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The Ultimate Test

The ultimate and the most intimate pastime of Lord Shri Krishna is Maharas, which takes place once in each Kalpa (4.29 Billion Years). Only those Madhurya Bhav devotees, who practice selfless devotion to Shri Radha Krishna with the sole aim of pleasing them, deserve to participate in this pastime.

A little over 5000 years ago, Shri Krishna Himself had descended in Braj as the son of Nand and Yashoda. During this descension, when the time for Maharas arrived, Shri Krishna placed His crown at the lotus feet of Shri Radha Rani to seek Her permission to commence the Maharas.

With Shri Radha Rani's permission (the chief Goddess of Maharas), Shri Krishna played His magical flute to invite all deserving souls. The sound of His Divine flute pervaded the entire universe, yet only the deserving souls could hear it. Through the magical melody of the flute, Shri Krishna stole the minds of the maidens of Braj (Gopis). Since the body cannot perform any action without the involvement of the mind, the Gopis whose minds were stolen by the sound of the flute, unconsciously ran towards the sound of the flute, leaving all their ongoing household chores as is. Thus, they reached the lotus feet of Shri Krishna in the state of Prem – Samadhi (trance).

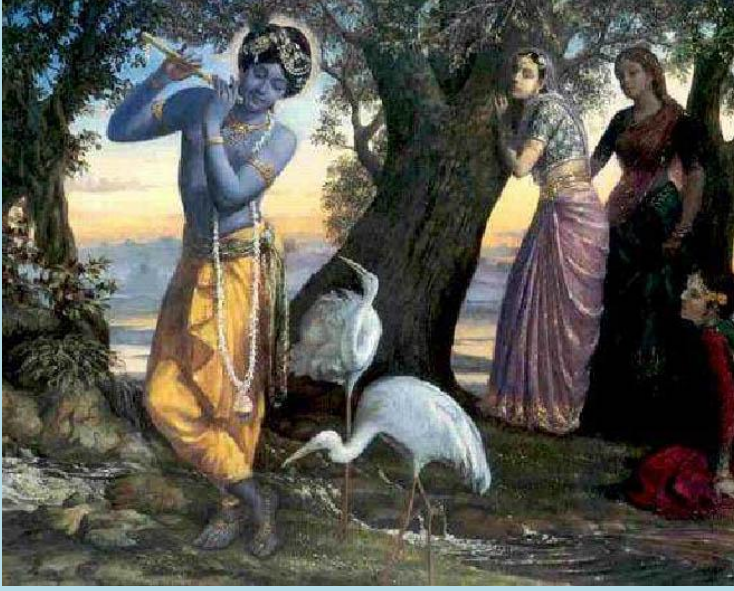
When all the Gopis reached Shri Krishna, He put them through some really difficult situations to test their exclusive love towards Him. He became completely neutral towards them and reminded them of the fears of coming to the forest all alone in the night, the fear of the results of transgression of the rules of the Vedas and so on.

First, He welcomed them with great respect, asked them about their well-being and inquired about the reason of their arrival. He also, very formally asked about the well-being of the inhabitants of Vrindavan. With no answers forthcoming from the Gopis, He said, "Oh, I now understand. You have probably come to see the unique beauty of Vrindavan. However, it is midnight. Wild animals and reptiles are roaming around the forest. It is not safe to be here. Please return to your homes immediately."



The Gopis were surprised at His weird behaviour since He had forcibly brought them there by stealing their minds. In addition, as per His promise, made a year ago, the Gopis were anxiously waiting for this most blissful night!! The Gopis continued to listen to his lecture quietly without showing any reaction. He then reminded the Gopis of their respective duties towards their children, cows, calves and other family members.

Finding no effect of those allurements as well, He reminded them about the blemish on their character since it is the most ungraceful charge against a woman, to go to another man. He tried to dissuade them saying, “the first and foremost duty of a woman is to serve their husband. The Vedas say that a lady must not abandon her husband even if he is uncultured, unfortunate, old, uneducated, and sick or poor provided he is not a sinner. Hence, instead of staying by Me at midnight, go home instantly and serve your respective husbands. This is the highest dharma depicted in the Vedas.”



