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## Guru Purnima Edition

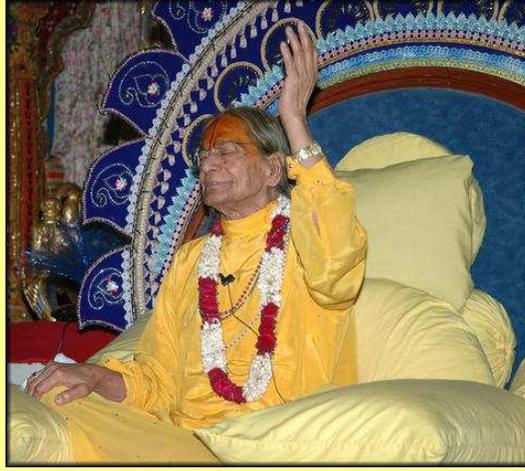
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### Sunahu Sadhak Pyaare (Part 2)

*subusak subusak subusak Pyare/  
subusak subusak subusak Pyare//  
ke ya Aant kehl Ae hlsb Pyare/  
chit sb Aant yatej ke sb hl Pyare//*

Brahm or God is bliss personified and we are an eternal part of God. Being a fraction of absolute bliss we naturally desire to attain bliss, as it is an object's inherent nature to become one with its whole. It is also a self proven fact that all fractions naturally serve their whole.



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## श्री गुरवे नमः (Happy Guru Purnima to all)

*vijaat j agt pary vrahbhot /* O material beings! Get up, awake and submit yourself to Guru to obtain spiritual knowledge.

*dh Ro ivgy tygo dh R&t /v d=hm/ dh Ra shj a Sa sadgus k Esabna //* Total abandonment of material matters and achievement of philosophical knowledge are unfeasible without the mercy of a genuine Spiritual Master.

*t /v gni smraat /* There is no entity equivalent to a Guru. He is veritable God.

*k Sa Ra g n pa ty tdvay &H vvd d rni / A yasvasna =kya trit - vsagmi //* Guru is our real mentor. He is the one, who is a unfeigned helmsman to take us across the ocean of the world. To be positive to reach your final destination, trust his words and quietly stay in His boat, Jumping out in the middle of your journey, is the harbinger of your utter failure.

*gk ihnu vimi0 tr; n ka / j OivniC =kr sm ha //* Even the sovereign personalities like the creator Brahma and Lord Shankar also can not cross the ocean of the world without the grace of Guru.

*gk cr&dnaj o ho govni rde/ p&R ppija gk p&Rta bt a de//* Complete surrender to the lotus feet of a God realized Guru is real celebration of Guru Poornima.

*gurur brahmaa gurur vishnuh, gurur devo maheshvarah, gurur saakshaat parabrahma, tasmai shree gurave namah.* Just like Brahma manifests creation; Guru manifests the Divine knowledge in the aspirant Vishnu sustains the creation; Guru protects that knowledge Mahesh destroys; Guru destroys the ignorance

**Thus Guru is all three deities in one form. All Glories to Sadguru Sarkar.**

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For example the flowers, branches, stem, roots etc. constantly serve the tree. In precisely the same manner, the senses serve the soul by giving material matters to the soul to make it happy. The soul rejects them since they are material and soul is divine. Since time immemorial, the soul is waiting for divine happiness, which is the only thing that can satisfy the soul. Worldly objects can only satisfy the senses, since the both objects and the senses are material. So what is that divine matter which is acceptable to the soul?

