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Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

Chapter 33
Attaining his great teacher's
Lotus-feet, Siddha Sadguru
enjoyed Bliss Eternal

The person died of snake's bite
survived again through the holy
water.

Separation from the association
with holy men is the worst misery
when one is in distress

All dedication to Him is the best of
all when one is in riches.

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O Supreme person, You are very generous to Your devotees. You are the protector of the poor and the ocean of compassion. O uplifter of the world, I bow down my head to You. Activities of the world go on because of Your existence. We, the ignorant cannot understand Your greatness. We try our best to describe it with the strength given by You. If You Grace, I will become wise and I will get strength to describe Your qualities. One needs pure love and dedication to describe Your stupendous story. Your story delights the devotees. As is a digit of the moon among the stars, so is Your leela among the stories of the saints You shine brightly in the gathering of the saints and sages. Now, I begin to describe the story of a saint. Sri Siddharudha Himself says, 'You must tell the fame of a saint today. I specially like it. I like to listen to a great man named Madiwala Swami of Garag. Tell the same story. Respecting the order of Sadguru, I begin to tell the story which was told by Siddha when He came to Hubballi.

The capital city of the East Kittur was beautiful with beautiful gardens in Karnataka. There was a well-versed man in all Vedas and *Shastras* in that town. A young bachelor called Madivalappa came to him as a disciple. He was clever and quick in comprehending the knowledge through the Grace of Guru. He became an expert in vedant philosophy. Oneday, his Guru went to a certain village. Then, the two princesses came to the *matha* and saw Madivalappa alone by himself.

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Those two young women began to do *kamachestras* in order to test his mind but he had conquered kama (lust). So his mind stood unmoved. His ascetism was wonderful and he did not look at the women. He remained in his studies. He did not speak a single word to them. Therefore they returned home. Madiwalappa said to his mind, "These young women are troubling me. I desert this village but this will have been destroyed by the time. I come here." Saying thus, he went. The dhoti (cloth worn around the waist) he wore, he tore it and deserted the *matha*. He proceeded towards the North India without wearing anything on his body (in the form digambar). He looked as if Vidya-surya (knowledge of sun) was walking. The people were surprised to see him. Madiwal swami went to the Kasi Kshetra

and there he defeated all the scholars in the philosophical debates. His fame was spread everywhere, Thus, he got many awards. Having had the darshan of Kasi Vishwanath, he sat in a quiet and lonely place and began to think in his mind, "Ah! having abandoned all the senses, I came here. How foolish I have been ! I earned honour but I insulted the scholars I gave up the senses but I collected honour sense. As I have defeated the scholars, I have to become a Brahma rakshasa (a kind of ghost of Brahm). I did not try to know Brahma. So this dress of Saints has been wasted. As I troubled others, my spirituality has been wasted my life just for honour. From today onwards, I should not use the Sanskrit language". He, thus repented much. He gave all his ornaments to the poor. He went to the Himalaya, searched a lonely place and began to do penance. After some time, he attained peace of mind. In the same way, entering the Nirgun, he gained Brahma-sthiti (super conscious state)

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supreme soul. At the same time he became a jeevanmukta (free from births and deaths).

In this way, achieving self knowledge he left the Himalaya and came to Kittur. He saw the decline of Kittur, He felt bad and sad because Kittur was under the rule of the British. One should understand that the place where a saint was deceived, that place was laboring under a curse. *Mahatma* (a great soul) does not protect the place through his Grace. So, it will be destroyed suddenly. At this time, Madiwala Swami began to live in Garag. The people, who recognised his greatness would come to Garag to seek his blessings. All the devotees constructed a matha on the bank of the stream for Madiwala Swami. Since then, he began to live in the matha. There were many disciples to serve him. *Mahatma* lost his eyesight, for some or the other reason.

At this time, Siddharudha was living in Hubballi for the good of his devotees. He had heard of Madiwala Swami's name and fame. Once, Siddharudha went to Garag with his devotees to have darshan of Madiwala Swami. Madiwala Swami asked them, "Where do you come from?" They answered, "Hubballi". He said again, "I heard that a saint had come to your place." The devotees said to him, "We've brought Him here." Madiwala Swami said to the saint? O Sadhu, what's your name?" The saint said, "The people call me Arudha" Madiwalappa said to him, "You tell that the name is Aarudha. Did you come all of a sudden from the cloud? Were you born from mother's womb? Tell me your

mother's name. Siddha told him that he had come from Brahma with the covering of ignorance. The birth from womb was unreal. Then, Madiwal Swami told Siddharudha to come near him

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and found that Siddharudha was very lean. He thought that he had really punished his body and his mind appeared to be refuted by sama (self-control). Madiwal Swami asks Siddharudha, "While travelling, have you seen a city where in the monkeys are playing?" Siddha said in his mind, "The body itself is a city and wayward temperaments are its playing monkeys. Then Siddha replied, "Really I've seen a city where the dogs are walking everywhere in that city. The others are not there. Then, Madiwal Swami asked, "Who gives the food to all these dogs?" Siddha said, "The other places (villages) are quite near. The people in them give. If the creatures die in the other

villages, they will keep them in the villages where the dogs live. These dogs eat their flesh and live." The temperaments persuaded everywhere are the dogs. The other villages themselves are the panch-bhootas (five elements). The dead animals are non-living senses. Having eaten them, the temperaments are well-nourished. Madiwal Swami heard Siddha's learned speech and asked him, "Have you seen such a village? in its kitchen, the wonderfull three rivers join together. They use its water for the preparation of food. There is a nine mile long way to go from the kitchen. If you've seen such a house, tell me." Siddha said, "Yes, I've seen such a house. Body itself is the house. Three-kuta itself is a kitchen. Naditrayas themselves are the joining three rivers. The food made out of these is the *Samadhi* (the fourth state) Avastha-traya itself is a nine mile road to the waking state." Madiwal Swami was pleased to hear the learned speech of Siddharudha and he said to the devotees of Hubballi. "You are really blessed to have such a company of Siddharudha. Worship Him devotedly. Then he said to Siddharudha, "Bear it firmly

