

Glossary

abhisheka Offering a holy bath to the diety

abhyasa Practice

acharya deva The teacher treated as Lord/God

"acharya devo bhava" Worship the teacher

adhyatma Thought of atman, reality and eternity

adhyatma jnani Knower of self God - realised

advaitism The Hindu philosophy of non-dualisim

agni Fire

"aham brahmasmi" I am Brahman, the indweller of all souls

ahamkar Ego

akalyana Mischief

akarshana Act of attraction

akasa Space without limit

akkalkote wakil Akkalkote is a place. Wakil is an advocate

amor propre One who has no vanity or selfish love

amsas sparks

anal haq One with Allah supreme God

aniketana Homeless

animadi siddhis Various super natural powers

anityam asukham Life is impermanent & full of sorrow

anjali Salutation pose with folded hands

ankita A person deeply attached and dedicated fully to a master
such as Shri Sai Baba

ankolam A tree

antaryamitva Acting as the soul of all creatures (the indweller)

"apanasarika karitat tatkal" The Guru brings the student without
any difficulty and without requiring any period of time
to his absolute likeness

arthalubdha The conveteous *arti* Waving of lights, incense, camphor before an
idol as an act of worship

asanga Non attachments keeping aloof
ashta mahasiddhis Eight super natural powers
ashtaishwaraya Eight types of wealth or riches
ashtapasas Eight knots of the Sishya, pupil's attachments
asirvada Hand raised in blessing
asthairya Weakness in thought and action
asthira Fickle minded
asuric bhava Emotions of people having narrow and cruel tendencies
asuya Envy
"atithi devo bhava" Worship the guest
atma sakshatkar Self-realisation
atmajnana Knowledge of atma, soul
atmana By self study
avadhuta A sage, unclad seer
avadhuta jnani Unclad seer of highest order
avahana Invocation
avarana Darkness or maya that covers up consciousness and knowledge
avatar Divine incarnation and God's agent or form
ayaskanta Magnetic stone
ayi Ramakrishna ayi-a great lady devotee of Shri Sai Baba
babqcha lekhru Children of Shri Sai Baba, Marathi
babul A kind of plant by name babul
baddha Conditional tie-up (bound by samsara or ajnanis)
bandha Bondage, relativity
bandhutva Relationship, kinsmanship
bhagat Baba's way of addressing Mahalsapathy his close disciple Marathi.
bhajan Singing of the Lord's attributes
bhakti Deep devotion to God
bhakti sraddhavihina The person without devotion or faith
bharatavarsha Bharat, India

bhava Emotional relationship

bhayam Fear

bhiksha alms

Bhishma The great warrior king of Mahabharata fame, the grand uncle of both the Kauravas and Pandavas

bhootadaya Compassion for all beings and creatures

bhramara kitanyaya The logic of the bee-as it evolves so it becomes. As a man thinks, so he becomes.

bilba A seed known as bilba *bilva* Bell tree leaves

brahma atma aikyam Oneness between God & soul united with supreme soul

brahma jnana Knowledge of Brahman

brahma nishtha A state of God-realisation
brahma rakshas A weird spirit of killer, evilly possessed
brahmanda The universe caused by Brahman uniting with maya
brahmins Knowers of Brahman, but known to denote people belonging to the highest caste
buddhi Intellect
chaitanya The supreme bliss of God Sri Sai Baba
chaitanya marga Way of nama sankeertan 'started by Chaitanya, an incarnation of Vishnu in Bengal
chamara Whisks, feathers tied up as a fan, an insignia of respect
chamatkar Miracles
chatra Umbrella, insignia of respect
chaturmasya Four months vow to be followed by a sannyasi
chavadi Common resting place in a village for pilgrims at Shirdi
chintamani The wish yielding mythical gem or stone
chitta Will
dana Charity
daivam Fate
daivi sampath Divine qualities
dakshina Money offered with respect to teachers, Gurus
Dakshinamurthi The supreme teacher who teaches through silence
Dakshinamurthy pooja and upasana Worship of Lord Shiva in the pose of Dakshinamurthy, the teacher who teaches in silence, with no word spoken. . The method of sitting before him and learning through silence.
dama Control of feelings
dasis Devoted maid servant
Datta The trinity; Brahma, Vishnu and Mahadeva is combined in one and is known as Datta or Dattatreya, Sai Baba is an incarnation of Datta
Datta charithra pothi Reading of book on Datta, the three headed God. Trinity in one.
daya Compassion, concern