*A& inj A&I ka sek, j ghlant'ah Pyae/ b® ya prt /v A&I + yan hl h®Pyae//*

There is a entity called "Par Tattva"

*vdit t'j'vinds/.....=Bt¢-g.ÉÉÉÉ*

He is beyond everything. The Vedas say *prapit'at'* That superior most entity, which is greater than the greatest is *prt /v-*"Par Tattva", the Supreme power. Everything has a reason but the Supreme power does not have a reason or originator. For example the reason for earth is water, the reason for water is fire, the reason for fire is air, and the reason for air is space. The reason for the entire world is *Maya* (cosmic energy) and the reason for *Maya* is God. But there is no reason for God. He is the ultimate reason of all reasons. He is the reason for everything, from an insect to Brahma, Vishnu & Shankar. That is why Lord Krishna says in the Geeta,

*m'akoj'vl'ke..../ gita B.í*

All individual souls can be divided into two entities : inseparable part (*swansh Svã-* and separate part (*vibhinnansh ívi-Nã-*. *Swansh* refers to the souls that are part of God's own personal power. *Vibhinnansh* refer to the souls that are part of one of God's external power.

All incarnations of God viz. Brahma, Vishnu, Shankar, Eight Maha *Sakhis*, Laxman, Bharat, Shatrughan, and Balram are *Swansh*. Since eternity, they are endowed with all the powers of God and are governors of Personal power (*Swaroop Shakti*) of the Supreme God. *Swaroop Shakti* is the supreme power of God. All forms of God are governors of *Swaroop Shakti*. They are not different from the Supreme God.

*Vibhinnansh* are of 2 types - eternally free from *Maya* (*Nitya Mukta*) and eternally bonded (*Maya Baddh*). Both are part of God's intermediate power (*Tatastha Shakti*). Eternally liberated (*Nitya Mukta*) souls are those, who since beginning-less time have never been under the control of *Maya*. *Maya Baddh* souls are of those who, since beginning-less time, have been under the control of *Maya*. And these souls, by the practice of devotion, can be freed

from the bondage of *Maya*. After achieving liberation from *Maya*, they also live in *Golok* along with God's inseparable parts – the *Swaansh*. But they can never become *Swaansh*. They will forever stay as *Vibhinnansh*.

So, there are 2 types of souls. They are all parts of Shri Krishna. Some are part of *Swaroop Shakti* and others are part of *Tatastha Shakti*. *Vibhinnansh* are governed by *Maya*, while *Swansh* are the governors of *Yogmaya*.

*Maya* and *Yogmaya* are two different entities. We are under the influence of *Maya*, hence our actions are governed by the three modes of *Maya* i.e. Celestial (*Sattvik*), Worldly (*Rajas*) and Demonic (*Tamas*). God and Saints work with the power of *Yogmaya*. They appear to be performing the actions of *Maya* like ordinary human beings, while being totally untouched by the effects and consequences of the various modes of *Maya*. *Yog* means to perform the work of *Maya* without losing one's original personality. That is the miracle of *Yogmaya*. *Maya* on the other hand with its three modes of ignorance is enslaving, and is the cause of the bondage of a material being.

*b® ya prt /v A&I +yan hl h®Pyae// jg crar j lv yate +yan sek pyae//*

Guarang Mahaprabhu defined soul as

*j'lv Sv'p'ay k'Qe in'y das / c'ÉY nã* The individual soul is an eternal servant of Shri Krishna. He **did not** become a servant one fine day. He is an eternal servant. Yet, having forgotten this eternal relationship, individual soul is forced to undergo the punishment of roaming in the cycle of birth and death. All material beings, mobile or immobile, up to the abode of Brahma, are servants of God. And those in the Divine abodes like *Golok*, *Vaikunth-lok*, *Durga-lok*, *Saket-lok*, *Shiv-lok* are also Shri Krishna's servant. Only Shri Krishna is the Master of all.

*das-Uin'p'ã.Sy, j g'ÉPar j g'nni/ [ãñMayãS'SvanI, j g'tãp'ul +vĩŠ// pdm puB* Accepting this fact is one's ultimate success. Just accept yourself to be a servant of Shri Krishna and you have nothing more to achieve.

What is the duty of a servant? To please the master! And pleasing the master means, doing everything exclusively for, his pleasure, forgetting about one's own preferences or happiness. A vague understanding around this concept is the biggest barrier in one's life. A servant must go according to his master's choice.

