

SELF-INTROSPECTION ON DIWALI



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As the festival of Dussehra symbolizes the victory over evil, the festival of Diwali, which follows twenty days thereafter, symbolizes igniting the soul-lamp or awakening of the self and coronation of Shri Lakshmi and Shri Narayan—the first Empress and Emperor respectively, of Golden Age.

Even though we've been igniting the earthen lamps and evoking Shri Lakshmi for years, neither could we ignite minds and intellects, nor has the goddess dwelled in Bharat.

DIWALI – THE WAY IT IS CELEBRATED

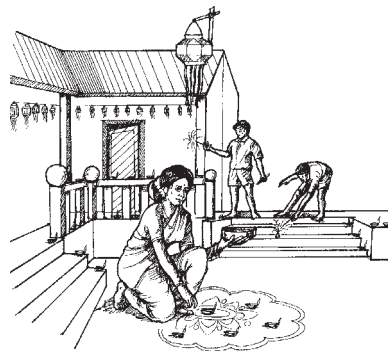
On this auspicious day, young or old, men or women, forgetting all their worries, are absorbed in the festivity, joy and bliss. Wearing of new clothes, exchanging of gifts and greeting each other mark the celebration of Diwali. All the houses – residential as well as commercial are lighted magnanimously with earthen lamps, candles and electric

bulbs. The family members get together and evoke and worship Shri Lakshmi – the Goddess of Wealth as well as Shri Ganesh, the destroyer of obstacles.

On this occasion, the businessmen close their old accounts and open their new account books the next day, which is also known as New Year as per Hindu Calendar Year.

WHAT REAL DIWALI IS!

Let us ask ourselves: Will the Goddess of Wealth dwell merely by keeping the gates of the houses open or by igniting the earthen lamps or candles just during Diwali days without making an effort to bring in



transformation in the self by making the life as pious as that of Shri Lakshmi?

- ▶ Can happiness prevail just by enjoying the festival together, while keeping the darkness of bitterness, hatred, enmity towards one another intact?
- ▶ Can Shri Lakshmi visit our houses if we keep on impressing Shri Lakshmi by simply worshipping her for the sake of formality while having a criminal eye on women or discriminating between son and daughter?

WHY SHRI LAKSHMI HAS SULKED WITH US?

One needs to contemplate as to why Shri Lakshmi who despite being worshipped with a lot of devotion by her devotees for years has sulked with us, i.e., why most of the people are still suffering from poverty – subtly and monetarily?

Why in Bharat, which is the country of deities and the erstwhile Golden Sparrow; mutual love, cordiality, trust and faith have been replaced by enmity, hatred, selfishness, rising of crimes against women, corruption etc.?

Obviously, something must be going wrong because of which the sorrows, miseries, tensions and anxiety are increasing in our lives day by day.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DIWALI

It is a matter of great fortune that at the present Confluence Age, i.e. the confluence of extreme Kaliyuga and forthcoming Golden Age; the Supreme Soul, Incorporeal God Shiva, is teaching us Rajyoga, i.e., the knowledge of Soul, Supreme Soul, Mystery of the World-Cycle and Karma Philosophy. Majority of human beings are vicious because of body-consciousness and the above-mentioned problems in the world are nothing but the results of these vices only.

However, by listening to and implementing the most elevated Godly Knowledge spoken by God Shiva through the medium of Prajapita Brahma, our present life will become virtuous and worthy. And in the forthcoming Golden Age or Satyuga, we'll attain the status of gods and goddesses or the beings with divine virtues.

On the day of Diwali, one earthen lamp of largest size, called *Deep Raj* is lit through which all the other earthen lamps of small sizes are lit. Here, the real *Deep Raj* is Incorporeal Supreme Soul, God Shiva who, through His auspicious Knowledge, ignites our intellects, through which the darkness of

ignorance disappears in the world.

Thus, when we burn the real Ravana, i.e., five vices present in both men and women equally (that is why Ravana was said to have 10 heads), imbibe Godly Knowledge and stay in God's remembrance, our minds and intellects become as pure as gold. We have to cleanse ourselves through Godly Knowledge and Godly Remembrance and become completely pure and vice-less. In the memorial of this act, on Diwali, people cleanse their houses. The closure of old accounts and opening of new accounts on Diwali is symbolic of closing of accounts of misdeeds and opening the accounts of elevated deeds to be performed as per Godly advice.

THE REAL DIWALI

As per Godly Knowledge, the real Diwali will be the Golden Age or Satyuga, where everything will be pure and where both the rulers and the subjects will be abundant with all virtues, having sixteen celestial degrees, absolutely vice-less and non-violent.

Let's learn and inculcate Godly Knowledge and celebrate the real Diwali by making our lives as divinized as that of Shri Lakshmi and Shri Narain. ●

IMBIBING VIRTUES

When there are specialties seen in someone, we tend to admire them and describe them to others too. We really like those virtues in the other person, but rarely do we put in real effort to imbibe them in ourselves. Just describing them does not bring any improvement in us.

Whenever I see some specialty in anyone, I need to understand that I like that particular virtue in the other person because it is subtly working within me too. When I work on it more consciously, I will be able to emerge it easily.