deha Form, body

dehatamabuddhi One's body being treated as one's soul

deva Attribute or form of God

dhairya Courage

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dhanam Pride of wealth

dharana Flow like a river

dharma Acceptable norms from time immemorial, of right conduct and character at home, in society and in one's country

dhriti Self control/courage

dhuni Sacred fire lit by Sri Sai Baba at Shirdi

dhyana Meditation

dridha samhrida Strong devotion and attachment to the Guru

droha Unfaithfulness to Guru

dualism The system that differentiates soul and God

durvasanas Bad traits

dussanga Bad company

dvaitism Concept of personal God to a seeker, aspirant

dvesha Hatred '

dwaparagyuga A yuga is millions and billions of years, of one such yuga is

dwapara yuga-Lord Krishna lived in dwapara yuga

dwapara yuga Uddava Uddava was a devotee of Lord Krishna

in the age of dwapara yuga, when Krishna lived

dwaraka mayee Place of residence masjid of Sri Sai Baba called dwaraka mayee. Mother's place, residence of Lord Krishna.

dhyanaatha In trance

ekamsat One with supreme

fakir Muslim sanyasi

gadi Seat, position

ganamdar or chakkiwala One who grinds seeds into oil

Ganapathi Vigneswar, eldest son of Lord Shiva. The elephant

headed God much loved in Maharashtra
ghatakasa Space occupied in a small pot
gitanhamu The meaning of the Bhagavad Gita, a song of Saint Thyagaraja
gode neem Margosa tree, neem tree of sweet and bitter leaves
at the gurusthan *in* Shirdi
grihasta A house-holder
guna Darkness, attribute of ignorance
Guru bhakthi Devotion to teacher, Guru
Guru bandhu A teacher, Guru of the same kind-colleague
Guru Gita The book which explains and teaches the various aspects of the Guru, the teacher *Guru namasmarana* Repetition in full faith of the name of the Guru
Guru parampara Teachers of a supreme order ensuring continuity from time to time of spiritual teachings
Guru seva Service of the Guru, teacher of divinity
Gurudeva Teacher who is considered to be God
Gurukulavasa Stay under a Guru for study with the Guru carrying out all orders of the Guru and the Guru's family and doing all the household work
Gurum vina Without the Guru
haj Pilgrimage sacred to muslims
haram Opposite to Muslim way of worship
Harinishta Familiar with personal God, Hari-Vishnu
henotheism Worship of one form at one time and another form at another
Indra The God of the devas, known as Indra, presiding over svargaloka
indriyajit Controler of all senses
ishta Fulfillments of one's vow's
ishtadevata One's own preferred deity like Rama, Krishna, Shiva, Maruthi
Iswara Lord of destruction one of trinity the others being Brahma and Vishnu (Narayan)

Janaka Maharaja Sri Janaka. The emperor of Mithila *janma* Birth
jihvopasthajaya Perfect control over palate, tastes and the sex urge
jitendriya Controller of all senses especially anger, self control
of the highest order
jiva Soul in a living body
jivanmuktha Highly realised soul, here in this world. Liberated
from all bondage while still living
jnana Deep knowledge of God
jnani Realiser of atma, soul
kaka Uncle, refer to Sri H.S.Dixit, a close devotee of Sri Sai Baba
kaliyuga Uddhavesabua A devotee of Sri Sai Baba by name Uddhavesa bua in
the present age of Kali
kaliyuga A yuga is millions and billions of years one such is kali-yuga the
present age
kalpura camphor
kamadhenu wish yeilding mythical cow
kamakrodhajit Controller of desires and anger
kamini Attractive women
Kamsa King of Dwaraka. Uncle of Lord Krishna, who wanted to kill Krishna
kanchana Gold. Attraction of wealth
kanjira A small drum instrument played by hand
karma Result of past actions. As you sow so you reap.
karnams Village officers
karya Refers to maya, the power of the shakti of Chaitanya, which causes forms
and appearances
khuda Muslim term for God, refers also to prophet Mohammed
kirtankar One who sings the Lord's names
Kula Pride of family
Kumbhabhisheka Religious ceremonies of pouring sacred water after
invocations, to the Lord
kumbhakasa Space occupied by a big pot

