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Adam Dalali, aged about 70, Estate Broker, living near the Naupada Mosque, Bandra says:

I am an old Bhakta of Sai Baba. My experiences are already found in Sai Lila Masik. I have long been going to Sai

Baba. He was so kind and generous. He has helped me on many occasions. I shall give a few striking instances.

My son had to be married. I intimated the fact to Baba and asked for his leave and sanction. Each time I asked , he put it off. I was writing also to him. Even then the reply sent usually back to me by Baba was his usual "Allah Malik Hai". At last after three years he replied that my son's marriage may be celebrated and he fixed a date for it and ordered me to celebrate it on that date. That was alright. But how were the funds to be provided by a poor man like myself? See how Baba provided for me! I had undertaken to pay the expenses of the bride's party also. I looked to Baba for aid. Some ten days prior to the date fixed, I got a sudden work entrusted to me and a sudden payment for it. Thus I got some relief. Then with similar accessions to my little marriage fund, I was able to celebrate the marriage on the date fixed by Baba (about 1913 or 1914)

Another and later instance of his help was towards the close of Baba's career. I had acted as a broker between a Marwadi and the man who mortgaged a building to him, giving him a title deed purporting to be issued by the Collector. This title deed was impugned and the police charge-sheeted me and the mortgagor for using a fabricated document etc. I went to Baba and prayed for his help He said "Do not fear. Everything will come right." Then I went to Mr. Tendulkar and entreated his wife to pray to Baba for me and say that I would be discharged. She said so. That day I was discharged and others, i.e. the Mortgagor were committed to the sessions, wherein I was examined as a Prosecution witness.

I have had numerous experiences, I have forgotten them. But they were all about earthly i.e. worldly matters. I did not read Quran or ask for spiritual advice; nor did Baba ask me to read Quran or speak to me of spiritual matters. Baba used to ask Bade Baba to go and read Quran or attend to his work. I do not now remember any prominent or scholarly Moslem that went to Sai Baba. He has come to me in other forms and dealt with me e.g. Once he came as a Brahmin and begged for something. I gave him two annas then. Once he came to me as a Marwadi and said he was hungry. I gave him four annas and asked him to go to a Marwadi's

hotel to get his food. Then when I went to Shirdi, Baba dropped significant hints showing me that he had visited me in those forms e.g. on the latter occasion, he said of me (at Shirdi) to some one else “I went to this man, he sent me to the Marwadi hotel to eat”. I always used his Udhi and Tirtha. I have got his picture here at home and I burn *Udbathi* before it. Even in recent times, I have been going to Shirdi.