Even in the world, when a master or employer asks for a cup of tea or a particular file from the cabinet, and the servant brings sweets, the master fires the servant. A servant must serve the master as per the wishes of the Master. Serving according to one's own desire is serving yourself not your Master.

A Guru, disciple relationship is very similar. The true meaning of serving Guru is to please Him by your loyal service. Do not serve the Guru as per your wishes or preferences. Simply follow the Guru's instructions without using your intellect. Since, it is the intellect that must be surrendered.

*nāye m Aadē nīy hī'āveey / invīs'īs nāye At Wvān s& =yš'// gītā Ī.Ē.Ď* Our intellect has been ruining our lives since eternity. We have to manage our intellect by associating it with the intellect of our master. That's why Lord Krishna said to Arjun in the Gita "Surrender your mind and intellect to Me alone." By far, we have been suffering from unnecessary stress and tensions due to our intellect.

Hence, the only duty of a servant is to serve the master and service means to work for the pleasure of the master only. Memorize this and remember it forever. Incorrect understanding of this concept is the only reason of our failure. We want our master to go as per our choice. For example one disciple requests his Guru to eat a rasgulla. The Guru feels uncomfortable in eating sweets. The disciple insists with the Guru and even quotes the line of Ramcharitra Manas to convince him to fulfill his request.

*"ram sda suk ēic ra'I"* Lord Ram always honours the choice of His devotees.

What is this? You are trying to make your Guru obey your commands for your pleasure. It is a perverted behaviour! Even the most well educated and highly qualified amongst you, make this mistake. It is a severe spiritual offence against your master. In a nutshell, your master's wish should be your only wish.

*"Onāsek hē; hēhs +yan sva hāē"* Now the question arises, if we are an eternal servant of God then when and why did we start running towards worldly pleasures? And, why do we consider ourselves to be the body? This ignorance causes many other problems. For example, due to our belief that 'I am the body' we start considering ourselves to be a Punjabi, Gujrati, Bengali etc. and then - I am Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya etc. and then I am an Engineer, Collector, Commissioner etc. These are the names of your of state, caste and profession respectively. Who are you? We have forgotten our true identity. The moment we realize our true identify that I am the soul, all these problems will cease to exist.

## **Celebrating Shri Radha Rani's Descension...**

Lots of people all over the world know how Shri Krishn and Shri Rama appeared on the planet earth. But very few people know the about appearance of Shri Radha. This is a brief description of the happenings when Shri Radha appeared on this earth 5000 years ago in a village called Barsana, in the state of Uttar Pradesh in India.

We will then be able to understand that material matters can never make the divine soul happy. Just like ears can only hear and not see even with the help of a telescope, because, visual objects are not the subject of the ears; similarly material matters cannot satisfy the desire of the divine soul? Hence, the subject of soul is only divine bliss of Lord Ram or Krishna. This understanding will result in cessation of ignorance. For example a girl, who always considers her parents home to be her very own, gets immediately detached from it, after being married and becomes totally attached to her husband's property. This sudden detachment from her parent's house happened only because she understood the fact that now her desires will only be fulfilled by her husband. Now, if her husband's car is stolen she starts crying, saying that her car has been stolen. In the same manner, we have been eternally attached to worldly matters because of the misconception that we will surely attain happiness by material matters. This perverted faith did not develop in one day. Ved Vyas Ji says that this has existed since eternity.

*-y&²t'ya- invet.šyal=ape.SivpyRošut.š' / tmāyāto bā A-j h& KēKye&gōdet.ām // -a Ī.Ē.Ī* Now it has to be redirected towards God. How? This verse says that you should consider your Guru to be equivalent to God and to be your soul. And then practice devotion to Lord Krishna. See the same verse is telling about the reason of being averse from God since eternity. Now it says about remedy that after being surrendered to God just once, one cannot turn away from Him. Since Maya cannot overcome God, just as darkness cannot overcome light! Surrender to God of one time is good for ever.

