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Happy New Year



Welcome Year 2006 By Pandit B.C. Sharma

The year 2005 has become a part of history of mankind. We all say good bye to the year 2005 with its sweet and sour memories. The year 2006 is bringing the era of new hopes, aspirations, targets and goals to achieve. The individuals, institutions, nations and international organizations set up new goals and targets to accomplish. They chalk out the detailed plans and programs in order to achieve these objectives. The members and office bearers pledge and determine to work very hard to turn these ideas into realities. They try to advertise their plans and programs in order to involve more and more people in these projects. They learn the membership and fund-raising drives to make their projects as the projects of the common man and public.

The New Year is a time for creating new relations and making old relations stronger and better. People send greeting cards and New Year gifts to set up and improve their existing relations too. The religious institutions invite the great spiritual teachers, missionaries, and devotional singers to provide the nectar of divinity and spirituality for its community members.

The industrial and financial institutions also launch their new products and try to attract their customers. They provide new incentives and try to make their goods and products useful and attractive. The New Year also provides us an opportunity to improve ourselves. It is a chance for reviving our policies and activities. A careful and thorough review of our actions helps in removing our mistakes and set up the new standards and better policies for the future so it makes us more efficient, effective, and better.

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Community Dinner

Community Dinner has been cancelled until further notice. For more information contact:

Priests 528-3714 Devnath ji 528-3714
Bharat Vala 891-2240 Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Sunder Kand Path is held on every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30 A. M. .

Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path is held on every 4th Sunday of the month. Please see details on Page 4.

Balaji Abhishekam is held on every 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30AM. Detail on page 4

Murugan Abhisekam Please see details on Page 4

Shiv Mahima Stotra is held on every Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

Shri Hanuman Chalisa is held on every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

Vishnu Sahasranama Prayana is held on every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please see details on Page 4.

Satya Narayan Puja will be held every month on Purnima (Full Moon) Day.

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SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AT THE TEMPLE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2006

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Ramesh Sondhi 232-6454

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Communications:

Renu Kotwal 583-9589

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Swarna Choudhary 232-2343

Property Management & Maintenance:

Arvind Patel 791-0855

Cultural Activities:

Ramesh Dayal 474-4051

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Manju Gupta 232-3331

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Jitu Patel 459-8900

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Surabhi Sharma 232-9991

Priests:

Pundit B C Sharma 751-2974
Acharya Kailash Sharma 528-4921
Shri Krishnaswami 528-4831
Shri Shivachariar 528-4831

Attny:

Aronoff, Rosen & Hunt 241-0400

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Laxmi Srivastava 474-0533

Accountant:

Open

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renukotwal@hotmail.com

Important Notice:

Your Temple needs

1. Sponsors for flower \$50/week
2. Sponsors for Sunday puja
3. Your temple needs your support

Lost and Found

If you have lost a valuable item such as a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing in the Temple at Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati, please contact Kiran Dayal at 474 - 4051.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays 12:15 - 12:45 PM

First Sunday : Upanishads
Second Sunday : Children Program
Third Sunday : Sunder Kand Path
Fourth Sunday : Shri Ganesh

Atharvshirsha Path

Fifth Sunday : Open (please suggest)

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, Philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051.

SPONSORS FOR SUNDAY PUJA

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Pujas as well as bring Prasad and Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devata puja, graduation, and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name and phone-no in the calendar at the temple and call Kiran Dayal 474 - 4051

TEMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday : 9:00AM-12:00 Noon
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, Sunday
& US Holidays 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM ON WEEKENDS

9:15 - 9:30 A.M. Suprabhatam
9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Daily puja of Temple Deity
11:00 - 11:30 A.M. Sponsored Puja
11:30 - 12:15 A.M. Bhajan
12:15 - 12:45 P.M. Religious discourse
12:45-1:00 P.M. Birthday and Anniversary puja and announcement
1:00 P.M. Aarti