kupni Robe of an ascetic. Marathi.

lajja False sense of shame and shyness

lambadi A tribal

laya Merger or engrossed

linga sarira Astral or subtle body

lokahita Good of the world

lokakalyana Good of the entire universe

lokasanghaha To take full care and responsibility extending protection to all beings of the world

lotus feet Sacred feet of Sri Sai Baba compared to the lotus flower, in divinity this flower represents God's tender and utmost kindness. Lotus also represents supreme truth

mad abhijnam Familiar with personal God, Hari- Vishnu

Mahapurusha Illustrious person

mahasamadhi Giving up of the mortal frame

mahavakyas Supreme truths embodied in religious text, such as Upanishads

mahima Greatness

"Main Allahum" "I am Allah"

mamata pride

mana tyaga Supreme sacrifice

manan Repeated and serious reflection of God's stories

manas Mind

mantras Sacred words or syllables of God's attributes

manusmriti Laws of Hindu sage known as 'Manu'

marana Causing death, killing

marwadi A money lender

masik sraadha Monthly religious rites

masjid A mosque. The place Baba lived in was a masjid which later came to be called Dwarkamayee

"mat parayanas" Those persons entirely devoted to the Guru

"rnatru deva bhava" Worship the mother

"matruvat paradarmscha" Viewing women other than one's wife as one's mother
matsara Jealousy
Maulana Learned in Muslim scripture
maya or prakriti Illusion
mitabhashana Man of few words
Mohammadan A Muslim
mohana Creating delusious
moksha Supreme self-realisation or liberation from births and deaths
moksha Liberated soul. Liberated from conditional bondage
mokshamu galada Is there a way for realisation of God head, a song of Saint Thyagaraja
monism Advaita, God is one reality, without a second
mouni A Guru who enjoys the firm bliss of perfection but does not teach the same
mukta Realised, liberated soul
mukti Realisation of the real nature of oneself and of the Atma
mumukshta Desire to be free
murthy Sculpted image of God, a personal God
mussalman A muslim
"Nahi Ninda Nyaya" No reason to condemn other forms of worship
naivedya Food offering to God
najananti mudhastal No grace decends to one
namams Vertical lines on forehead of Vaishnavite Hindus, followers of Lord Vishnu and horizontal lines for Saivites-followers of Siva
namasmaran Thinking of God's names
namazes Muslim way of offering worship five namazes *are* made in a day
Narayanu Lord of preservation, one of trinity the others being Brahma and Mahadeva (Iswara)
natidure nichavat Ready to obey Guru's orders, standing like

a peon or a servant and at all times serving the Guru
nautch Village dancer
navavidha bhakti Nine forms of devotion
nididhyasan Deep contemplation
ninda Tendency to scoff or find fault
nirakara Impersonal God without form
niranjan One who has conquered maya or illusions of world, God realiser
nirguna God, beyond all attributes-gunas: Sattvic, Rajasic and Tamasic
nirmalamanas Calm and pure mind
niscreyas and screyas The good and the excellent
nitisloka Verses of good and right conduct handed down through the ages
nityapurna Pure and eternal fullness of God
pada The serpent power reaching hamsa padam through the nadis the other being pinda
padathirtham Waters that have washed the feet of the Guru
pagal Mad
pagal fakir A mad Muslim ascetic
panams A paltry sum of Rs. 1-4 annas
panchayatana A group of five saints
para prakriti Entire nature and the universal world
para vairagya Detachment leading to God
paramam padam The highest state of realisation
paramartha Supreme goal, ultimate reality
paramartika There are 3 stages of reality. This refers to the ultimate reality
paramasreya Self-realisation
paramatma Indweller, God
naramatma swarupam Form of supreme God
Parikshit Son of Arjuna. Hero of the Mahabaratha war
Pati Husband
pinda The kundalini sakthi, the serpent power in a human being

