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Guru Rectifies...

*बिगरी बनावे गुरु गोविन्द राधे
हरि तो बने बने के साथी बता दे*

We have attained all forms of life, including celestial forms and human form, innumerable times. We have also seen God face to face uncountable times. Being all pervading, God is also seated in our heart. However, we are unable to derive any benefit from His secret presence. Rather we have been victims of anger, passion, greed and lust. We have been roaming around in 8.4 million life forms. We have been hung upside down in the mother's womb for nine months, uncountable number of times!! Imagine the pain the tender body of a helpless child undergoes, when millions of tiny germs keep biting it. We have endured all this and much more. But by God's grace, we have no recollection of the

misereries of our past lives. That's how we are able to remain alive and be happy.

God is sitting within us and takes a note of each and every thought that crosses our mind. Yet, He is unable to help us in that secret form. He continues to watch Maya torment us, but He is unable to stop her. This is not to suggest that God does not help us. On the contrary, God has been helping us immensely right from when we came in the mother's womb, he created a mechanism by which we got nutrition from what the mother ate. As soon as we were born, He created milk in the mother's breast, as we had no teeth to chew anything. When we grew up a little and mother's milk was not sufficient to provide us complete nutrition, he gave us teeth, so we could eat.

However, He does not bestow His real grace upon us that will release us from the clutches of Maya. He does not even let us know about His presence within us. This is where a Guru comes in. He makes us aware of the presence of God within our heart. He tells us about our eternal relationship with God. He reveals the secret that God's grace can only be attained by accepting Him and Him alone as our very own. He also reveals the practical form of practicing devotion and once our devotion is complete and our mind is completely purified, infuses divine power into our mind to make it divine. After all the stage is set, God appears in front of the individual soul, as it is His vow that he reveals Himself only to the pure-hearted. God does exactly what the world does i.e. accept the good ones and banish the destitute. Guru on the other hand, delivers the down trodden and neglected souls

Millions of obeisance's to my Guru Jagadguru Shri Kripalu Ji Maharaj.

The Mystery behind Divine Descension

Since childhood we have heard "God is one" and there are several Divine authorities. Also, we hear Shri Krishna is the Supreme God. The same scriptures also assert that all forms of God are equally significant and powerful.



Well all this is confusing to say the least. Hence let us solve this mystery here:

All the scriptures and the Vedas unanimously assert, Shri Krishna is the Supreme Lord. Let us examine why the Vedas and other scriptures proclaim that He is the Absolute Supreme Being?

कः परमो देवः ?

Who is the Supreme God?

कृष्णो ह वै परमं दैवतम् ॥

Shri Krishna is the Supreme God.

According to the Vedas there is one Supreme Being, who is Shri Krishna. All other forms of God are called descent or 'Avatar'. Shri Krishna is the source of all Avatars i.e. He is the 'Avatari'.

Avatar (Descension)

At the time of creation, Lord Krishna (Avatari) reveals a power from His being, who in our scriptures, is known as the First Avatar (Pratham Purush) or Karnarnavshayee Maha Vishnu (कार्णावशायी महाविष्णु). The one, who sleeps in *Karnarnav*.



आद्योवतारः पुरुषः परस्य"।

What is Karnarnav?

All the Avatars have their own abodes or *dham*. Golok Dham of Shri Krishna is situated at highest platform. Below Golok is Baikunth *Dham* and below Baikunth are the abodes of all other forms of God. A divine river flows around these abodes, called the 'Viraja River' or *Karnarnav*.

The first avatar-Karnarnavshayee Maha Vishnu, glanced towards nature (प्रकृति) and the stagnant position of nature immediately turned in motion. The movement of nature exposed a gigantic form of light - महत्त्वं हिरण्यम् ।

This light created three kinds of ego. The *Sattvik* mode of ego revealed the celestial gods (devatas), *Rajas* mode of ego revealed the senses and *tamas* mode of ego revealed the matters of the senses. Five gross elements were created thereafter. Thus the first *Mahavishnu* activated *PRAKRITI* (nature) only by a quick glance. After that He revealed innumerable *Garbhodashayee Maha Vishnu* (गर्भोदशायी महाविष्णु) or second Vishnu, one in each universe.

The first avatar *Karnarnavshayee*

Mahavishnu (कार्णावशायी महाविष्णु) slept in the ocean of *Karnarnav* subsequently.

Now, the second Vishnu (गर्भोदशायी महाविष्णु) filled half of the respective universe with water. Then He revealed a creator of the universe from his navel, called Brahma (ब्रह्मा). Now Brahma revealed third Vishnu known as 'Kchheerodshayee Vishnu' (क्षीरोदशायी विष्णु). He also revealed Lord Shankar.