SHIVA MAHIMA STOTRA

Monday Evenings, 7 PM

HANUMAN CHALISA

Tuesday Evenings, 7 PM

VISHNU SAHASRANAM PARAAAYAN

Thursday : 7:00 PM

SRI VENKATESHWARA PUJA

Friday Evenings, 7 PM

MURAGAN ABHISHEKAM

Every 2nd Saturday

SUNDARKAND PATH

Every 3rd Sunday of the February
10:30 -1:00 PM

Please Donate Generously for your Temple

2006 POOJA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

To participate in/ sponsor please contact a Pooja Committee member

Swarna Choudhary (Chairperson): 232-2343
B.C. Sharma (Priest) 751-2974
K.C. Sharma (Priest) 528-4921
Srinivas Bangalore (Priest) 947-1841
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Amita Gupta 336-8782

1. **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship. No Archana on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
2. **Outside pujas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only. To **schedule** please contact puja committee chairperson
3. If you would like to bring **food and prasad** in the temple, please contact puja committee chairperson or Meena Sondhi at 232-645

Sanskrit & Hindi Classes

In The Temple

Every Friday - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you need help to read GEETA or any of your favorite stotra .

Please Call.

Aachary Kailash Sharma

Home 528-4921

Temple 528-3714

Email- kailashsharma@netzero.com

Temple Manager's Committees

Laxmi S. Srivastava- Temple Manager 474-0533

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

January, 2006

1/01/06	Sun.	New Year's Havan
1/02/06	Mon.	Paush Shukla
1/07/06	Sat.	Ashtami
1/08/06	Sun.	Sundarkand Path
1/11/06	Wed.	Pradosh
1/14/06	Sat.	Makarsankranti, Thai Pongal, Thai Poosam
1/15/06	Sun.	Makarsankranti Celebra- -tion, Paush/Magh, Krishna
1/22/06	Sun.	Shri Ganesh Pooja, Ashtami
1/25/06	Wed.	Shattila Ekadashi
1/27/06	Fri.	Pradosh
1/28/06	Sat.	Shri Balaji Pooja
1/29/06	Sun.	Shri Jagannath Pooja Thai Amavasya (New Moon)
1/30/06	Mon.	Magh Shukla

February, 2006

2/01/06	Wed.	Magh Shukla
2/02/06	Thurs.	Vasant Panchami
2/05/06	Sun.	Vasant Panchami Celebra- -tion; Bhishma Ashtami
2/08/06	Wed.	Jaya Ekadashi
2/10/06	Fri.	Pradosh
2/11/06	Sat.	Shri Murugan Pooja
2/12/06	Mon.	Purnima
2/14/06	Tue.	Magh/Phalgun; Krishna
2/16/06	Thurs.	Chaturthi Vrat
2/19/06	Sun.	Sundarkand Path
2/21/06	Tue.	Ashtami
2/24/06	Fri.	Vijaya Ekadashi
2/25/06	Sat.	Shri Balaji Pooja; Pradosh
2/26/06	Sun.	MahaShivratri & its Celebration
2/27/06	Tue.	Amavasya (New Moon)

Puja Committee Announcement:

•A group of dedicated devotees for each deity are nominated to help puja committee to coordinate and celebrate different puja activities. Their names and phone numbers are listed on page 2. Special thanks to all hard working devotees. If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities, please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051 or any of the Puja committee members on page 2.

•To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact Puja Committee chairperson Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICE	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	---
Aksharabhyas	\$51.00	\$101.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ashtottharam (108) Archana	\$11.00	---
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celebration	\$51.00	\$101.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	---	\$101.00
Griha Pravesha	---	\$101.00
Kalayana Uthsava (Lord Ram/ Sita)	\$101.00	---
Kesh Khandan (Churakaran)	\$51.00	\$101.00
Nam-Karan	\$51.00	\$101.00
Navagraha Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)- (Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	---
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$51.00	\$101.00
Seemantham	\$51.00	\$101.00
Devi Jagaran	\$75.00	\$101.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	----	\$101.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day Celeb.)	\$71.00	\$101.00
Anniversary celebration	\$101.00	\$151.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$31.00	---
Upakarma (thread changing)	\$21.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/ Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Vahan Pooja	\$31.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$51.00	\$101.00
Wedding	\$251.00	\$351.00

PUJA RATE CHANGE BEGINNING Oct. 1, 2005:

1. Rates for Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 15% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 501.00.
2. Pujas performed by priests outside the temple will be rated according to the number of pujas performed.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates for pujas not on the list and requiring less than 4 hours of priest's time will normally be \$51 if performed inside the temple and \$101 if performed outside of temple (e.g. at home). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside puja within greater Cincinnati area.