Now the Gopis, who were listening to all this teary eyed, looking down, scratching the ground with their toenails, finally spoke up. They said, “O Stubborn Beloved! You are not supposed to utter such bitter words. We have come to the shelter of Your lotus feet renouncing all infatuations of the world. Instead of suggesting to us to go back to our families, You must immediately accept us as the Supreme Lord embraces His devotees.”

They further said, “It is also wrong to quote the Vedas regarding the highest Dharma for women. All the rules of various Dharmas are meant only to direct the soul to the shelter of Your lotus feet. Why are You sending us back, when we have already reached the right place? Further, how can we move from here when you have already stolen our hearts? Give our hearts back and we will leave.”

मैवं विभोर्हति..... भजते मुमुक्षुन् । भाग.१०.२९.२७
यत्पत्यपत्यसुहृदा..... किलबंधुरात्मा ॥ भाग.१०.३२.२९

Krishna then used the last and the most powerful arsenal in His possession. He narrated them the story of a loyal

and faithful wife. “There was a woman, who was famous for her fidelity to her husband. Once, when her husband was sleeping resting his head on his wife’s lap, her 2 year old son started walking towards the fire pit. She was scared but did not move, lest her husband’s sleep get disturbed. The child fell in the fire but the fire could not dare burn the son of such a loyal wife!! This is the glory of a sincere wife.” That is why I am suggesting you to go back and serve your husband.

The Gopis smiled on His smart approach. One of the Gopis, who was an incarnation of the hymns of the Vedas replied to Him with a taunt, “Oh, so you have become a good Katha-Vachak (Story teller)! We also know an episode of a loyal wife. She was so sincere that she would not eat or drink anything before finishing worship and services to her husband. Once, her husband had to go out of the village to earn more money. The innocent wife did not want to let him go because she had to serve him every morning before eating anything herself.

The husband instructed her to perform all her daily services to a clay idol of his, considering the idol to be him. During his absence, the loyal and obedient wife continued to perform her worship and services to the idol as instructed by her husband. One month passed by and it was time for the husband to come back home. At the time, when the husband came back and knocked he door, she was serving the idol. He called out to her to come and open the door.

Now, the innocent wife was thoroughly confused as to what should she do. Should she leave her service in the middle and leave to open the door for her real husband or should she complete her service to the clay idol who she considered as her real husband? In either case, she would be committing an offense towards her husband.

Having narrated this story, the Gopi said, O Krishna! You decide now, what should the wife do? Lord Krishna said, “It is obvious, when her real husband is present, there is no need to worship the idol.”

The Gopis said delightfully, “Jai ho Maharaj! Jai ho! You have yourself imparted justice. This is exactly what we have been saying; we honoured our physical / material husbands until we did not reach our real husband. Now the real husband of all living beings is standing in front of us, why should we go back to the unreal ones? Secondly, You said you should not leave a husband who is not sinner. Our husbands try to stop us from reaching you. What could be a greater sin than this? Therefore, from all

points of view neither should You send us back nor should we go back. Please accept us and nourish our thirsty soul by showering the nectar of Your Divine love bliss.

Thus, putting them through the severest test of their exclusive devotion and establishing that they had no desires, attachments or doubts and had single-minded selfless love and devotion towards Him, Shri Krishna granted them the highest bliss of Maharas.



This highest bliss is accessible to anyone who follows the ideology of the love of Gopis, where there is no trace of the desire of self-happiness whatsoever and where the only focus is to please Shri Radha Krishna without any consideration of personal gain or loss.

The Mystery behind Divine Descensions - Part 2

Shri Krishna, who descended 5000 years ago is called "Swayam Shri Krishna" or Avatari (the ultimate source of all the descensions of God). The sole purpose of His descension was to impart Divine love to deserving souls. However, we are also aware that Shri Krishna killed all the demons such as Pootna, Aghasur, Bakasur, Kans etc. So, the obvious question is if it was not Shri Krishna, then "who killed these demons?"