Whenever we will accept the fact that God is happiness, thus He is the only source of our happiness, we will immediately turn towards Him being naturally detached from the world.

*sda p:yt st'š'// vā* So, we must confirm this knowledge firmly in our mind forever that *Maya* did not overcome the soul one day. Rather all the individual beings are controlled by *Maya* since eternity. But one can surrender himself to God anytime. After that *Maya* would go forever along with the three modes, five agonies of mind (*Panchklesh*) and so on.

*To be continued in the next edition...*

Janma means "Praagatya" (appearance). Kishori ji has appeared in Kirti Maiya's house. Radha Tatva has descended on earth.

Shri Radha is no different from Shri Krishna. The Vedas say, Krishna appeared on earth in two forms - Radha and Krishn.

Just like Shri Krishna descended in mother Yashoda's house and Shri Ram in mother Kaushalya's house, Shri Radha descended in mother Kirti's house. Also, just like mother Yashoda did not want to see the Godliness or Majestic form of Shri Krishna and just wanted to enjoy the loving intimacy of a mother-child relationship with Him.

Mother Kirti too wished to shower motherly affection towards God. So, Kishori Ji never revealed Her Majestic form to Her mother. She appeared as an ordinary child and Kirti Maiya had no idea that her beloved daughter was a divine descension. She firmly believed that her daughter Radha was born like a normal baby. When mother claimed that Radha was born to her, all others believed it too.



The scriptures however tell us the truth. Ved Vyas said in Brahmeivarta Purana that Radha was not born from Her mother's womb. Brahmeivarta Purana also quotes Shri Krishn saying "You and I never go into the womb. We go into the mind".

Let us try to understand the divine personality of Shri Radha Rani. Absolute Brahma Shri Krishna is referred to as *Sat* (Eternal) *Chit* (Knowledge) *Anand* (Bliss). *Sat* and *Chit* are encompassed within *Anand*. The essence of "*Anand*" is "*Hladini Shakti*" and the essence of "*Hladini Shakti*" is "Love". Such is the supremacy of Love that all scriptures and scholars proclaim, "Even if you multiply *Brahmanad* (bliss of formless God) by billions, it will not even be equal to a single drop of Love Bliss. There are various levels of Love Bliss, each higher than the previous one - *Prem bhakti*, *Sneh bhakti*, *Maan bhakti*, *Pranay bhakti*, *Raag bhakti*, *Anurag bhakti*, *Bhavavesh Bhakti* and *Mahabhav bhakti*. *Mahabhav bhakti* is also of 2 types "*Rudh*" and "*Adhirudh*". Of these "*Adhirudh*" is a higher state than "*Rudh*". "*Adhirudh*" is also of 2 types "*Modan*" and "*Mohan*". There is one more state called "*Maadan Mahabhav*", which is higher than all other states of divine love bliss. No Saint has ever obtained it. Even the intimate friends of Shri Radha Rani - The Eight *Mahasakhis* (eternal intimate associates) cannot attain it. This seat is reserved for Radha Rani alone.

We can get a glimpse of the state of love-bliss of Shri Radha by learning the fact that during Their descension in Braj, Shri Radha fell in love with Shri Krishna by simply hearing His name once. Hearing His flute, She united with Him. Seeing a picture of Shri Krishn, She went into a trance. Shri Radha - the personification of this highest form of bliss has appeared in Kirti Maiya's home. What can one say about the good fortune of mother Kirti, who got to love, cuddle, scold, punish, rock and fondle Her. Furthermore, she got the rarest privilege of trying to please Her by bribing Her with toys and sweets etc, when She got upset. Fathers generally get a little lesser proximity with the daughter, brothers even lesser and general public even lesser. But whatever little extent they get, it still is infinitely more than the bliss of bliss-of-formless-God (*brahmanand*). Such Kishori ji has descended in the house of Kirti Maiya.