Kchheerodshayee Vishnu dwells in the hearts of all the living beings as *Paramaatmaa* and notes all our actions and gives us fruits accordingly. He is endowed with four arms with conch, disc, club and lotus.

According to our scriptures one *KALP* is 4.29 billion years long. This is equal to one day of Brahma. The *avatars* of all forms of God (Ram, Krishna, Durga, Shankar etc.) emanate from *Kchheerodshayee Vishnu* in different ages. For instance, Lord Ram descends in every *Treta* age. Likewise Shri Krishna descends in every *Dwapar* age. These *avatars* of each age are the descent of The Supreme Shri Krishna's third descension i.e. *Kchheerodshayee Vishnu*. These *Avatars* are called *Yugavatar*.

The Supreme Lord Krishna, descends only in the 28th *Dwapar* of the 7th *Manvantar* i.e. once in a *Kalp* (4.29 billion years). The Supreme Shri Krishna, descends after a *Kalp*, only for one reason - to impart divine love to the deserving souls. Shri Krishna, who descended 5000 years ago, with Shri Radha Rani is the Supreme Shri Krishna, who descends after a *Kalp*. He is not the descent of *Kchheerodshayee Vishnu* क्षीरोदशायी विष्णु.

We will discuss other interesting facts about the descension of Supreme Lord Shri Krishna in the next edition.

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Ram Tattva – Part II

Now let us hear the second reason for God's descension:

नाम्नामकारि बहुधा निज सर्वशक्तिस्,
तत्रार्पिता नियमितः स्मरणे न कालः ।

God has 2 forms

देवाव ब्रह्मणो रूपे मूर्तं चैवामूर्तं च ।

There are two aspects of God - one without a form and the other with a divine form and unique characteristics. There is hardly anyone, amongst a trillion, who is eligible to pursue formless Brahm (Supreme God), as the pre-qualification for following this path is to have absolute control on the mind.

The first Jagadguru, Adi Shankaracharya, stated the entry-criteria for those wanting to worship formless Brahm.

शान्तोदान्त उपरति तितिक्षुः ।

The first word is *Shant*, which means a person with total control on the mind. *Udant* means very humble and generous. *Uparati* means detached and *titikchhu* means most forbearing.

It is almost impossible for material beings in the present age of *Kali* to possess these qualities to be able to follow the path of realization of formless God. Hence, out of his causeless mercy, God decided to descend on the earth in a human form, knowing that material beings have a form and are in the habit of loving things with a form. He descended numerous times in numerous forms as per the need of time. After His departure to His divine abode, He left behind His names, His forms, His pastimes, His attributes and His abodes to help ordinary beings to think about Him.

Thus, सुमिरि सुमिरि नर उतरहिं पारा ।

It became much easier for ordinary beings to remember God on the basis of His beautiful forms, pastimes and attributes etc. He lived for 11,000 years on this planet

earth to open a path of God realization for ordinary mortal beings.



There are some who cannot pronounce the holy name RAM due to their uncountable sins. Sage Balmiki is an illustrious example of such kind of sinners. His Guru advised Him to pronounce 'Ram Ram' continually until he comes back. But his sins did not let him pronounce the name of God. His Guru then instructed Him to say 'MARA MARA' (Phonetically reverse of RAMA RAMA). He agreed to chant it. In fact he pronounced 'Mara' only for the first time. Thereafter, he unknowingly chanted RAM RAM. His faith in the words of His Guru made him chant the same for hundreds of years. God's name decontaminated his heart and he attained the position of "Brahmarshi" in the same life time.

उल्टा नाम जपा जग जाना ।
बाल्मीकि भये ब्रह्म समाना ॥

Thus, even the reverted name of God made him so great that the same Balmiki wrote Ramayan before Ram descended on earth.

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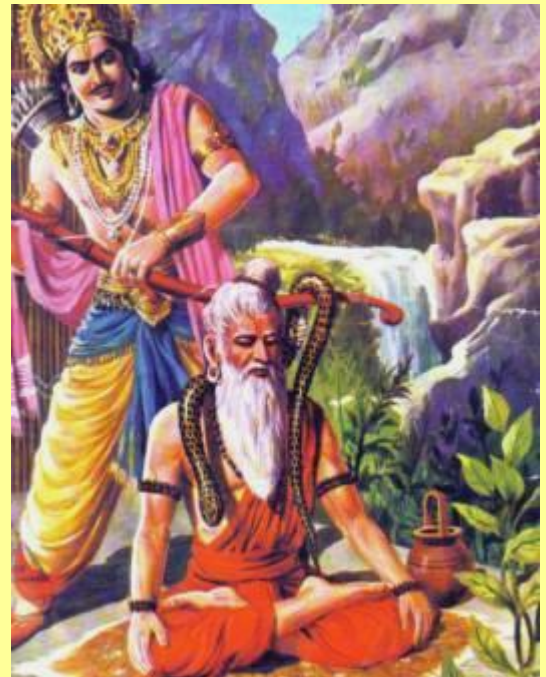
Significance Of Naag Panchami

