



Divinity of Deepaavali



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“The meaning of Deepavali traditionally purports the end of a karmic cycle and the beginning of new karmic cycle. The purpose of Deepavali is to matter, to count, to ponder, to reflect, to stand for something, to have it make some difference that we have lived in the passage of time. Over the bygone time, we realise that it is not about winning, or more verdicts or even more deals and more business and more profits really that truly counts. It is about time spent with our beloved, time that we spend with one’s husband or wife or friend, or lover, or child, or parent, or family and one’s beloved. The time elapsed will never come back. Essentially, for this reason, we light a candle of delight to commemorate and to share the little time we have here on the human earth in the passage of time, to celebrate our human life with our folks in kindness, in gestures of humanity, in simple compassion, in grandeur of love, and in appreciation of one another.”

-Jyotikar Pattni



Jaya SiyaRama



Happy Deepavali!

When we wish another “Happy Deepavali”, we are really wishing divinity and happiness of the spirit of life to understand the whole wheel of human life and to learn the karmic lesson of realising the divine light of our own spirit of life, in graceful serenity, love, compassion and togetherness.

The wishing and the intentions of being humble enough to cherish the 'togetherness' is not limited to just the moment of few hours of Deepavali occasion but a transformation towards the light of delights of many karmic cycles put together in self realisation process. Deepavali really means array of many divine lights. When we become lights of hope and leave behind a trail of divine lights of hope for the future generation children, we become immortal like the stars in the night sky.

Each one of us steer our own life's course whatever one's call or purpose in life is. Our fates and our individual life's courses vary.

The whole purpose of being here on the human earth in the passage of time, is to figure out what that is as soon as possible, so one may go about the business of being on track, of not being owned by one's own traditions and culture, whatever people may think traditionally, when one however exceeds others expectations and be defined to one's own then only one has emancipated from all this, that and the other into learning the true lessons of karma and to become divine.

Divinity is NOT about celebrating Deepavali in the grand rites and rituals and all the complex VEDAS and traditions and culture but in the simpler much more humane essence of kind human gestures, humanity, little smiles and little humility and great loving compassion and caring for one another habitually without the pressure of the moment of occasion. The sincerity of each divinity stretches beyond the occasional gestures of kindness to habitual humanity which the modern world somehow seems to have forgotten.

The habitual humanity encourages, listens, embraces in compassion, welcomes a visitor with all love, understands the suffering of lonely people without self pity; brings extraordinary happiness into the lives of those who are hopeless and helpless.

To become divine, is simply becoming humble and helpful and kind to others in little deeds of kindness, little words of loving compassion, little encouragements to make someone happy and to do anything good for someone in the present rather than the planned future in strategies, propagandas, banners, conferences, forums, and congress.

All political congregations are expenditures and unnecessary costs to propagate and to commercialise religion, religious traditions and meanings of true divine celebrations.

The real true meaning of Deepavali means to make the greatest use of our divine light of life and to spend our divine life for something that will outlast it!!! Not the natters and chatter and getting together for few hours to turn everything to selfish motives and selfish advantages.

The real true Vedic meaning of Deepavali is divinity of being one's true self to all burdens; all mountains of burdens, and to grant light of sheer joy and sheer love and sheer compassion to others habitually rather than occasionally, then festival of lights bring us joy outlasting life itself.

The whole of life, the very first of life, and the life of life came from the delights of many lights in a grand fusion of the Sun, in the delight of the light of the Sun. The whole of life, the very life of life itself, the life of all existence stands alive in collective dance of karma in the passage of time.

The whole of life perpetuates in the cycles of the dawn and the dusk, the cycles of birth and death, and eventually the entire, the whole of life elapses in the passage of time, dissolves in time to merge back into the divine glow of the light of the soul infinite. Just as all the different stars eventually meet up in the nightingale to glitter, each one of the life of life becomes part of the galaxy as the one grand night sky.

In the darkest moment of the night, there emanates a ray of light – a somewhat mystically magnificent light of delight. Looking at the night sky filled with beautiful stars is a grand divine beauty of the whole of life, not just one little part of our human life. That is why, one must read, one must look at the naked night sky, one must sing and dance, one must write poems, and also one must suffer to understand the deeper more spiritual meaning of life of life here on the human earth.

There is light of delight in darkest moment of our life amidst our grief and sorrows; when we forget ourselves and look up at the night sky, and simply love all that there is for the nature to give us in abundance, in so much hope, to remove our darkened misery. One grand lesson learnt over the years of my life is to let go! When we let go of all that brings to us hurt, grief of hurt and darkened misery only light remains and eventually gracefully slowly and quietly, we realise that every part of existence is divinely sacred and to love this beautiful divine existence and to be happy in it is but our spiritual right. Happiness is a beautiful manifestation that is the light of many delights and this happiness transpires only in one corner of the entire existence – that which is in our own soul divine spirit of life within our lotus like spiritual heart.

Let us realise this divine light of all magnificent lights in our hearts and let us treasure all that is divinely beautiful in our hearts. May we dispel the darkness of ignorance and from the light of our own spirit of life become a light of hope for the future generation children. Leaving behind a light of hope for this elapsing world is to become eternally immortal! That is the real divine meaning of DEEPAVALI. Deepavali traditionally meant array of lights. The essential principle of Vedic culture is eternal, universal and is applicable to the past, present and the future.