Yugavatar Shri Krishna performed these tasks. As mentioned in the previous edition, Shri Krishna descends in every Dwapar Yug. The avatars, who descend in various yugs are the revelations of Kchheerodshayee Mahavishnu. Kchheerodshayee Mahavishnu is the avatar of Garbhodashayee Mahavishnu who is the avatar of Karnarnavshayee Mahavishnu, who is the avatar of Swayam Shri Krishna. So, when Swayam Shri Krishna descends after a Kalp (1 Kalp is 4.29 Billion Years), Yugavatar Shri Krishna merges into Him and performs rest

of the activities. Swayam Shri Krishna does nothing except bestowing Divine love bliss to the deserving souls.

Supreme Brahm Shri Krishna descended on this earth on the eighth day of Bhadra pada (6th month in the Hindu calendar, Saka Samvat) in the 28th Dwapar of 7th Manvantar of Saraswat Kalp as the son of Devaki and Vasudev. Although, the way He descended on the earth indicates that he took birth like other ordinary children. However, it was not so. He did not enter the womb of mother Devaki. Rather, he appeared as a child in front of mother Devaki.

The question arises, why is Shri Krishna's descension called Janma (birth) and why do we celebrate it as Janmashtami?

His descension appeared like a natural birth process of a child. Even though He never entered and suffered in the womb of Devaki.

गर्भे च वायुना पूर्णे निर्लिप्तो भगवान् स्वयम् ।
हृत्पद्मकोशे देवक्या अधिष्ठानं चकार ह ॥ ब्र.वै.पु.

In fact, He entered Devaki's heart and not her womb. By His unique power of Yogmaya, He made Devaki feel that He has entered her womb,

हृत्पद्मकोशे देवक्या अधिष्ठानं चकार ह
गर्भे च वायुना पूर्णे

He filled her belly with air (निर्लिप्तो भगवान् स्वयम् ६. He kept Himself unattached. Nevertheless, His miraculous power Yogmaya made her feel that a baby had arrived in her tummy and she also felt the gradual development and movement of the child in her womb. The entire world witnessed the pregnancy of Devaki. Devaki experienced that her womb was getting bigger because she had conceived a baby. She did not know there was nothing in her womb except air.

अयोनिःसंभवा देवी वायुगर्भा कलावती ।
सुषाव मायया वायुं सा तत्राविर्भव ह ॥गर्ग सं.

At the time of birth, Shri Krishna put her to sleep as if she was tired of giving birth to a child. Then He appeared besides her crying like a newborn baby. Then Devaki came to know about the birth of her child.

That is why Lord Krishna said in Geeta:

बहूनि मे व्यतीतानि जन्मानि तव चार्जुन । गीता ४.५

O Arjun! I have taken many births like you. But I know about all of them, you don't." Because His birth is Divine and the process of His birth is incomprehensible.

जन्म कर्म च मे दिव्यं । गीता ४.९

Some of us may have doubts regarding His appearance as per the previously mentioned process. However, a little reflection on what happened just before His appearance can clarify this doubt. The Bhagavatam says

तमद्भुतं बालकमम्बुजेक्षणं चतुर्भुजं शंखगदार्यदायुधम् ।
श्रीवत्सलक्ष्मं गलशोभिकौस्तुर्भं पीताम्बरं सान्द्रपयोदसौभगम् ॥ भा
ग, १०.३.९

Before revealing Himself to the world, Shri Krishna revealed His absolute Divine form to Devaki. She saw Him in His most beautiful Divine form adorned with Shankh (conch shell), Chakkra (disc), Gada (club) and Padm (lotus) in His four hands. Let us reflect logically, if Shri Krishna was dwelling in Devaki's womb in this form with Chakkra etc., then Sudarshan Chakkra God's disc, which has the power to cut millions of thunderbolts of Indra, would have cut her into pieces. Also, the Chakkra has the effulgence equivalent to millions of Suns. That alone would reduce her to ashes before His birth. It proves He was not in the womb. Yet He revealed Himself in such a Divine way that nobody could fathom that His birth was not ordinary. That is why His birth is also called descension (Avataran).