As is customary, Vedic Hymns are chanted on all auspicious occasions. The important factor in reciting Vedic hymns is the pronunciation and the notes. It has to be perfect. When Kishori ji appeared, none other than Brahma Ji, came down from his abode to recite the Vedas for glorifying Kishori Ji. Brahma Ji considered it His extreme good fortune to personally welcome Kishori ji today. Supreme personality has descended in his *Brahmand* (creation) to shower divine bliss. Since Brahma ji came, Vedas too followed him. Vedas were not being recited in mere words, instead Vedas themselves stood in Her service. Brahma Ji recited the Vedas with all four mouths. Vedas stood there and offered their services. They are not doing this to receive anything from Her. They consider it their duty. They are drenched in divine ecstasy. They could not control themselves and came un-invited to welcome Her.



Narad Ji and other eternally liberated divine personalities also came and sang Her glories, "She is very Merciful, She is the protectrice of all surrendered souls etc". Along with singing praises, Narad ji also proclaimed "Victory to Radha Rani", all others joined Him in the same. *Yaksh*, *Kinnar*, *Gandharvs*, and *Apsara's* sang as well. Bhagwan Shankar Himself came to perform a dance. Shankar ji has a special dance called *Tandav Nritya*. This dance is performed in trance (*Samadhi*). Shankar ji, is an ardent devout

(*ananya bhakt*) of Kishori ji. So He, in a state of love-bliss-trance, started performing *Tandav*.

Who will perform her *aarti*? There are 3 personalities Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh. Their Hladini power is Brahmani, Rama and Uma. They are a part of Radha Rani. Hence it is their duty to perform the *aarti* of their originator. They personally came down and started performing *aarti* of Shri Radha Rani, with divine lamps.

Some *siddh paramhans* also reached there. There are some *paramahans* who have not merged into the Supreme personality like Sankadik Paramhans. They too came. They saw Her and their

## Shri Radha Rani's Parents

Raja Ikshvaku was a renowned Saint. He had a son named Nriga, who was a benevolent and just king. He once donated a cow to a Brahmin and somehow the cow made its way back to his palace and got mixed with the other cows. Unaware of this fact, he donated the same cow to another Brahmin.



When the first Brahmin, came looking for his cow, he saw the second Brahmin taking away the cow. The two Brahmins had a disagreement on who was the real owner of the cow. The two went to Raja Nriga for a resolution. Nriga tried hard to convince both Brahmins to let go of the ownership of the cow in lieu of hundreds of other cows, but both were insistent on having that one cow. Unable to resolve their conflict, one of the Brahmins cursed him to become a chameleon.

Once, during the descension of Lord Shri Krishna, his sons Pradyumn etc. were playing and their ball fell into a well. While trying to get the ball back, they noticed a huge chameleon in the well.



They reported what they saw to Krishna. Krishna smiled knowingly and went with them to the well. He rescued the poor chameleon,

trance-of-formless-God (*Bharmanand-samadhi*) turned into a love-*samadhi*. When they finally regained consciousness all they could say is *balihar*. i.e. we sacrifice ourselves on such a beautiful form of the *brahmaand* that we used to experience.

The ecstasy of that moment cannot be described in words. Everyone was so drenched in divine-love-bliss that they had no cares for any material things. Mother Kirti and King Vrishbhanu were showering precious jewels on all who had come to visit them. Instead of being enticed by those jewels, all visitors were seen requesting Kirti Maiya to let them catch a glimpse of the new born baby.

by extending his arm till the bottom of the well to take him out. As soon as the chameleon was brought out, he turned into a Divine form and attained liberation at the hands of Lord Krishna. Nriga's son was Suchandra, who was also a great Saint and a just King.

Arjmadhi was the Pitr of Pitra Lok. He had three "Mansi' daughters (born out of thinking) namely Kalavati, Menaka and Ratnamala. Kalavati got married to Raja Suchandra. Ratnamala got married to Raja Janak. Menaka got married to Himalaya.

