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Maha Shivratri

(Shiv Avtaran, incarnation of God)

Spiritual Significance

Maha means 'Great', *ratri* means 'night' and *jayanti* means 'born date'. The word "Shiv" literally means benefactor of all. **"Shivaratri" implies that Incorporeal God (Shiva) incarnates into the corporeal world at such a time when the night of utter darkness prevails.** The word "ratri" here does not connote the darkness that falls after sunset, but it signifies the darkness of extreme ignorance and unrighteousness in the world. Shiv-ratri or Shiv Jayanti is celebrated in Bharat (India) since the copper age.

Ratri is associated with Shiv because he comes in the night of total darkness of ignorance (lack of spiritual knowledge). When the world falls in such night, when the souls become impure under the influence of 5 vices, and when the true religion of purity and peace and the spiritual self-identity is forgotten, he comes to restore the humanity in its highest stage. **In such time only, God comes to awaken us, to re-establish the Dharma (religion) of peace and to uplift the entire humanity.** This is remembered in the *Shrimat Bhagavad Gita* in this shloka:

***Yada Yada hi Dharmasya Glanir Bhavati Bharata
Abhyutthanam Adharmasya Tadatmanam Srijamy aham***

***Paritranaya Sadhunam Vinasaya ca Duskritam
Dharma-samsthapanarthaya Sambhavami Yuge Yuge...***

Keeping awake all through the night signifies that we should be alert in our actions, especially in the present time when in the world there is a night of ignorance. Let us not be under the influence of *maya* (5 vices: *Lust, Anger, Greed, Attachment, Ego*) and invite misery and suffering due to our own bad actions. Let only good action take place through us.

Shivratri is also the best occasion to understand its spiritual significance. '**Shivling**' symbolizes the light form of God Shiva. God is not a human being, nor does he have any bodily form. **God Shiv is a divine point of subtle, divine light, often symbolized by an oval shape stone and worshipped.** This is why he is depicted as **Jyotirlinga**, meaning "the symbol of light". He is the truth, the benefactor and the most beautiful One; and therefore known as *satyam-shivam-sundaram* (Shiv is truth and beautiful)

The word "**Trimurti Shiv Jayanti**" signifies that Shiva, the incorporeal Supreme Father, is the Creator of three deities - **Brahma, Vishnu** and **Shankar** - through whom he carries out his three Supreme acts of **Creation** (of the new world / Satyug), **Sustenance** (of that new world) and **Destruction** (of the old world / kaliyug). These are his three divine children. These deities (a shape made of light) are in fact a subtle form and not physical form (not a human being).

Since now we know that Shiv (lovingly called as 'Shiv Baba') has come to play his 3 roles (creator, sustainer, transformer) and which began around **1936**, we also then understand that the **Golden age** (heaven/Satyug) is soon to come in the very front of our eyes. Science will help in world transformation. After **100** years of Shiv Jayanti, the new world begins. **God Father is the creator of heaven.** It takes 100 years to transform the entire world (human souls and nature). This is the greatest task of all. If we consider all major parts played by human souls, like *Ibrahim, Buddha, Christ*, etc., they all are messengers of *God*, they all established their own religions and gave their perspective towards *God* and taught the art of living. Many great people changed history. Some through the message of peace, some through their wisdom, and some through war. But only to some extent. The religions still exist, but also sorrow exists as the world kept falling down (spiritually speaking). No one could uplift the world, even with their greatest tries.

The Divine Task of GOD SHIVA

God's task of world transformation is subtle to understand. This is a task of the Supreme being, whom all religions of the world worship. It is to understand that we all pray to God for help, thus definitely we all have experienced his help in times before. We ask him for happiness and peace, thus he must be the source and giver of peace. So when did the Supreme father come and give us his inheritance, and done all this, so much that the humans still remember him, worship and pray to him?

God Shiva is Trimurti. He creates the new world order of Golden Age through Brahma. He sustains that world through Vishnu and gets destroyed the old world or Iron Age which is filled with irreligiousness and unrighteousness through Shankar. In the context of Maha Shivratri, the night denotes ignorance, the absence of the light of knowledge. It is the darkness due to the existence of all-pervading five vices - lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego. It is a night of extreme irreligiousness. Today peacelessness, unrighteousness suffering wrong and simple acts have become the order of the day. But for how long can this be continued? **Who will provide us lasting happiness and true peace? It, therefore, requires the father Himself to descend into this world which is passing through the period of an extreme night of ignorance to reestablish a world of religion, righteousness and values.**

The great news is that **He has already descended on earth to perform the most elevated task** of world transformation and creation of Heaven (Satyug). God's medium for the task of creation of the New World is **Prajapita Brahma** who is remembered as *Adam* (first human). This is the divine message of this sacred festival of **Maha Shivratri**. By undeviated remembrance (yaad/yog) with our long lost and now found father (Shiv Baba), we the souls will get free of all sins. This [RajYog](#) is the only method of spiritual purification...

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