Why don't we call His appearance day as Avataraashtami Then?

Shri Krishna wanted to grant Devaki and Yashoda the pleasure of being His mother. Devaki had observed severe penance for thousands of years to receive a boon of being His mother. Shri Krishna granted her desire. That is why Devaki and Yashoda experienced the birth of Shri Krishna

as their son. They thoroughly relished having Shri Krishna as their real son and responded with intense maternal love towards Him. Other inhabitants of Braj too experienced the real birth of Shri Krishna and enjoyed it. There is a reason why the devotees like to use the word Janma (Birth) versus Avatar (descension). That being the word Avatar reminds them the majesty of God. The devotees do not care for His Majestic form, they simply love God wholeheartedly as their own relative or friend or beloved. Where there is majesty, there is fear. Where there is fear, there is no love. The word Janma brings them closer to Shri Krishna and generates natural love for Him.



If He is Almighty, Omnipresent God then why did he descend?

There are three prevalent reasons of descension of God depicted in the Geeta:

परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम् ।
धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि यगे युगे ॥ गीता ४.८

1. Protect virtuous devotees.
2. Destroy demons
3. Establish religion.

But, these causes cannot be the only reason for His descent, as Almighty and Omnipresent God can do these from His Divine abode as well. Further, He always protects His devotees all the time. If the devotees are protected, the religion will survive for sure. The One, for Whom the Vedas say "He just closes His eyes to annihilate the world"

सुप्तं चास्य महाप्रलयः

Such Omni-potent God does need to descend to earth to kill a few insignificant demons?

The reason for His descension should be such, which cannot be accomplished without the physical presence of Almighty God. Jagadguru Shri Kripalu Ji Maharaj, the authentic spiritual leader of this age says there is one

reason given in Shrimad Bhagvat Mahapuran that seems to be more logical.

He descended to bless the Paramhansas.

तथा परमहंसानां मुनीनाममलात्मनाम् ।
भक्तियोगविधानार्थं कथं पश्येमहिस्त्रियः ॥ भाग.१.८.२०

He descended to deliver the God – realized souls of Gyan Marg. Those who worship and realize formless God, following the path of knowledge are called Paramhansas. These scholars perceive the Divine soul, completely oblivious of any misery or happiness in the world.

After leaving this earthly body, they merge into the Supreme Being. There they enjoy the bliss of formless God forever. Their happiness is called Brahmanand. But they can never enjoy the ever increasing Divine love Bliss of the Divine form of God, which is millions time higher than the bliss of Brahmanand and is forever increasing. It is called Premanand.

When God descends on the earth, these Paramhansas get a chance to taste the nectar of Sagun Sakaar Brahm (God in a human form with Divine attributes and pastimes). As soon as they receive this rare opportunity, they immediately drown in the ocean of Premanand forgetting about all about Brahmanand. Because they know this bliss also belongs to the same Supreme Personality in a visible form.

For example, Janak Ji Maharaj had just a glimpse of Bhagwan Shri Ram in the Pushpa-vatika. He kept looking at Him without blinking an eyelid. King Janak's royal servants reminded him of all that needed to be accomplished that day. King Janak said, "I don't know what is happening to my naturally detached mind! I cannot refrain myself from looking at this beautiful child.

I know the same formless God, Who I used to visualize in the form of light, has appeared in such an attractive form today".

Sanakadik Paramhansas just smelt the fragrance of His lotus feet through the breeze and forgot about Brahmanand without any choice of consideration.

Shukdev Paramhansas heard about the beauty of Shri Krishna and he too forgot about the Brahmanand. Then he heard the entire Bhagavat from Vedvyas Ji and recited it to Pareekchhit Ji. That is why the Bhagvat says:

आत्मारामाश्च मुनयो निर्ग्रन्था अप्युरुक्मे ।

कुर्वन्त्यहैतुकीं भक्तिमित्थंभूतगुणो हरिः ॥ भाग.१.७.१०

The bliss of Shri Krishna is so magnetic that even the self-complacent great Paramhansas could not resist it and unconsciously drowned in the ocean of Divine love bliss.