Menaka gave birth to Parvati. Ratnamala gave birth to Janaki. Kalavati and Suchandra remained celibate and performed severe penances for 12,000 Dev Years, equivalent to 4,320,000 Man Years. Brahma Ji appeared and granted them a boon they would be born as Raja Vrishbhanu and Kirti in the Dwapar Yuga and Shri Radha would descend in their household.

In Dwapar Yuga, Suchandra was born as Vrishbhanu in Raja Surbhanu's family. Kalavati appeared in the Yagya Kund of Bhalandan Muni, as his daughter Kirti.

Shri Radha descended as the daughter of Vrishbhanu and Kirti in Barsana.

Unlike a normal material birth, where the soul enters the womb of a mother, Shri Radha did not enter into Kirti Maiya's womb (As described in the previous article as well).

## Upcoming Festivals

Guru Poornima	25 July, 2010
Raksha Bandhan	24 Aug, 2010
Shri Krishna Janamashtami	2 Sept, 2010
Shri Radha Ashtami	14 Sept, 2010



# Kids Section



## Scorpion and the Old Man

Once upon a time, there was a devout and saintly old man. Every morning he used to sit on the banks of river Yamuna for several hours to perform devotion to Lord Krishna. One morning, as the old man opened his eyes, after his daily prayer, he saw a scorpion struggling to remain afloat in water. Seeing the helplessness of the poor creature, the kind old man's heart was filled with mercy. With an intention to rescue the scorpion, the old man quickly extended his hand inside the water. As soon as his hand touched the scorpion, the scorpion stung him. Instinctively, the man pulled back his hand. Minutes later, after the old man settled down, he again extended his hand to save the scorpion. This time the scorpion stung him very hard with its poisonous tail. His hand became swollen and started bleeding profusely. The poor old man was in great pain.

The second poisonous sting however could not deter the old man's spirit. He extended his hand yet again to get the scorpion out of the water. A passerby, who was witnessing this incident, could not stop himself and shouted out aloud, "Hey, Stupid old man, what's wrong with you? Only a fool would risk his life for the sake of an ugly, evil creature. Do you want to kill yourself for an ungrateful scorpion?"

The old man turned his head and looking straight into the stranger's eyes replied calmly - "My friend! If this insignificant creature does not give up its habit of stinging, then why should I give up the habit of mercy?"

This is the true nature of real saints. They naturally focus on the welfare of the wicked ones without any reason; likewise wicked people love to infest others without any cause.

## Quiz

Please encourage your children to fill in the blanks. Please mail in their answers along with their name and age by 30 Aug 2010 to [skkasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:skkasecretary@gmail.com). Each correct word gets a point. Names of children, with most correct words, will be published in the next

Edition. Even though this quiz is meant for kids, this is the essence of all scriptures. If you like to take a stab at it we will like to receive your answers too.

- The first step towards God Realization is to meet a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Only a \_\_\_\_\_ saint is entitled to be called a Guru.
- A true guru can be recognized by His \_\_\_\_\_ (pick the correct answer or answers)
  - attire
  - psychic powers
  - divine love
  - knowledge
- Guru's foremost duty is to provide proper \_\_\_\_\_ of scriptures.
- He will tell you about
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.
  - Your \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  - How to get more attached to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Complete surrender to Guru is complete surrender to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The best way to please your Guru is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Does a true guru initiate his disciples? (pick the correct answer)
  - Yes
  - No
- A guru must be (pick the correct answer or answers)
  - A good teacher
  - A saint
  - An austere
  - A social reformer
- A true Guru must not give an allurement of \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2010 Holi Edition Kids Quiz

### Answers

Baram, Mathura, Mansukha, Putna, 11, Subhadra, Buaa (Aunt), Rukmini, Kalindi, Aristasura

### Winners

Sonu Ghosh, Shravya Prabhu, Neil Ghosh, Rohan Sharma

## Laughter is the best medicine

Teacher: Why does the statue of liberty stand in New York harbour?

