

# **Mother, an attachment** **even for a realized soul**



Compiled from the speeches of  
*Sadguru Sri Nannagaru*



This book is dedicated to the Holy feet of Sri Rajayammagaru, the Mother of Sadguru Sri Nannagaru.

# The importance of Mother



Once a devotee approached Kanchi Paramacharya for initiation. Paramacharya did not heed to his request. Paramacharya asked the devotee: "Do you speak to your Mother?"

The devotee replied: "I did not speak to her since last 15 years." When Paramacharya asked for the reason, the devotee replied: "My Mother's character is not good."

Paramacharya said: "It is your duty to look after your Mother irrespective of her character. When you can't have reverence for your Mother, How can I believe that you will have reverence for your Guru?"

- Sadguru Sri Nannagaru





# Putlibai & Mahatma Gandhiji

Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation loved his Mother intensely. When Gandhiji was going abroad for higher studies, his Mother said: " It doesn't matter whether you will study or not. It doesn't matter whether you will earn more or not. I am contented with whatever we possess currently. My only desire is that you should not get habituated to smoking or eating meat or drinking wine or any other bad habits. I will not be happy even if you possess a foreign degree along with these bad habits."

Gandhiji remembered these words forever and protected his character.

In his childhood, Gandhiji used to steal money from home for the purpose of smoking. He did this being influenced by bad company. Gandhiji's father scolded his wife for the loss of money.

One day, unable to bear his Mother being scolded, Gandhiji wrote a letter to his father accepting all his mistakes. His father read the letter and did not scold back Gandhiji. Rather tears rolled down from his eyes.

Gandhiji later said that these tears washed away his entire sins and weaknesses and changed his course of life.

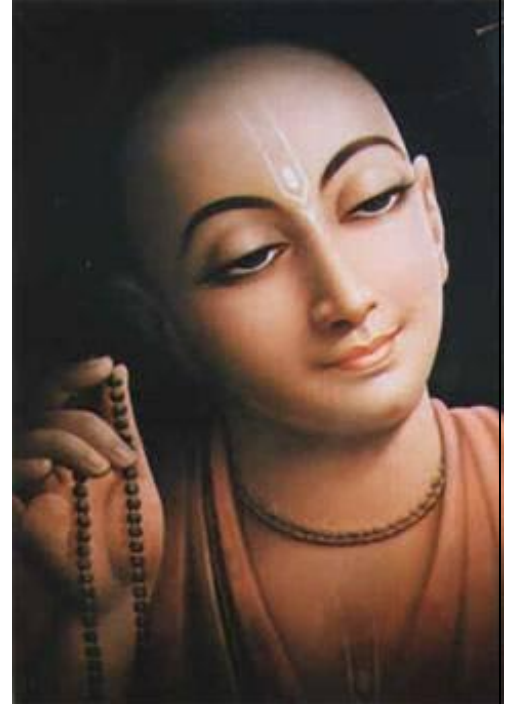
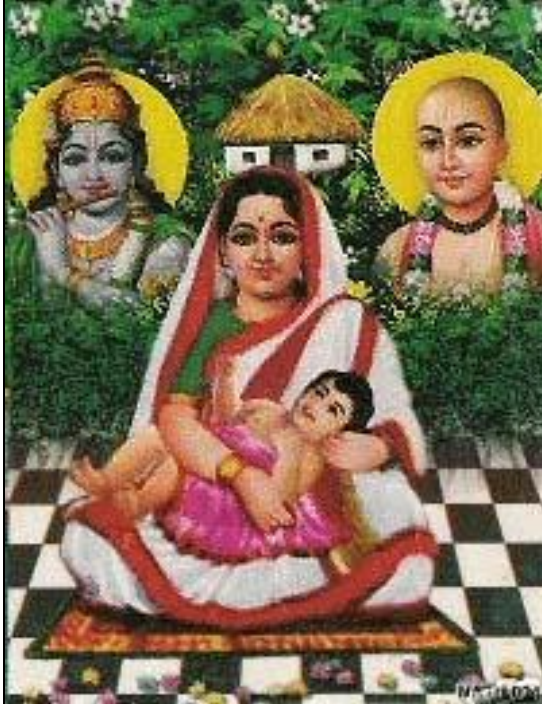


# Mary Ball Washington & George Washington



George Washington is the first President of United States of America. The city of Washington D.C has been named after him. In his childhood his Mother told him: "Remember these words throughout your life. There may be many people who may excel in education or possess more money than you. There may be many people who may excel in their respective fields. Don't ever become jealous of them, rather admire them."