This could not have been possible without the physical presence of God. Thus, one true reason for His descension was to bless the Paramhansas, who otherwise, would have been deprived of his Premanand forever.

There is one more reason, which is apparently more authentic and helpful to us, the ordinary human beings. That will be revealed in next edition.

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Ram Tattva – Conclusion

God Himself sits in His name. You do not trust this statement. As soon as you have firm faith on this, you will not have to repeat "Ram" a million times. Pronouncing His name just once will drown you in unfathomable ocean of Divine bliss. Just affirm this knowledge in your mind and attain Divine bliss.

एतादृशी तव कृपा भगवन्ममापि,
दुर्दैव मीदृशमिहा जनिनानुरागः ॥

God has put all His powers in His name. This does not happen in the material world. This is a specialty of God. Maharishi Valmiki made a statement that will confuse even the topmost scholars including Saraswati and

Brihaspati, the ultimate authorities of knowledge in every creation.

He said there is not a single living being in this world who is not a devotee of Ram. From Brahma, the creator to the littlest bug and insect, all are devotees of Ram. The word atheist is wrong.

In our interaction with the world, we find there is no dearth of people who curse Ram-Krishna. Whereas Sage Valmiki categorically states, "everyone is a devotee of Ram". So let us ask all those who do not believe in Ram.

"What do you wish for? What is your aim"? Money? Yes.
Why? "Because I can buy things of great luxury"!
"Why"? "All those things will give me happiness".
"Why do you want to be happy"? "That I don't know".
Now ask a dog what does it want? "Happiness"
"Why"? "I don't know".
Ask Brihaspati, "What do you want"? "Happiness"

"Why"? "I don't know".

Did someone, your father or mother, teach you to wish for happiness? Oh no! You cried the moment you were born. "Why"? "For happiness". You disliked what was happening! You thought, "There is so much pain and suffering at birth. I don't want all this, I want happiness".



So, the question arises, "What is that happiness that everybody craves for".

The Vedas answer this question:

आनन्दो ब्रह्मेति व्यजानात् ।
आनंदाद्ध्येव खल्विमानि भूतानि जायन्ते ।
आनंदेन जातानि जीवन्ति ।
आनंदं प्रयन्त्यभिसंविशन्ति । धैत्तिरीयो०६

God is happiness. Happiness is God. Ram, Krishna, Brahm, Bhagwan, Khuda, Lord are His names.

रसो वै सः । रसं वायं लब्ध्वाऽऽनंदी भवति । तैत्तिरीयोप.



The Vedas say, we are part of Happiness, as such wish for happiness. We HAVE TO. That is our nature. Even if we practice for millions of years to desire for unhappiness, we will not succeed. Since the soul is a part of happiness, soul WILL HAVE to desire for Happiness alone.

We are looking for that happiness in this material world. Just as butter can only be extracted from milk and it is naïve to try to extract butter from limestone water, similarly, God is Happiness and you can derive Happiness only from God. Out of ignorance, you are attempting to find that happiness in this material world.

If it is your wish, to not listen to the scriptures and the saints and keep looking for happiness in the world, you can do so, but be aware that you will have to pay the price for this and roam around in the cycle of birth and death in the 8.4 million life forms. Whether you believe or not, the fact remains that Ram - the Supreme God alone is Happiness.

"Sukh", "Anand", "Maza", "Lutf", "Peace", "Satisfaction" etc are all His names.

Maharishi Valmiki said, everybody worships Ram because everybody worships happiness. Not just worships, but also is actually planning and practicing for that happiness every moment.

Why is He laughing? For happiness.
Why is he crying? For happiness.
What!! These are contradictory actions. Yeah! He is crying to relieve his pain.
He is sleeping. Yes
He is awake. Yes
He is speaking. Yes
He is quiet. Yes

Why?