flowes in 2 nadis pinda and pada

pingala Name of a dancer, in the context of this book.

Pingala and Ida are also the other names of Pada and Pinda, the nadi's through which the kundalini shakti flows to reach the susumna nadi

"pitru devo bhava" Worship the father

poornalaya Completely and fully immersed

poornaparabrahman Total and full supreme consciousness of divine bliss

poorva abhyasa Exercise or training in a previous life

poorvakarma Result of past actions; of actions done in previous birth

pothi Study of scriptures and religious books

prakriti Universe, nature

pramana Method of reaching truth

prapatti Complete surrender to God, Sri Sai Baba

prarabdha Result of past karma attached to the body, which the body must fulfill

pratibhasika There are 3 stages in sages in their pursuit of the supreme knowledge in the first stage called pratibhasika, the ignorant does not see truth at all but sees good as evil and evil as good

Prem rupi Form of God. Full of love

Prema Supreme love

Prema Deep love and concern

Preya vastu Momentary articles or passing things

Priyah Most dear

puja Worship

purusha Male being, jiva

putra Son

raja upacharas A royal worship rendered such as to a king or emperor

rajas Ego-centred, self assertive

rajasic qualities of over-lordship, self assertion
ramavara Represents Hindu God Sri Rama. Marathi.
rasakrida Divine play of Lord Krishna with the gopis
rinanubhandha Tie-up obligation coming from previous birth
rupa Attaining the bindu
rupatita Beyond form merged with God-head
sadachara Right conduct
sadgati Merging with the supreme God-head
sadguru Teacher of the highest order, knowledge of God-realisation
sadhaka A seeker of the knowledge of God-head
sadhu Pious seeker
sadvastu Real
sant lilas Saintly miracles
Sai Sudha Magazine of All India Sai Samaj
saiva acharya Teacher who worships Lord Shiva
saiva matakhndanam Criticism of Saivism
Saivaite Follower of Shiva
sakara God with form
sakshatkara Personal presence or vision of God
saktinipata The Guru awakens the latent unawakened energy in the sishya through his Divine Grace and power
salangai Tamil word for tinklets generally tied to feet of dancers
sama Being humble, forgiving
samadhana peaceful negotiation
samadhi Fully merged with God-head
samadhi mandhir The place where Sri Sai Baba's mortal remains are enshrined at Shirdi
Samartha Competent and qualified Guru who uses all his siddhi and superior powers for his sishya
samatva Equality
sameepyam Being in the proximity of God

samsara Worldly life

samsarati Perfect cycles in the round of birth and death

samscayatma vinascyati The perpetual doubter perishes and can make no progress

sangamnare kazi Sangamnare is a place near Shirdi, kazi is a Muslim chief priest

sani Saturn. One of the navagrahas

sankalpa Resolve. Initial portion of pooja

sannyasi One who has renounced worldly attachments

sanatana dharma Dharma coming down from the ages of the rishis and sages

santosha Joy

saptaha Seven days study of scripture

saram Keen listening-devotional

sarangati Clutching the feet of the Lord, total surrender

sarupyam Attaining the same from as God

"sarva bhuta hite ratah" Interested in the welfare of all creatures

"sarva bhutatma bhutatma" Becoming and realising that one is the self of all creatures