Washington said in one of his speeches in his last days: "I never felt jealous of anyone in my entire life. By being jealous, I never tried to degrade myself." Thus Washington reiterated whatever his Mother said in these beautiful words.

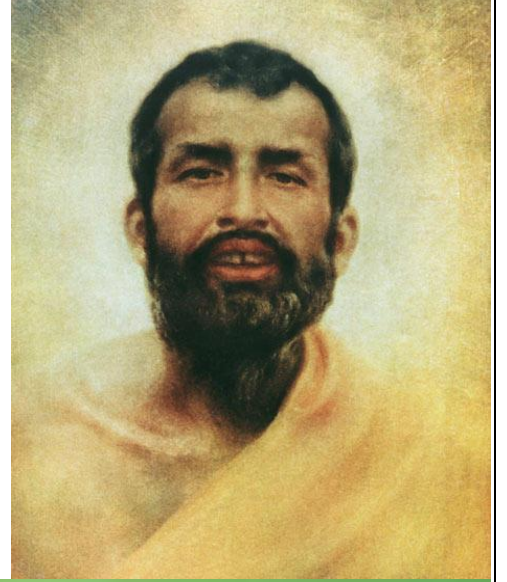
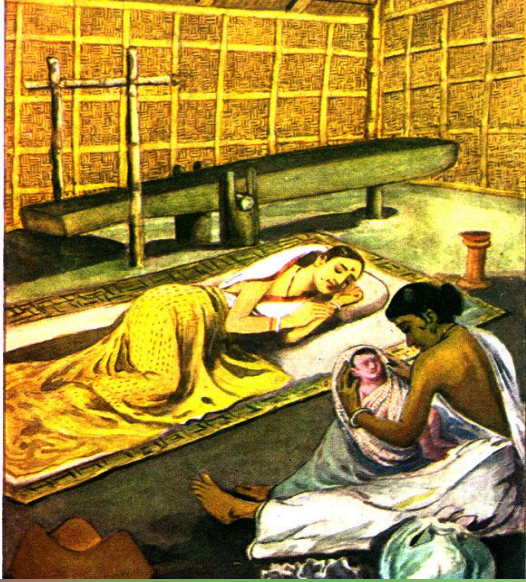


# Sachidevi & Chaitanya MahaPrabhu

It is the belief of Lord Krishna's devotees that Sri Krishna Chaitanya is an incarnation (form) of Krishna. He loved Brindavan and had an intense desire to stay there forever. But Sri Krishna Chaitanya's Mother took a promise from him. She said: "You should not go away to Brindavan which is far away. Rather stay at Puri Jagannath which is nearer, so that I can at least see you occasionally."

Sri Krishna Chaitanya sacrificed his intense desire to stay at Brindavan and promised his Mother that he would stay at Puri Jagannath. He kept his word till his last moments.

Ultimately His body merged into the sea in Puri only.



# Chandramani Devi & Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa is considered as a Modern incarnation of Lord Rama and Lord Krishna. Even he was scolded by his Mother. She used to say: "Your digestive power is less. Therefore take soft food like curd rice. Don't eat all the offerings made to the Lord that you get from temple." Not everyone can take this liberty, how much ever they make like Sri Ramakrishna. That is Mother. Even when Sri Ramakrishna was alive, his Mother passed away. Who else is left out to scold him? The next day Sri Ramakrishna was asked why he cried like an ordinary man on the death of his Mother? Then he replied: "I did not cry intentionally. I am not aware of the sorrow experienced by a common man on the death of their family members. God showed me their sorrow in this form. It is an experience.