The answer to every why is the same -“for happiness”. Because we are part of happiness, we are devotees of Ram. Now one may not call Him Ram, instead call Him Happiness. This is like saying “he is my mother’s husband”, instead of saying “he’s my father”. This is ignorance. Everyone desires for Happiness, hence desires for Ram. They are looking for Happiness in the wrong place.

There is one Brahm and one Maya. This world is made of Maya the material energy of God. Hence, there is no happiness in this world. God made this world for sustaining this body. We are not the body. We are the soul. Soul is not part of Maya, it is part of God, and it is spiritual. Soul’s happiness lies ONLY in God.

This world is for the body and God is for the soul. These are two different areas. Do you ever try to listen with your eyes or see with your ears? If you do, you’ll be called a lunatic. Sound is the subject of the ear and vision is the subject of the eye. Similarly, God is the subject of the soul and material world is the subject of the body.

This is like standing at a candy shop and asking for shoes. The shopkeeper laughs at us, saying this customer is mad.

We ask God for material world. God can give us anything. However, think what a grave mistake you are committing by asking God-the abode of happiness for this miserable world. Has anyone ever attained happiness in this world?

As you acquire greater material possessions, your stress level and tension increase. Look at the billionaires of today’s world. They have to rely on sedatives to get a few hours of peaceful sleep every night. What is the use of becoming a billionaire?

Ask Obama what is his state now. Earlier he could sleep in peace, eat in peace and roam around in peace. Moreover, what is his state since becoming the president? He is shrouded by problems. He cannot even get proper sleep all night! He went to Afghanistan for a night and returned hastily, for fear of his life. This is the state of Prime Ministers and Presidents of the world.



What to talk of Presidents and Prime Ministers, even ordinary politicians and senators feel threatened for their life and keep themselves surrounded by machine gun wielding security guards. Their children can also not freely venture out for fear of being killed. Is this the happiness that you were seeking? See all ordinary people freely move around in the market place, eating whatever they like from where ever they like.

Therefore, in this world NOBODY has attained happiness till date.

King Dashrath, Lord Ram’s father, decided to retire to the forest, to talk to The One above, to seek him, realizing that there was no happiness in the world. Even king Dashrath, who was so powerful that his chariot could move in all 10 directions, could not attain ultimate happiness with all his powers and luxuries. Today the richest person has \$50 billion. With that much money, you cannot even buy a small country like Nepal. Understand that Ram is the controller of infinite Kubers (wealthiest in a whole creation). In order to get happiness you will have to worship Ram.

We will have to realize that Bhagwan Ram is sitting in His name. Then you will have to chant the name. Then the mind will become clean. Then you will meet Ram, and then soul will become liberated from the prison of Maya.

Sada pashyanti suryah...

You will eternally be endowed with Divine knowledge and Divine happiness and will live in the Divine abode of God.

All glories to Lord of Sita, Shri Ram Chandra!

Sunahu Sadhak Pyare - 7

The root cause of all our miseries is the misconception that there is happiness in this world. Due to this misunderstanding, we mainly suffer from 3 kinds of unpreventable agonies in the world

1. **Daihik Taap** – Physical and mental sufferings such as anger, passion, greed, lust etc. and other physical diseases like fever, cancer etc.
2. **Daivik Taap** – Sufferings induced by nature. Such as flood, earthquake, contagious diseases etc.
3. **Bhautik Taap** – Sufferings caused by others, such as insult, injury, anger, problems suffered by our near and dear ones etc.



We are being constantly agonized by different kind of miseries. However, we are still alive. That is really amazing. In spite of being tormented by so many miseries, if someone asks “How are you doing?” We say, “All Right”, while nothing is right in our entire life. Everyone is fooling each other in this manner.