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	1/2 day
M-Th. (except holidays)	\$301	\$151
Fri., Sat & Holidays	\$501	\$351
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>		\$351

Note: For half day select one of the two.

8:00 AM - 2 PM OR 4PM - 11 PM

Temple rental applies to all private reservations for those events/pujas that are performed by private parties and not announced in the temple.

Security/ Cleaning deposit: \$151 required. This deposit will be forfeited if the basement hall bathrooms and kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the place.

NOTE: To schedule a Puja or to rent a temple hall (lower level) please contact puja Committee chairperson only.

Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana

Visnu Sahasranama Parayana (chanting) now takes place every Thursday at 7 pm in the temple. Please join us for the chanting.

For more information, please contact one of the following:

Srinivas Mirle 894-8954 Shailaja Setty 761-7619
Jaya Reddy 231-3120 Suri Hanumanthanna
661-8733

Koti Sreekrishna 954-4179.

ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

On 4th Saturday of each month at 10:30 A.M. To sponsor please call:

Mala Rajasekhar 451-8081 Malleswari Reddy 779-4224
Kamala Mannava 777-7007 Vasundhara Dasari 777-3353
Srinivas Bhattar 947-1841 or 528-3714

Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month

**This puja is dedicated to each month's
Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.**

PRAVACHAN

BY

Acharya Kailash Sharma

Every First and Second Sunday of the Month

12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

First Sunday UPANISHAD

Second Sunday BHAGWAD GITA

Murugan Pooja

Monthly Abhishekham 2nd Sat. 4.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

Sponsors are needed for poojas (\$21) & abhishekams (\$101).

Please contact

Sri Devanathan (528-4831)

CHESS-Children's Hindu Education And SatSang

Classes are held every Sunday from 11:00 AM at the Temple on Lower Level. Everyone should come by 10:50 A.M. The class starts at 11:00 A.M.

Schedule:

11:00 - 11:05 : Starting Prarthana (5min.)

11:05 - 11:15 : Surya Namaskar (10 min.)

11:15 - 11:30 : 2 shlokas with meaning (15 min.)

Before starting shlokas 1 min. meditation.

11:30 - 11:45 : Games (15 min.)

11:45 - 12:15 : Story and Snack time (30 min.)

12:15 - 12:35 : Kotiji's class (20 min.)

12:45 -- Everyone should go for Aarti.

The class is divided into two groups for shlokas.

One Group is 4 years to 8 years.

One groups is 8 years to 12 years.

Please enroll your child now for the year 2006. To get application form and general instruction call Manju Gupta, Chairperson at 232-3331

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION CONTACT
Manju Gupta Chairperson 232 - 3331**

Email guptama2003@yahoo.com

*ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THERE IS A SPECIAL
PROGRAM UPSTAIRS FROM 12:30 TO 1:00 PM*

BALVIHAR at the temple is starting a children's library which will be open every Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. Children can borrow the books from the library. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs or money are welcome. For further information contact Manju Gupta at 232-3331.

Sundar Kand Path

On every 3rd Sunday of the month
at 10:30 A.M.

For details, please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051
Or the Priests at 528-3714

Satya Narayan Katha On

Purnima on January 14th, Sat. at 6:30 P.M.

Sponsors needed (\$51.00)

Please call Kiran Dayal at 474-4051

Upcoming Events

New program starting from December 2005
Every first Saturday of the Month
Shri Navgrah Abhishek & Pooja
 January 7th, 2006 at 4:00 P.M.

Please call Temple priests at 528-3714, or Swarna Choudhary at 232-2343 for information .

New Year Havan

On January 1st, 2006

From 11:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M.

Call Temple For Information 528-3714.

Makar Sankranti Celebration

On Sunday January 15, 2006

Sponsored By Murgan Devotees

For Details Please call Temple 528-3714

Satya Narayan Puja

On

Poornima (Full Moon Day)

January 14th, 2006, Saturday

at 5:30 P.M.

Need Sponsors \$ 51.00

Please call Swarna Choudhary for Information 232-2343 Or Temple 528-3714.

Vasant Panchami Celebration

On Sunday Feb. 5th 2006

11 am To 1 Pm

Program

11 to 11:30	Saraswati Devi Puja
11:30 to 11:45	Vidyarambha Puja (For Children)
11:45 to 12:00	Pushpanjali Offerings
12:00 to 1:00	Bahjans , Pravachan & Aarti
1:00 pm	Prasad (Lunch)

This Event is sponsored by Agrani Bengali Association .