# Bhuvaneshwari Devi & Swami Vivekananda

When Swami Vivekananda returned back from America, he established the Belur Math in Calcutta. Swamiji was very busy and always travelled from one place to another. When his mother, Bhuvaneswari Devi heard that Swamiji has come to Calcutta, she would visit him occasionally. Whenever she comes she would sit under a tree and wait till someone informs Swamiji of her arrival but would never enter the office premises of Swamiji. Only Swamiji would come down to her.

One day Swamiji asked her: "Mother, do you have any requirements that I can fulfill?" She said: "What shall I require in this age? My only needs would be food and clothing which I possess sufficiently. I came here only to see you." She never took any money from Swamiji in her life. When she was about to leave, Swamiji said: "I will come to you within 2-3

days." She then replied: "Why should you take that trouble? Wherever you may be, you must be happy. You need not come to me. Whenever you are in Calcutta and whenever I feel like seeing you, I will only come to you. You need not waste your time."

Swamiji said: "Your son has become a great man, a big man in the eyes of the society, but has not been even a penny's worth to you."

Thus Bhavaneshwari devi never took advantage of the fame of Swamiji.



# Mother Mary & Jesus Christ

Before crucifixion, Jesus called his Mother, 'Mary' and said: "I did not have any house to live in till date. I also do not ask you to live in any other's house. I am your son only till today. From tomorrow onwards, Yohan, my disciple, would be your son. You stay at his house."

Jesus had brothers who were not righteous. Jesus knew that they would not look after his mother. But Jesus neither spoke ill of them nor asked his Mother to stay with his brothers. Therefore Jesus became GOD Himself.

Handing over his Mother to Yohan, Jesus said: "Till today, she has been my Mother. From tomorrow on wards, she is your Mother. Look after her carefully." Yohan promised Jesus accordingly.

Mother Mary lived for 12 more years after crucifixion of Jesus. In order to keep his word,



Yohan never moved out of his village as long as Mother Mary was alive ie for 12 years. It was only after Mother Mary left this world did Yohan go out for preaching.



# Maya Devi & Gautama Buddha

Buddha's Mother, Mayadevi invited one of her childhood friends for the naming ceremony. The child was named Siddhartha. After the completion of the naming ceremony, Mayadevi put the child in the lap of her friend.

On viewing the child, the friend completely lost the time sense and kept looking at the face of the child for 15 minutes uninterruptedly. Later, Mayadevi's friend felt: "No woman should marry in this world. Even though she gets married, they should not give birth to any child for they will not be able to give birth to a child like Siddhartha."

Thinking thus she remained as a celibate throughout her life without marrying.

Later within a very short period of time, Mayadevi expired. Then her friend thought:

"Goddess Earth herself incarnated as Mayadevi to give birth to Siddhartha. Since her task has been accomplished, she left her mortal frame."

When Siddhartha became Buddha, Mayadevi's friend visited Him. When Buddha spoke out, it looked as if a wall is speaking. He was such a flawless person. His body remained motionless. His face was devoid of emotions.

Such Buddha stood up involuntarily and came to Mayadevi's friend and called her 'MOTHER'. Buddha would normally call anyone by their name. However he called Mayadevi's friend as 'MOTHER'. Then Mayadevi's friend felt: "When Buddha called me as Mother, the purpose of my advent onto this earth has been fulfilled. When Goddess Earth taking the form of Mayadevi gave birth to Siddhartha, the purpose of her advent has been accomplished."



# Aryamba & Adi Shankara



Adi Shankara's Mother, Aryamba told him that as the river Poorna was very far, she was unable to fetch water from it on a daily basis. Then Shankara made a prayer which changed the course of Poorna river and it started flowing near Shankara's house.

Shankara asked his Mother to grant him the permission to take up ascetism but she refused stating that he was her only son and her only support. Shankara then created a dummy crocodile and enacted as if caught by it while taking bath. He asked his Mother to fulfill his divine call of becoming a monk. Aryamba then gave her consent. As and when Aryamba gave her consent, the crocodile left Shankara.