Pupil: Because it can't sit down!

Great news, teacher says we have a test today come rain or shine.

So what's so great about that?

It's snowing outside!

Why were the early days of history called the dark ages?

Because there were so many knights!

What was Camelot?

A place where people parked their camels!

Why did the teacher put the lights on?

Because the class was so dim!

Math jokes:

Teacher: If  $1+1=2$  and  $2+2=4$ , what is  $4+4$ ?

## At Shri Kripalu Kunj Ashram

### Holi Celebrations

Gurang Mahaprabhu's descension day was celebrated a day before Holi. Didi ji explained who Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is and His philosophy. Preparing for Holi celebrations was as fun as the celebrations themselves. After Mahaprabhu jayanti celebrations, devotees prepared the special sweetmeats called "gujia" for Holi Prasad. Didi ji decorated Shri Radha Krishn in white dress, to play Holi with the vibrant colors.

Seema had dressed as Shri Krishn and Preeti was dressed as Shri Radha Rani. A few devotees wore *lahanga-choli*.



The ashram had transformed into the land of Braj. Didi ji sang the songs about Holi leelas of Shri Radha-Krishn, Braj Rasia songs.

Amidst that Didi ji, sprinkled rose water on all devotees. Then Didi ji applied colored powder (*gulal*). Didi ji called devotees forward to play Holi with Sri Radha Krishn with rose petals. The whole ashram was reverberating with the sound of Ho Ho Ho Ho Hori Hai.

Student: That's not fair!

Teacher: How much is half of 8?

Student: Up and down or across?

Teacher: What do you mean?

Student: Well, up and down makes a 3 or across the middle leaves a 0!

### Ideal homework excuses:

Teacher: Where is your homework?

Student: I was mugged on the way to school and the mugger took everything I had

Teacher: Where is your homework?

Student: I lost it fighting this kid who said you weren't the best teacher in the school

Devotees had brought lots of items for Prasad. All of those were offered to our Beloved Divine Couple. Didi ji gave *gujia* as *prasad*. It was delightful to get that, as most of us had not eaten *gujia* ever since we left India to come to USA.



Children had so much fun with the *gulal*, it was tough to recognize them. Then all devotees danced in gaiety. All these celebrations continued till 1:30 pm.

This was followed by Mahaprasad and the photo session. Not to mention the entire ashram was scrubbed clean after the festivities were over. It was almost 4:00 pm by the time devotees left for home.

Now we are impatiently looking forward to Holi next year.

### Children's Reactions to Canada Day Retreat

A 3-day spiritual retreat was organized in Cobourg, Ontario. These are reactions of some of the children who attended it...

Saurendro (16): When I first went to the Canadian retreat I thought that the camp would be mainly for adults. I was very surprised to find that there was an entirely separate program for children. The

activities ranged from musical classes to musical chairs. My favorite part of the retreat was the bonfire and cultural program which included dances and plays done by kids. The retreat was a great success and I will definitely attend next year.

Rohan (12): I really enjoyed Fireworks, Scenery (The place indeed was very beautiful), Bonfire, Outdoor games, Playing soccer with other children.



Neil (13): The camp was fun, there was a kids schedule so we had lots of outdoor activities and soccer was fun. We got prizes at the end which was nice.



Isha (7): I really enjoyed the musical chair and hoola hoop competition. I also enjoyed the Parikrama where we went around the pond singing "Radhe Govind" with Didi Ji. The kid's quiz that Didi Ji gave was real fun. She later explained the answers to all the questions in the quiz. The cultural program on the last day was really good. I am looking forward to the Retreat next year. Radhe Radhe

To catch the spirit of the spiritually fun-filled time, please visit <http://picasaweb.google.com/skkasecretary/CanadaSummerCamp2010#>

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