For Details Please call temple 513-528-3714 .

MAHA SHIVARATRI PUJA CELEBRATION

On Sunday, Feb. 29th, 2006

Program

6 pm to 4 am (All Night) Puja

First Puja

6 pm to 7 pm	Shivabhishek
7 Pm to 7:30	Puja Thali offering (Archan)**
7:30 to 8:00	Shiv Mahimnah Path Bahjans & Bhajns
	Children program
8: 00	Aarti Followed by Prasad (Dinner)

Second Puja

9:30pm to 10:30pm	Shivabhishek *
10:30pm to 11:30pm	Shiva Shahashranama Path, Mahimnah Path & Bhajans
11:30pm	Arti & Prasad

Third Puja

12:30am To 1:30 am	Shivabhishek *
1:30am to 2:00 am	Shiv Mahimnah Path Arti & Prasad

Fourth Puja

2:30am to 3:30am	Shivabhishek *
3:30am to 4:00am	Shiva Mahimnah Path , Arti & Prasad

We Need sponsors

Sponsorship

* **Shivabhishek \$101.00.**

** **Puja Thali \$21.00 with Ganga jal & Milk**

Please sponsor Abhishek for lord Shiva on this auspicious day.

We also request devotees to bring only very small amount of milk for offering due to big collection of milk which we can not offer on same night. Please donate money instead of milk or dry nuts for prasad. Thanks

For Details Please call Swarna Choudhary (513)-232-2343, Janak Dave , Or Temple Priests 513-528-3714

Shri Satya Narayan Puja

On Purnima (Full Moon)

Sun. Feb. 12th 2006 at 5:30 pm

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& BRING HAPPINESS, LONG LIFE AND PROSPERITY IN
YEAR 2006**

Marriage Anniversaries (January)

Mr. & Mrs. Vijay & Usha Joshi
Mr. & Mrs. Barendra & Smita Malik
Mr. & Mrs. Arun & Sudha Mehta
Mr. & Mrs. Anand & Pratima Narayana
Mr. & Mrs. Karthik & Sujatha Ramani
Mr. & Mrs. Niranjana & Nivedita Ramji
Mr. & Mrs. Vijay & Madhu Sharma
Mr. & Mrs. Partha & Sri Priya Sreenivasan
Mr. & Mrs. Malay Srivastava & Amita Kanti
Mr. & Mrs. Venkatramani Swaminathan
Mr. & Mrs. Kedar Verma & Shashi Bina



Birthday Anniversaries (January)

Mr. James Abbas	Mr. Ricky Sharma
Mr. Rakesh Patel	Ms. Sonia Sharma
Ms. Prabha Batra	Ms. Shachi Singh
Mr. T.M. Rajkumar	Ms. Shubha Sirurmath
Mr. Vivek Surya Bhamidipati	Mr. Eshwar Ramdas
Ms. Niharika Bhatnagar	Mr. Rohit Rao
Mr. Raj Bhatnagar	Mr. Chandra Venkatesan
Ms. Niyati Chanchani	Ms. Renu Kotwal
Mr. Nimit Desai	Mr. Balu Sekar
Mr. Gautham Bhoomready	Ms. Rekha Shankar
Ms. Sagoree Chatterjee	Ms. Ashwini Sharma
Ms. Suvotima Ghosh	Mr. Bhagwati Sharma
Mr. Siddarth Goyal	Mr. Pankaj Sharma
Mr. Babu Gupta	Ms. Seema Sharma
Mr. Govind Gupta	Ms. Sheela Sirimalle
Mr. Harish Gupta	Mr. Amit Srivastava
Mr. Raneshwar K. Gupta	Ms. Rhea Srivastava
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Mr. Ravi Hasandka	Mr. Ashish Verma
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Mr. Nagenora Kumar	
Mr. Anush Venkatesan	
Ms. Nutan Kamat	
Mr. Rahul Kukreti	
Mr. Yash Kumar	
Ms. Nithya Mahdevan	
Ms. Suparna Malik	
Ms. Vidya Nagarajan	
Mr. Mahesh Naik	
Ms. Maureen Nanavati	
Mr. Naresh Nayak	
Ms. Sneha Garg	
Ms. Asha Maddiwar	
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Saturday: 9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

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Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati is also proud of its achievements in the year 2005. The completion of North and South wings, installation of Navgrahs, Shri Jagannath ji, Lord Chitragupta ji, and Lord Subramaniam Swami along with Balli and Devsena, and the completion of the Kalashas on top of the temple are the achievements of which we are truly proud. The President and the members of Executive Committee, all the devotees and members of the wonderful Indian Community deserve the appreciation and encouragement.