The sufferings of human form are still endurable, think about the sufferings of animals, birds, insects etc. They cannot even express their grievances. Sometimes they die of hunger, thirst or pain in their body. If an animal enters a house looking for food and drink, it is beaten. It receives no mercy at the hands of human beings. In animal form, one has to endure the sufferings caused by hot and cold weather. Since we do not listen to saints and scriptures to rectify our life, we have undergone all these sufferings, millions of times and are getting ready to suffer again in the forms of animals, birds etc.

The outcome of committing sins, due to ignorance, is to roam around in 8.4 million forms of life. Human body is

rarest of rare. It is given to us only by the causeless mercy of God.

कबहुँक करि करुणा नर देही । देत ईश बिनु हेतु सनेही ॥

This body is so precious that even the celestial gods desire for the same. This is the only form of life in which one can acquire the ultimate goal of life i.e. attain unlimited, eternal and Divine happiness. We are suffering only because we have turned away from God and have started considering this world as the real source of happiness and our body as me. Hence, we constantly think about the worldly possessions, and physical relatives.

So,

विषयान् ध्यायतश्चित्तं विषयेषु विषज्जते ।

मामनुस्मरतश्चित्तं मय्येवप्रविलीयते ॥भा.१०.१४.२७

Whatever, the mind constantly thinks about, it gets completely absorbed in that. Constant thinking of the material world submerges the mind in material matters and makes us roam around hell, heaven or mortal world causing unending miseries. Likewise, if the mind thinks about God constantly, it merges into His Divine matters and provides Divine happiness, Divine abodes and unlimited Divine bliss.

So, practice of devotion (साधना) under the kind guidance of a God-realized saint, inspires us to think more about the names, forms, attributes, pastimes and abodes of God. As the aspirant progresses on the path of devotion, the saint graces the aspirant with symptoms of Divine love, which creates a hope in the mind of the aspirant that one day he/she will definitely attain Divine love bliss.

This hope takes our mind towards God, which results in true happiness and peace of mind. So far, we have been thinking this world is mine. Now we have to start constant practice of thinking “God alone is mine”. The worldly realm is related to my body. The body is perishable and keeps changing in each life. However, God, who is my real relative and well-wisher, will always remain with me, regardless of my body, planet or condition.

We sing a verse in all the temples

त्वमेव माता च पिता त्वमेव.....देव देव ॥

We should now sing it by heart with a firm understanding that He alone is my father, mother, brother and everything.

Kidz Section



Influence of Bhakti

King Ambrish was a pious devotee of Shri Krishna, for whom Krishna hurled the Sudarshan Chakra to destroy Durvasa Muni.

Raja Ambrish had many wives, but he was not interested in worldly enjoyments. He was a competent and honest ruler.

One young princess, who was in love with him and wanted to marry him, sent him a proposal for marriage through her father. Raja Ambrish refused to accept her proposal saying that he already had many wives, with whom he did not get to spend sufficient time. She replied that in that case, she would like to be his maid servant. Raja Ambrish was impressed with this response from the young princess and agreed to accept her as his wife. The marriage was performed.

The young queen took the service of her husband very seriously and although was given a separate palace to live, she would quietly go to King Ambrish's palace and perform services in his temple and other places, without letting his servants know who she was.

However, within a week, Raja Ambrish discovered this fact and asked her to perform devotional services to Lord Krishna in her own palace. Hearing this, she secretly accepted her husband, Raja Ambrish, as her own guru.

Over the years, as she continued to practice devotion, her devotion grew to a level that she was always in ecstasy singing Kirtans, with tears constantly flowing from her eyes. Her longing for Lord Krishna increased to such an extent, that Raja Ambrish's started longing to see her. When the longing became very intense and Raja Ambrish could not bear it any more, he went to see her. Upon seeing Raja Ambrish, she went into a state of Bhaav (stumbh), as she beheld the Divine visions of Hari and Guru in him i.e. Krishna and her Guru Ambrish. She was

overcome by this intense sentiment of devotion. Raja Ambrish, her guru, now pacified her, and asked her to sing kirtans.