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in mind what I'm telling now.
Control these three indriyas-hand,
mouth and penis. One more thing I
like to tell you is that the people of
Hubballi, no doubt elevate You and
at the same time, they knock You
down." Hearing this, Siddha said to
him, "I've no fear of that because
through your Grace I've abandoned
them. Again, Madiwala Swami said
to Him, "The devotees give You
clothes, wealth etc. Without giving
them to others, send them to me"
Laughing at this, Siddha said,
"Swami, I had thought that you
were free from worldly attachment.
If you really accept the wealth, give
me some money. I invest the
money in business, having
collected immense wealth, I give it
you yourself. Hearing the wise
words of Siddharudha, Madiwala
Swami embraced Him tenderly and
said, "You met your religion.
Cloth, wealth etc are
brahmanubhava (experience of
Supreme Soul). They shouldn't be
given to unworthy people but they
should be preserved at the Lotus
feet of Sadguru. He interpreted this
in this way. To this, the answer
given by Sidharudha was "Give me
your experience itself reflecting on
it, I increase it and dedicate it at
your feet.? At this time, they heard
a hubbub from the outside.
Madiwala Swami ordered his
disciple to see what happened there
and inform the same soon. He went
out and found that a man was dead
by the bite of a snake. Near him,
his wife and children were
lamenting the dead person. Many
people flocked to satisfy their
curiosity. The disciple came back
and informed Swami the fact that
had happened. Madiwal Swami
said to him, "Now, apply the
padodaka (water in which the feet
of sacred and revered person are

washed, and which is thus considered holy) to the body of the dead and you all do bhajan and he will survive"

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Then, all the devotees made Siddha sit on the divine seat washed his feet with love and devotion. Taking the holy water, they applied it to the body and spinkled it on his mouth. They covered the dead body with white cloth and they did bhajan. After a short while, the dead began to move. He stood up suddenly. All were happy to see this. His wife and children fell at the feet of both saints and said, "O Protectors of the poor, You are in the form of both Shiva and Vishnu and both of You are the same. You have saved my husband" Then, her husband came and said to them, "I dedicate my body, mind all my wealth at Your feet" Madiwala Swami said, "We've given you your wealth. Dedicate your mind at

Atma-vichar (enquiry of the self).
We want this from you. One should
use body for both mundane and
spiritual life". Hearing the nectar-
like words, the devotees did
jayakar and also arati to them.
While in Garag, Siddha preached
Vashistha daily. The devotees came
from far off places to have darshan
of Siddharudha. A number of
Shastris and scholars came to
Garag to hear philosophical
discourses which were sweeter than
nectar from the mouth of
Siddharudha. One must understand
that is the holy place where the two
rivers join together. As Prayag is
the holy place where the Ganga and
the Yamuna join so is Garag. It has
become a holy place where the two
great saints are staying. When
Siddharudha was preaching vedant
philosophy, Madiwala Swami
would hear His beautiful narration
and nod his head. Once when
Siddha was narrating the features
of Jivanmukta (realized soul),
Madiwala Swami stopped him and
started to preach, "One can't taste
the dressed food when it is in the
vessel or when it has gone into the
stomach but when it is on the
tongue, one

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can experience its taste. Similarly, unity of Jiva-Shiva brings about bliss but it can't be understood when the jeeva is in the state of ignorance. When the jeeva is in the state of Jivanmukta (liberated soul). Eternal bliss can be experienced in the middle state only. All the devotees were pleased to hear the words of Madiwala Swami and they worshipped both the Swamis.

Then, Siddha lived in Garag for some days. All the devotees were enjoying the festival of bliss. When Siddha sought the permission of Madiwal Swami, he said to Siddharudha "Siddha, stop travelling. Don't leave Hubballi. You obtain indescribable glory there. I tell you a word, listen to me. Don't look at the form of woman. Many saints and sages have been deceived by women. Protect your mind from the women. Speaking thus, Madiwal Swami hugged Siddharudha. He was in a choaked voice in his eyes. The occasion of separation was really indescribable. Madiwal Swami was an intense ascetic but at this time, he got rather agitated. Both were shedding the tears of joy. Then, Madiwal Swami said to him, "O, Son, never forget me. In return Siddharudha assured him that he would always remember him. Keeping his hand on Siddha's head, Swami said, "Let your *Jnana* (knowledge) be forever" and Siddha saluted at the Feet of Madiwal Swami. Seeing the affection of Swami towards Siddharudha, the devotees were in a voice choaked with emotion. Then they did pancharati and sang mangalarati. While Siddharudha going to Hubballi with the devotees, Swami accompanied them for a long distance. Then,

holding his Feet, Siddharaj told him to go back. Holding his hand, his disciples took Madiwala Swami to the *matha*. There,

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swami sat on the cushion and told his disciples about the various qualities of Siddharudha. When Rama went to the forest, remembering his son's good qualities, Dasharath lamented. Likewise Madiwalappa looked like. Soon after this, Madiwal Swami attained Videha Kaivalya. His disciples constructed a *Samadhi* Mandir and established his body in it. One attains the knowledge of self by hearing this wonderful story. Here Shivadas dedicates the thrity third chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.