Most of us know how the festival of Naag Panchami is celebrated in most parts of the country. However, rarely

does anyone know why, when and how did this festival originate. Jagadguru Shri Kripalu Ji Maharaj, out of His extreme grace and kindness, shed light on the origin of this festival.

Once, King Pareekshit was hunting in a forest. Tired and thirsty, he entered the ashram of a sage Semeeka with the hope to get some water to quench his thirst. The sage however was engrossed in deep meditation and could not hear the king repeatedly asking for water.

Pareekshit, was the emperor of the entire Earth. Never in his life had he been so disrespectfully ignored. He misunderstood the sage's silence to be a great insult to him. In a fit of fury, he picked up a dead snake and put it around the meditating sage's neck (to insult him) and left

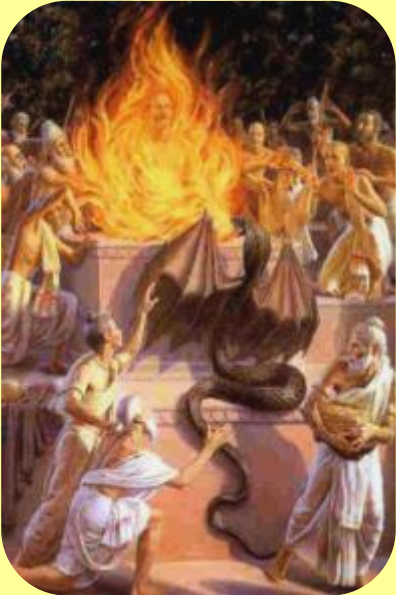


the Ashram. As soon as he left, the sage's sons came back after a bath in the river and were infuriated seeing a dead snake hanging around their father's neck. One of his son, Shringi, went into meditation, to find the offender who had committed this unpardonable offence. Realizing that King Pareekshit was the offender, he put a curse on King Pareekshit that he will die due to being bitten by a vicious snake named Takchhak, after seven days.

When sage Semeeka came out of his meditation, he learnt about the incident and the curse put on Pareekshit by his son Shringi. Sage Semeeka was shocked to hear that such a just, religious and kind king has been cursed

to die in seven days. He reprimanded his son saying an austere must not become a victim of anger. One can lose all his hard earned religious merits, by one wrong action taken in anger. However, the sage was also aware that Shringi's curse was irrevocable as he was "Satya Vaak Paripaalak". Out of mercy and kindness towards the pious king, sage Semeeka sent his disciple Gaurmukh to inform Pareekshit about the curse of Shringi.

Pareekshit realized his mistake and after crowning his son Janmejai as the king, left his kingdom and family members, to retire to the forest and repent for his misdoing. There he heard a seven day discourse of Shrimad Bhaagwat Mahapuran from Swami Shukdev Paramhans. As per the curse, he was bitten by the poisonous snake Takchhak on the seventh day, but by the grace of Swami Shukdev Paramhans, he had already achieved the ultimate goal of life.



Meanwhile, Janmejai was infuriated by his father's death. He decided to conduct a *yagya*, in which he incited all the snakes to come out from their burrows and fall into the *yagya* fire. Many snakes died like that.

Eventually, Sage Narad came over and inquired about the cause of Janmejai's ruthless actions. Janmejai narrated the entire story and indicated that he was avenging his father's death. Narad Ji explained to him that by killing all snakes, he was transgressing against God since this was an interruption to God's creation. He also advised him that the scriptures proclaim that one should be merciful towards everyone. Janmejai on the other hand was torturing the entire species of snakes!! He said, "if you are angry, kill that snake who bit your father. Why kill other innocent snakes".

Then for the atonement of his sin, Narad ji suggested Janmejai to put an end to this cruel *yagya* and seek forgiveness by worshipping all remaining snakes. Janmejai stopped his *Yagya* and worshipped all the remaining snakes respectfully. This story inspires us to control anger, be just and merciful to all creatures. Misuse of powers, especially on helpless creatures, is a great sin.



This is the story behind celebration of Naag Panchami.

Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh Deva

We should pay respect to the celestial Gods and Goddesses, as they are the governors of some special powers conferred on them by Shri Krishna. In addition, Shri Krishna dwells in everyone's hearts.

However, one must not ask them for any power, wealth or other material gratifications. Material achievements are called Bhukti and beyond Bhukti is liberation - Mukti. One must not ask them for either of those. We should only ask them for the selfless love of Shri Krishna.

If we understand this philosophy, we will not hesitate to bow down even in front of anyone including an animal, because we will perceive God in every one. Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, an incarnation of Shri Radha Rani, used to bow down in front of his own devotees, begging for Shri Krishna's love with tears in his eyes.

<i>Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh Deva Mata to Parvati, Pita Mahadeva</i>	Glory to Ganesh ji, Glory to Ganesh ji, Glory to Ganesh ji Whose Mother is Parvati Ji and Father is Shiv ji
<i>Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh Deva Yeh Var De Do Paoon Nitya Shyam Seva</i>	Glory to Ganesh ji, Glory to Ganesh ji Grant me a boon that I will always get to serve Shri Krishn

<i>Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh, Jai Ganesh Deva Yeh Var De Do Paoon Hari Guru Seva</i>	Glory to Ganesh ji, Glory to Ganesh ji, Glory to Ganesh ji Grant me a boon that I will always get to serve my Guru and God
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Sunahu Sadhak Pyare - Part 6

In the previous editions, it has been established that all living beings want happiness that is permanent, infinite and ever increasing. We have been searching for that happiness for time immemorial but have not achieved even an iota of that happiness.

Why could we not attain that happiness?

The reason is our ignorance about our real self. We consider ourselves to be the body, while we are the immortal soul.

This ignorance is eternal. We have eternally been turned away from God and for this reason have been overpowered by *Maya*. *Maya* made us forget our real self and we started considering ourselves to be the body. Consequently, we considered our physical relatives to be our own relatives and started committing innumerable sins day and night.

What is sin? There are many definitions of sins. For example:

साँच बरोबर तप नहीं, झूठ बरोबर पाप । (there is no penance like truth and no sin like falsehood).

नहिं असत्य सम पातक पुंजा । (There is no offense like falsehood).

But, my definition of sin is different. **Any moment, when we do not remember God/Guru (divine personalities) we commit sin.**

There are three modes of *Maya*- *Sattvik*, *Rajas* and *Tamas*. Immoral acts like robbery etc. are signs of *Tamas* mode of *Maya*. Fulfilling our own selfish motives without harming others is *Rajas* mode of *Maya*. Such kind of people often say:

न ऊधो के लेने न माधो के देने । (I don't want to take or give anything to anyone).

The third one is *Sattvik* mode of *Maya*. To sacrifice one's own benefits for the help of others is the trait of *Sattvik* mode.

But all of them are material. People dwelling in *Sattvik*, *Rajas* and *Tamas* modes of *Maya* attain heaven, earth and hell respectively. So, getting attached to the matters of any of these modes of *Maya* is a sin.

You may refute saying is it a sin to love my mother, brother, wife and son etc.? Yes, it is a sin. Because, they are material beings, attached to material matters. Thus, their mind is contaminated. By associating with these people our eternally dirty mind becomes dirtier. We have to purify our mind to attain true bliss. Attachment in worldly relatives will contaminate it further. That's why even loving celestial gods and goddesses is also a sin. For e.g. if you wash a dirty cloth in clean water, it will become clean. If you wash the same cloth in dirty drain water, it will become dirtier. In much the same manner, attachment in any material person or thing makes our mind dirtier and attachment in God and Guru makes it cleaner for they are pure. That's why Lord Krishna says in



the Geeta.

सर्वधर्मान् परित्यज्य मामेकं शरणं ब्रज । गीता १८.६६

Give up all other duties and surrender yourself unto me alone

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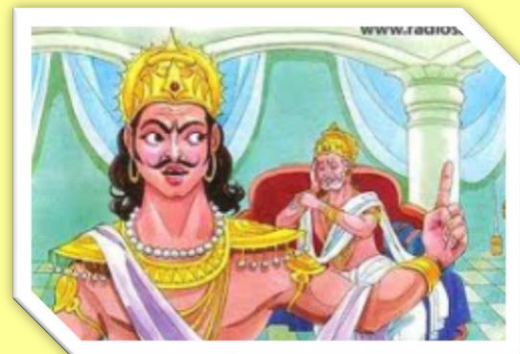


Shri Krishn Attacks Bhishma

Before the beginning of the battle of Mahabharat, Lord Krishna took a vow that he will not lift a weapon during the battle. This vow was well known to everyone including Bhishma Pitamah-the commander in chief of the Kaurava army, who was an ardent devotee of Lord Krishna. Out of loving sentiments for Shri Krishna, he vowed to make Shri Krishna pick up a weapon again him.