The alternate for the Vedic culture is Human culture or Universal culture. Come let us remove darkness from the face of the earth. It requires collective effort. In the diffusion of light the question of high and low is forgotten.

We must learn to destroy the difference between rich and poor- the destruction of discrimination based on poverty and wealth. The glow of the light of candle is a symbol of this unity. The wall of separation based on economic status cannot prevent the penetration and spread of the light of divinity.

Deepavali means to kindle the extinguished lights of our neighbours. Let us find out what is needed- whether there is a shortage of wick or oil- and just by a little help the neighbour's lamps can be re-lit. One deepam can light several other deepams (or lights of hope). A little charity can bring joy to countless others. The row of lamps teaches us that unity is exemplified in "Satyam-Shivam-Sundaram"- Truth, Joy and Beauty.

The lights of Deepavali are displayed at the entrance doors, by the walls of houses, in the streets and lanes. This means that the inner spiritual light of the individual must be reflected outside.

Passers by may thereby be prevented from stumbling on their way to reach their destination.

The lights of the deepams on earth beckon the lights in the firmaments to descend upon earth and establish the heavenly kingdom of God for the welfare of the human race.

Feeding empty stomachs, lighting blown-out 'dias' and providing cheer and joy amongst the downtrodden is to enter the true spirit of Deepavali.

This is the true prayer to Lakshmi Devi.



Divinity of Deepavali - The Festival of Lights.

Throughout the world all Hindus celebrate Deepavali with great pomp and enthusiasm. This is the great festival honouring Mother Lakshmi (goddess of wealth). Thus Deepavali must be understood in its wider context. The festival of lights does not simply mean lighting lamps. Hearts must be enlightened with goodwill for peaceful co-existence with fellow human beings and the rest of creation. Enlightenment (light of knowledge) leads to the dispelling of spiritual ignorance.

The illuminations and fireworks, joy and festivities, are to signify the victory of divine forces over those of wickedness. On Deepavali day, triumphant Sri Ram returned to Ayodhya after defeating Ravana, the demon of Lanka. On Deepavali day, we celebrate the marriage of Goddess Lakshmi with Lord Vishnu. On Deepavali day, everyone forgets and forgives the wrongs done by others. There is an air of freedom, festivity and friendliness everywhere. This festival brings about unity. It instills charity in the hearts of the people. In a happy mood of great rejoicing, village folks move about freely, mixing with one another, all enmity being forgotten. They embrace one another with love.

Deepavali is a great unifying force.

The holy vibrations produced by the greetings of love fill the atmosphere, and are powerful enough to bring about a change of heart in every man and woman in the world. On Deepavali day, merchants open their new account books and pray for success and prosperity during the coming year.

The homes are cleaned and decorated by day and illuminated at night.

During Deepavali festival is celebrated the Govardhan Puja signifying the Govardhan episode in Sri Krishn`s life, and also anna koot (heap of grains and foods) conveying affluence and prosperity; and feeding the poor on a large scale.

The light reflected in the individual mind is the soul. The light reflected in the cosmic mind is the universal spirit - The microcosm spirit of life and the macrocosm Great Spirit of ALL life. Beyond both the individual and the cosmic is the one light of infinite spirit beyond name and form.

The infinite consciousness is beyond all form and beyond all personality. This is the ultimate Reality. For the ultimate Reality of infinite inner Consciousness, the best symbol is light.

The light of lights, the self-luminous inner light of the self is ever shining steadily in the chamber of our hearts. Let us enjoy the real Deepavali, by attaining inner illumination.

Let us wake up from the slumber of ignorance through self inquiry and let us realise the constant and eternal light of the soul. "The self is self luminous being pure Consciousness. The cognition of all objects arises from the light of pure Consciousness." - Brhadaranyaka Upanishad.

May we attain perfect inner illumination; may the Supreme light of lights enlighten our understanding; may we attain the inexhaustible spiritual wealth of the eternal, all pervading Self; may we all prosper gloriously on the material as well as on the spiritual planes. One must not surrender one`s individuality; which is one`s greatest agent of power, to the customs and conventionalities that have got their life from the great mass; one must do what one wants and be what one wants to be.

The purport of this brief article is that one must arise beyond all individuality to thine own self to be true and sincere to one's own soul divine. When one is truthful and honest and sincere to one's own soul divine, one cannot be false to any other human person.

The greatest essentials of happiness in this life, here and now is something to do for this life itself, something to love about this life itself – that which is divinity and something to hope for the future generation children – that which is a trail of divine lights!
**TO BE WHAT WE TRULY ARE – SPIRITUALLY DIVINE, AND
TO BECOME WHAT ARE TRULY CAPABLE OF BECOMING –
SPIRITUALLY DIVINE IS THE ONLY END IN HUMAN LIFE IN
THE PASSAGE OF KARMIC TIME.**

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***[Aum Shree Ram Jaya Rama Jaya Jaya Rama Aum Siya
Rama Jaya Rama Jaya Jaya Rama]***

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