a number of people by preaching the Vedanta. The devotees found his narration very effective and useful. He was well known for his simplicity. He was indifferent to the unreal and transitory. In short he was free from worldly desires. He, once, came to Siddharudha. Having saluted Him, he said, `O Siddharudha, You are a heap of knowledge, and shelter for the intense seekers. Having sheltered at Your Feet,

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they attain Bliss Eternal. Those, who have attained cessation (*Virati*) in mundane existence, they have no other alternative except You. Hearing Your fame, I've surrendered at Your Feet. I'm contented in worldly life but I found no happiness in it. Mundane life doesn't leave easily. That's why, I've surrendered myself to You.'

Having heard his earnest words, Siddharudha advised him thus, 'O Tammanna Shastri, listen to me, you are a Vairagya-murti (detached from material objects and pursuits) on the earth. You behave internally in the form of knowledge (jnan). As you've body externally, you wish to have suitable practice. You uplift the people by showing them the right way to the spiritual path. Sri. Rama accepted Vashistha as his Guru. Similarly, Sri. Krishna also accepted Sandeep as his Guru. They showed that great men also need Gurus, I'm very happy to know that you practise vairagya in-order to raise the devotees. There's no advice better than practice. Now, do as I tell you. Brahma Chaitanya Maharaj lives in Gondavalepur. Surrender to him who is famous in the world. Don't understand that I've rejected you. I'm telling you this for the welfare of the world because Sri. Krishna said it in the Gita, 'The wise should save the ignorant' Having heard the nectar-like words, Shastri felt happy. He fell at His feet.

Receiving the blessings of Sadguru,
he proceeded.

Having gone to Gondavale,
Vishnu-devotee, Tammanna Shastri
met Brahma Chaitanya Maharaja
and saluted Him reverentially. He
said to Him, `O Merciful Sadguru,
I've surrendered myself to you.
Would you, please tell what
beneficial is to me? Having heard
his polite words, Sadguru said,
`You come from Hubballi where
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is living. He Himself has sent you.
If you chant trayodashakshari
Mantra (Mantra consisting of
thirteen letters) thirtenn lakh times,
bondage of bhava (a cycle of births
and death) will be destroyed.' thus,
He advised. Immediately, Shastri
went to a lonely place and began
the chanting of the mantra. Going
to a lonely place, and concentrating
his attention on the mantra, he
began to chant it. At the end of
Japa, Sri Rama appeared before him.
At that time, Shastri lost his body
conscious and attained *Samadhi*
(Spiritual trance the fourth state).
Looking at the image of Bhagawan
for a while he forgot his body. He
then said, `Thus, you should give
me your darshan everyday. I don't
want anything in my life' Sri Rama

replied, 'My darshan is available by the chanting of *Naam* itself.' Thus, he assured him. Shastri saluted Him devotedly. Soon, the image of Sri Ram disappeared from the scene. Having attained self-realization through the Grace of Sadguru, he fell at the Feet of Maharaj and shed tears of joy. Brahma Chaitanya Maharaj said to Shastri. 'Siddharudha sent you here. Therefore, I name you Sachchidananda. Now go and uplift the people.'

Taking the permission of Sadguru, Shastri came to Hubballi. Having saluted Siddharudha, Shastri said, 'O Kind one, the moment I went there, by Your order, Sadguru advised me a thirteen lettered mantra. I'm greatly blessed by it. I understand that You Yourself manifest in all forms. Now, you show me a remedy that helps me to be free from conceit (abhimana)'. He thus prayed. Siddharudha replied him, 'One should do something for the welfare of the world. Collect the alms by begging and thus, the alms collected by begging should be used for grand community dinner.' Sachchidananda

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said. 'Having collected the alms, I'll arrange the grand community dinner during the Ramanavami festival.' Taking the permission of Sadguru, he went. Then, he collected the necessary alms for the celebration of the Ramanavami festival. Having got built a grand *pendal*, he arranged keertan (devotional song extolling the glory of *Paramatma*) and bhajan (worship) day and night for seven days. Haridasas (devotees of Vishnu) came from far off places for the kirtan. Lots of people participated and enjoyed the kirtan. Such moment of happiness continued for seven days.

All the people belonging to different strata of the society were invited to samaradhana (a grand community dinner) on the eighth day. The food was prepared for a ten thousand people. In the first two rows, eight thousand people ate the food and they were contented. During the meals, Siddharaya came. Seeing the grand dinner He felt very happy and said the words of happiness, 'O Tammanna Shastri, you are blessed. You earned fame in the world. It is indeed strange that you arranged such a grand community dinner through the alms. Heard this, Shastri replied, 'O Sadgurunatha, all this is Your own work. Causing me, You Yourself did all this' As soon as the first two rows were over, again eight thousand people sat for the dinner. Having seen this large number of people, Shastri was dejected. The food remained, was sufficient for two thousand people. There was no time to prepare more food. Now, he could not understand what to do. 'O Sadgururaya, manage Your work Yourself.' Having said thus,

Shastri took Sadguru to the kitchen.
What Sadguru did there was, He
looked everything with a favour
and said, `Start serving the food
quickly. Don't worry and meditate

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upon Samartha Sdguru in your
heart'. Hearing these words, Shastri
felt very happy and said, `Having
lessened all my work, He dispelled
my agony. Sadguru Himself came
as an assistant. Now, begin serving
the food.' They served the food to
the people as much as they desired.
They, again took food items to
serve. The food was served to all
but it (food) still remained. The
people who served the food ate
their dinner. Then, the food items
were over. All the people were
greatly wondered to see this
miracle. Shastri became very
happy. All began to praise Sadguru
by whose Grace the devotees
become carefree from the bondage
of bhava (a cycle of births and
deaths). Then Siddharudha went to

Siddashrama and the devotees also went to their houses.

Tammanna Shastri began to think of the actions that can be done for the welfare of the world. One day he came to Siddharudha and said, 'O Sadgurunatha, I've made a plan. Its purpose is to make the people do *naam* smaran (rememberence of name) and I've made up my mind to do thirteen crores japa. If each of the devotees does japa a little bit, the number will be complete at the end of the year' Having heard the remedy for the good of the people, Sadgurunatha felt happy. Taking the permission of Siddharudha Tammanna Shastri went. He said to the devotees who came to him for shravan (hearing). 'Each of you should chant the mantra, *trayodashakshari* everyday. Note down the number you chanted and altogether should be thirteen crores' Then, all the devotees gave their names and Shastri took them down. Having come early in the morning, they reported the number they chanted. Holding rosary in the hand, each of the devotees used to repeat the *Naam* devotedly. Wasting no time here

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and there all increased the number day by day. He added all their numbers and found that the number repeated thirteen crores was completed within six months, but none gave up the chanting of mantra, again they did thirteen crores japa. They developed their love of repeating the *Naam* among themselves. The rosary began to shine in the hands of women, men and children. They were chanting the mantra without wasting their time. It almost became a habit to them. They did the japa with love. Thus, the love of chanting the mantra developed among all the devotees.

While Tammanna Shastri was doing something for the welfare of the world, he often told that it was Siddharudha who did everything Himself. He never felt proud of himself. He himself manifested wonderful love over Siddharudha, and advised the people. A large number of people are coming to listen to his Purana. Sadguru is ocean of love. He has innumerable jewels as devotees. He protects them. Here Shivadas dedicates the forty fourth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus-feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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