On the fourth day of the epic battle of Mahabharat, Bhishma Pitamah decided to arrange his army in an Eagle like formation. Pandavas chose to arrange their army in a semi-lunar formation to counter the offensive of the Kauravas. When the battle began in the morning, the second oldest Pandava prince, the mighty Bhima attacked the eldest Kaurav, Duryodhana with powerful arrows. Duryodhana fell unconscious under the impact of Bhima's arrows and had to be moved to a safe place.

Duryodhana was not happy with the way his grand-sire, Bhishma was commanding the army. He thought that even though Bhishma was leading the Kaurava army, he still supported the Pandavas. He kept insulting Bhishma time and again.



Bhishma decided to step down as the commander in chief of the Kaurava army, but was persuaded by Guru Dronacharya other senior Kaurav leaders to continue to lead the army.

As the battle progressed during the day, Bhishma attacked Pandavas with relentless energy. Pandava army was badly hit. Hundreds and thousands of soldiers were killed on the battle field. Sri Krishna instructed Arjuna to attack Bhishma to protect the Pandava army. He told Arjun that there was no other way for Pandavas to win the battle, other than killing Bhishma. A terrible battle ensued between the two great warriors - Arjun and Bhishma.



Bhishma's arrows pierced Arjuna's body. Arjuna started bleeding profusely. Seeing this onslaught of arrows from Bhishma, Krishna got mad at Bhishma. Clinching his teeth in violent anger, He rushed towards Bhishma with a chariot wheel in his hand, to kill him.

Seeing the Lord Himself rushing towards him, Bhishma laid down his weapons. With tears flowing from his eyes Bhishma spoke, "O Keshava, O Merciful, how blessed am I that the Lord of Universe Himself has decided to liberate this ordinary Bhishma from the bondage of worldliness. O Madhava, please let me die at Your hands. There can be no-one luckier than me to receive such a wonderful and rare opportunity"

Bhishma's vow to make Shri Krishna pick up arms against him thus became true. Sri Krishna broke his vow of not taking up arms in the battle of Mahabharat for the happiness of his ardent devotee-Bhishma Pitamah.

These words of Bhishma Pitamah reminded Sri Krishna of His vow. He threw away the wheel and retreated back to His chariot.

Soon after, as the evening approached and the sun started setting, the battle ended for the day and the soldiers returned to their camp.

Siddhant: God always fulfills the wishes of His devotees, even if it is unreasonable. Such is His love for His devotees.

Bal-Radha Quiz

This time we bring to you a quiz on Shri Radha Rani. Please have your children (4-15 years) answer the questions below and email them to skkasecretary@gmail.com by Aug 15, 2011. Name of the winners will be published in the next news letter.

1. What is Shri Radha Rani's Mother's name ?
2. What is Shri Radha Rani's Father's name ?
3. Where was Shri Radha Rani born?
4. What do we call the birth day of Shri Radha Rani?
5. In which forest did Shri Radha Rani play with her friends?
6. What color clothes does Shri Radha Rani like most?
7. What is Shri Radha Rani's favorite flower?
8. Shri Radha Rani is an incarnation of which power of Shri Krishna?
9. Why does Shri Radha like blue color?
10. Give the names of Shri Radha Rani's two main friends.

Answers / Winners of Holi Edition Quiz

Answers

1.Full moon 2. Demon,3. Prahlad 4. Him, 5. Hirnyakashpu Prahlad, 6. Holika Prahlad fire 7. Holika Prahlad 8. Prahlad 9. Prahlad 10. Pillar 11. Mace 12. Narsingh Hirnyakashyapu 13. omni-present

Anishka (10) was the winner and answered all questions correctly. Runners Up was Isha (8). She answered 9 correctly.

India News

After staying at Mussourie, Shri Maharaj Ji will be travelling to Rangeeli Mahal, Barsana to celebrate Guru Purnima and He is expected to be stay there until Radha Ashtami.

Bhakti Retreat at Cobourg, ON in Canada

The retreat at Northumberland Heights by Didi Braj Banchary had a record turnout and was blissful as ever. In this article, we share some glimpses of the retreat while thanking Shri Maharaj Ji and our dear Didi Ji from the bottom of our hearts.





More pictures can be seen at

<https://picasaweb.google.com/107649814808688589486/BhaktiRetreat2011AtCobourgON?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgC P34pbuazp-6SA&feat=directlink#>

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