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What in ordinary language is referred to as time, is termed as “Kaal” or also “Mahakaal” in the spiritual parlance. In this connection, words such as *Mahakaali*, *Mahakaleshwar*, *Kaalpurush*, *Kaalraaj*, etc are seen in literary and spiritual treatises. In a similar context the word “Akaal” has been used in the Sikh religion and some other religious sects.

Our past, present and future conditions are encompassed in “Kaal”. We call the period from birth to death “Jeevan Kaal” (life span) and the period after casting away of the body and acquiring a disembodied form is known as “Pret Kaal” (period in the disembodied form).

Every being, every living matter, takes birth to enjoy a specific time period in this universe. The above mentioned karma caused due to Prarabdh begins from the time of birth and a person has to continue to remain in that karmic bondage till the end of his life. In other words it can be said that by living in the bondage of “Kaal” one gratifies the deeds performed in the previous birth. It is for this reason that every soul which acquires a living form is in the control of “Kaal”. Not only animals- birds, trees, etc but the vault of the sky extended to the frontier of directions is also subservient to that “Kaal”. Crores and crores of Brahmans (cosmoses), Nakshatras (spheres of heavenly bodies), Akash Ganga (The Milky Way), the sun, planets, etc take birth in space, and merge into it after completing their respective journeys in time. All Gods, incarnations, saints also attain transmigration according to the time ordained by “Kaal”.

Till the Golden Egg had not exploded, meaning that till the Almighty had not given up His prime concealed state and had not revealed in the unmanifest or manifest form, energy (“Kaal Shakti) was also in the subtle state in Him. From the moment the first explosion took place in the Golden Egg and the primordial matter of the golden hue was diffused in a time less than one millionth part of a second because of the explosion, from that point itself the preface to the creative role of “Kaal” commenced. In this way, that primordial man (Adi Purush) or primitive matter (Adi Dhatu) residing in extreme concealed and subtle state acquired an illuminous form and became the Kaal Purush.

This is not a permanent state but rather a sequential tendency for evolution, an action which is characterised by light/ brightness.

Hence the life span of a human being is a great factor because nature has allotted him a specific time period to work out the deeds of his previous births. Every year, every month, every day, every minute, every second also has its own importance. He who has not been able to utilise the subtle to the most subtle time period, his journey in time has gone on increasing in the form of life after life. It has been seen that great men of wisdom like Shri Adi Shankaracharya, Isa Messiah and Vivekananda etc could attain their life's goal in a limited period of time and some beings, in spite of living for a longer period of time, have not been able to progress. The incarnate Shri Ram was merely fourteen years of age when he performed great deeds and Shri Krishna's sport (leelas) had started from his childhood days.

Shri Sai Nath had come in the custody of his Guru at the age of five years and at the age of 17-18 years when he arrived at Shirdi, by then he was already in the state of unison with Brahman.

All should reflect on whether we are rightfully utilising this important time aspect (kaal) through the path shown by the Guru or not? Are we trying to achieve elevation in our lives by using time (kaal) in the best possible manner or not? He who has done this has achieved everything in life. One who has not been able to achieve this has suffered the consequences of his actions of his previous birth life after life. This was Shri Sai's message which we should try to remember at all times.