All other queens realized how the young queen was able to win over the heart of a saintly and renounced husband as Raja Ambrish. Seeing this, they started practicing devotion themselves, just like the young queen. And the whole family of Raja Ambrish became ardent devotees of Shri Krishna. In the same wave, the entire kingdom took to worship of Shri Krishna, and thus, the whole kingdom was filled with devotion.

This is how one saintly devotee creates a wave of devotion in the hearts of so many people. And where there is devotion, there is abundant joy, love and peace. The whole kingdom experienced this wave and was thus blessed.

Sharad Purnima Quiz

1. What are the 2 important events that happened on Sharad Purnima? _____ and _____ of _____
2. Sharad Purnima falls on
(a) Full moon night
(b) No moon night
3. What is the name of the highest Divine-love-bliss _____
4. Who do you need to worship to get the highest form of Divine-love-bliss? Shri _____ / _____
5. One should serve them _____ .
6. Those who want to attain the highest form of Divine-love-bliss, should reject both _____ and _____ .
7. In which place did the Divine-dance happen? _____
8. It lasted for _____

9. Those that were graced in this manner are called

10. Lord _____ also became a maiden to obtain this love-bliss.

Winners of 2011 Guru Purnima Quiz

Answers

1. Keerti 2. Vrishbhanu 3. Barsana 4. Radhashtami. 5. Any of these forest names Gahvar Ban, Nidhi Ban, Virnda Ban 6. Blue 7. Lotus 8. Love 9. Shri krishna's complexion is blue. 10. Lalita, Vishakha.

Winners: Rohini (1st) 9 correct entries

Whats happening at Shri Kripalu Kunj Ashram?

In the last quarter Didi Ji travelled to a couple of temples and gave enlightening lectures. Also, under the expert guidance of Didi ji, several festivals were celebrated with great enthusiasm and devotion in Sadhana Temple Toronto and Shri Kripalu Kunj Ashram in Houston.

Guru Purnima the day to adore Guru was celebrated in the traditional style. Devotees sang glories of Guru and performed abhishekam of His Lotus Feet.

Joy of **Janamashtami** knew no bounds either. Didi ji gave a lecture on 19th Aug 2011 in Radha Madhav Dham, Austin on "Why the omni-present Lord descends on earth in a human form?" The following night kirtan, bhajan, Bal Krishn Arti, cake cutting and rejoicing continued past midnight in Shri Kripalu Kunj Ashram.

Festivals

Dusshera	Thu Sep 28, 2011
Sharad Purnima	Tue Oct 11, 2011
Karva Chauth	Sat Oct 15, 2011
Dhanteras	Mon Oct 24, 2011
Narkachaudas	Tue Oct 25, 2011
Diwali	Thu Oct 26, 2011
Goverdhan Puja	Fri Oct 27, 2011
Bhaiya Dooj	Sat Oct 28, 2011

Radhashtami was celebrated on 5th Sept 2011. The temple was beautifully decorated. With bhajans full of Braj Ras, Didi ji drowned the ashram full of devotees in the blissful glories of Shri Radha Rani. Then Didi ji gave a lecture on "Who is Shri Radha". Later children were given a quiz on Shri Radha Rani. Winners were given presents. Devotees had a chance to swing Baby Shri Radha in a beautiful swing. Her Abhishekam was performed with Panchamrita, followed by Bhog and Mahaprasad.

Upcoming Events

Please check the website www.shrikripalukunj.org to get further details on the following events:

Shri Radha Rani's Rath Yatra is being organized in Radha Madhav Dham, Austin on 8th Oct 2011. During this event Didi ji's will be giving a lecture from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM on "Radha Rani", followed by lunch and Bhajan's by Bhajan King Anup Jalota.

Shlok Competition for Children on Sunday 9 October 2011 from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in Shri Kripalu Kunj Ashram Houston

Sharad Purnima Celebrations on Tue 11 October 2011 from 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM in Sadhana Mandir, Toronto

Diwali celebrations in Sadhana Mandir, Toronto

Prem Mandir Inauguration

Shri Maharaj Ji will inaugurate Prem Mandir in Vrindavan, India on February 15, 16 and 17, 2012.



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