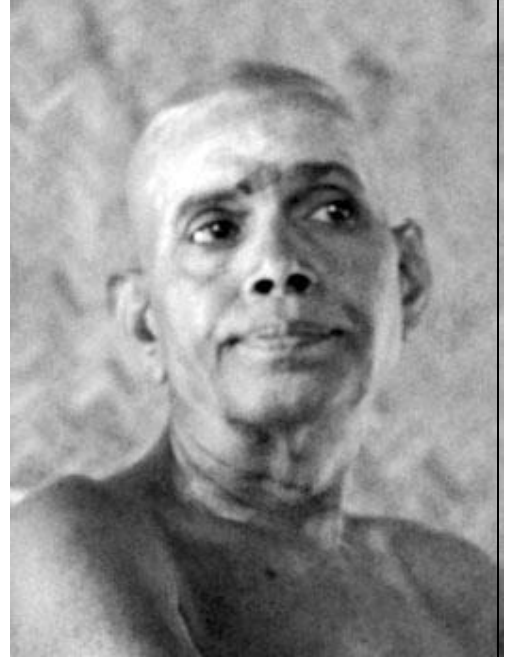
Aryamba then said: "You need not live with me. Where ever you may live, you must be happy. But promise me that you will come to me in my

last moments and also conduct my funeral rites." Therefore Adi Shankara came all the way from Sringeri to Kaladi for the sake of his Mother in her last moments. Aryamba adored Vishnu throughout her life. Even now there exists a Krishna's temple in Kaladi which was worshipped by the ancestors of Shankara.

Even though the Truth is nameless and formless, our mind settles down only on that name and form that we adore. There is nothing wrong in having a personal God. It is enough if we can view all the other gods in our personal God. Shankara tried to make her concentrate on the Self but failed to do so. Then he tried to make her concentrate on the form of Shiva but she could not do so. However she has been worshipping Lord Krishna throughout her life. Therefore Shankara ensured that she took the name of Vishnu, concentrated upon His form

and meditated upon Him in her last moments. Contemplating upon Vishnu, she thus got liberated. As a monk is not eligible in conducting the funeral rites the villagers refused to help Shankara.

Then Shankara created fire using his yogic power and thereby fulfilled his promise made to his Mother.



# Alagamma & Bhagavan Sri Ramana

In the last moments of Alagamma, the Mother of Bhagavan Ramana, Ramana placed one of his hands on her heart and another hand on the head. He thus made her experience all the karma left out and removed all the tendencies that obstructed her liberation.

The world blames Bhagavan Ramana that he granted liberation to Alagamma as she is his Mother. But this is not true. Ramana taught her in a very unique way. He seldom spoke to her for many days. He would also enact intense anger for petty things. When his Mother cried in a manner that would melt even the stones, Bhagavan would say: "It is good that she is crying. Let everything that exists within (as obstacles) come out." Though Alagamma did not receive the reverence of Bhagavan, she refused to leave him. She completely surrendered to him and said: "I would like to



die only in your hands. It doesn't matter even if you throw away this body somewhere on the hill with your own hands."

In her last days she never left Arunachala fearing that she may die in the place where ever she may go. Therefore Bhagavan granted her liberation only after she attained complete surrender.

When Bhagavan's Mother passed away, he did not cry. Rather his face reflected peace and his face filled with glory. Perhaps Bhagavan thought there would be none to bother him and he can lead a care-free life. The Mother never stopped questioning him. Who will ask him as to why he is roaming in the hot sun? If he doesn't eat on time, it is only Mother who would ask as to why he did not eat. Who else can ask? Whether he listened to her or not, she

never stopped questioning him. Bhagavan thought the questioner has vanished away.

*Therefore Mother is a great attachment even for a realized soul.*



# Sri Rajayamma Garu & Sadguru Sri Nannagaru

Sri Rajayamma garu, the Mother of Sadguru Sri Nannagaru was most loving person who always welcomed devotees wholeheartedly. She never differentiated between people irrespective of their age or status. She treated all of them alike. As a Loving Mother, she was always concerned about Sri Nannagaru's health and advised Him to reduce his travelling. It was her ardent desire that Sri Nannagaru should be on her side in her final moments and her funeral rites be done by Him. Sri Nannagaru fulfilled her desire accordingly.

She left her mortal frame on 30th April 2013 at 1.15 pm. She was 98 years old. She was taken away amidst the chanting of the name of the Lord at 4.30 p.m. Her departure is a great loss to the entire family of Sri Nannagaru (not only to family members but also to devotees).