sarvantryami The sole indweller in all creatures

sastras Religious duties and rituals, as laid out in the scriptures

sastric pertaining to holy texts

sat-chit-ananda Truth-consciousness-bliss

sat purusha Perfect, self-realised being

satchitananda bhavatita Awareness of supreme truth consciousness and bliss

sat hi akaraka At the moment of death, a friend to remind one of God

satsang Holy company. Company of the good

satsankalpa Good and divine thought or decision

satva Pure and selfless conduct

sawalokha malapahe Getting rid of gross problems of the entire world

sayujyam Being merged in God

scama Being humble and forgiving
scamadishatka Possessing the 6 qualities, control of inner and external sense organs, quietitude, renunciation, forbearance and faith
scankha Doubts
scuchi Right thoughts and actions/purity
scuscrusha vimukha One who does no care to render service to the Guru
seelam Good character *sevaya* Self-denial, service to the Guru
Shamakarna Name of the horse, presented to Sri Sai Baba *Shankar* Lord Shiva
shanta peaceful
shanti peace
shodasca upacharas Sixteen types of worship offered to God
shraddha Faith, doing work correctly
siddhi Super natural power
sishya Disciple
sthambana prevention of movement
Siva Lord Shiva, one of trinity
Siva panchakshari Five words leading to Shiva. Trance
Om namah sivayah or sivaya namahom
skandapurana The traditional story from the puranas relating to Lord Subramanya, son of Lord Shiva
sloka Verses
soham "I am God"
sowbagya Bountiful blessings
srotria High class caste brahmins
sthairya Firmness in thought and actions
sthula Gross body
stotras Verses in praise of God
subra marga The path of virtue
suddhachaitanya Pure consciousness

sufi A Hindu/Muslim religious sect

sukham Bliss, indentity with God

sukshma or lingasarira Subtle/astral body

sumangali Married woman

sushupti Deep sleep

swadhyaya One's conduct of chanting and reciting Vedic texts

that nourish the inner being, imparts, spiritual strength and purifies the mind and heart

swaroopa Form

swechcha marana To die at will

tamas Dull, lazy

tamasic Ego, hatred, cruelty, dull, lazy, lethargic

tan,man, dhan Body, mind, possessions

tashildar District Revenue Officer, Marathi

tatvanishta Firm master of tatvas

tinha yatra Pilgrimage of holy rivers

titiksha Endurance

Todas Hill tribals

tongawallah A cart man

turiya One with supreme spirit. The fourth state

uddharet To raise oneself

udhi Sacred ash from the fire lit by Sri Sai Baba

upadesh Teachings

upadhis Worldly attachments of power and status

upadishta Directions given by the Guru

upamana Example

uparati Ceasing, stopping

upasana Worship or japa of a mantra

vagardtha viva sampriktau Like words and meanings embedded in each other

vagmi A Guru who expresses his thoughts and realisation and teaches the same

vaideek brahmin A brahmin learned in vedas and prescribed rituals
vairagi One detached
vairagya Detachment
vaishnavite Followers of Vishnu
vanajari The teacher in the forest who can show the proper course to travel in the forest and come out safely
vanis Oil mongers
vasanas Tendencies
vasikarna Act of fascination
vatsalya Deep affectionate concern of a mother to her children
vedas Sacred holy texts
vibhuti Attributes of God
vichara Distinguishing between unchanging and changing reality, enquiry about matter
vidhivat Practices of a pupil going to the gurukula as per injunctions
vidhya Learning
vijana Vividha-jnana, means knowledge gained through understanding and contemplation
vimana Flying vehicle. Here refers to liberation from bondage of birth and death, in contemplation of God.
viraha Suffering through separation
virakti detachment
vishnu mata kandanam Criticism of vaishnavism
viveka Discrimination
vivekachudamani A holy book written by Sankara, incarnation of Lord Shiva
viveki Capable of discrimination
vyabhichara Going astray, wrong paths
vyavaharika There are three stages in sages in their pursuit of the supreme knowledge, the 2nd stage in the sage sees truth and differentiates between good and evil

"yogakshemam vahami aham" Undertaking to safe guard and
advance temporal and spiritual interests