There is much more to be done in the year 2006 and the near future. The construction of Community Center, a well equipped kitchen, the making of retirement community, and many more projects are yet to be finished.

We are confident that with the active participation, sincerity, and devotion of our wonderful members and devotees, these dreams will turn into reality very soon.

May Lord provide our devotees and their families enough strength, determination, devotion and courage to accomplish these above mentioned projects!

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**Hindu Society of Greater Cincinnati
Executive Council Special Meeting
November 17th, 2005**

Members Present: Vijay Sharma, Anil Jindal, Jitu Patel, Manju Gupta, Kiran Dayal, Asit Saha, Arvind Patel, Prem Garg .

Others Present: Rameshwar Dayal, Raneshwar Gupta

1----Approved Minutes of November 6, 2005 Executive Council (EC) meeting with changes.

2----Rameshwar Dayal gave an update on Garbha Griha (individual houses for Deities), which was approved in 1995. Due to other high priority items Garbha Griha could not be completed. Fund raising will start in 2006. Construction will start when 80% construction funds are collected.

Estimated cost is about \$ 120,000.00 Rameshwar Dayal, Kiran Dayal, Anil jindal and Asit Saha will work together to raise funds for construction.

3----Jitu Patel presented cost analysis for the proposed new community center. He presented a broad outline of expenses and income. It is a general consensus of EC that the community Center should be financially viable. The convenience and pride of our own community center makes it a plus.

After discussion EC agreed unanimously that the project should be presented to the General Body. Jitu Patel was authorized to gather more details and give as much information to the community as becomes available. The project approval by EC is contingent upon General Body approval.

4---Pooja Committee Chair informed EC about the need to install window curtains in the temple. This item was previously approved by EC. She also mentioned the need to buy Mukuts for the deities and some gift shop items, which need to be approved by EC.

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

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- *God is the source of everything.
- *The best in everything and everyone is God.
- *God is omnipotent and omnipresent.
- *True knowledge is to know God.
- *Death is only to body. The Soul is ever alive. The soul takes new bodies until it is liberated. The simplest path is that of total surrender to the supreme.
- *Once we surrender to God, our soul is free from cycles of birth and death.
- *The good wins over the evil with God's help.
- *God reincarnates, as needed to establish righteousness (**dharmā**) and punish the wicked. There is no number, form or space limitation to incarnations (**avatArs**).
- *The form of God we sincerely worship, in that very form God cements our faith.
- *All pray to the same one God.
- *True believers of God never fall.
- *Action is inevitable. No one can exist without performing action. Our basic nature and sense organs drive us to action.
- *Saintly (**sAtvik**), showy (**rAjasik**) and lazy (**tAmasik**) are basic human nature (**guNa**). Try to become more saintly in thoughts, words, and deed (including eating habits, leisure activities, charitable work, etc.). Better yet, go beyond basic nature (become a **guNAteeta**).
- *Raise above the differences of pain and pleasure, good and bad, victory and defeat, etc. (become a **dvandvAtlta**)
- *Work without greed. Don't be lazy. Do the work that suits you best.
- *Five factors determine outcome of actions: Situation, tools, effort, doer and providence.
- *Dedicate all your actions and their fruits to God. That is true renunciation (**sanyAs**).
- *Share your fortunes with others, otherwise you will be nothing but a thief.
- *Always protect **dharmā** (support what is right).
- *Follow moderation. Maintain a good balance of work, rest, food and pleasure.
- *Be an example for good.
- *Be humble and tolerant.
- *Lust, anger, and greed lead to sorrow.
- *Love (faith), light (knowledge) and life (work) are the ways to God.
- *Love all beings. See ONE in all and all in ONE.
- *You are your best friend and your worst enemy.
- *Only few people truly realize the truth.
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