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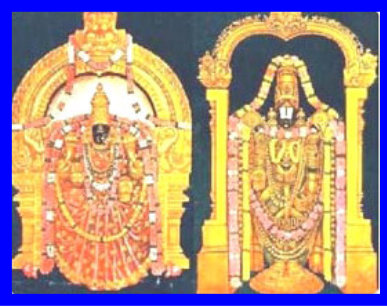
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HINDU CONNECTIONS

December, 2006

Srinivasa Kalyanam Mahotsavam



We cordially invite you, family and friends to spend the "entire divine day" with all Spiritual programs and Srinivasa Kalyanam Mahotsavam and other spiritual Utsavams with Divine grace.

Venue: Shorewood Community Center
Located at 901 Swarthmore Ct., Madison, WI 53705
Date: January 14, 2007
Puja: 7:00am to 3:00pm

Divine Events of the Day

- 1 7am - 7:30am Samoohika Venkateswara Suprabhatam
2. 7:30 - 9:00am Ekaadasa Jeeva Saalagrama Abhishekam
Saamoohika Govinda Naamaalu, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam and Teertham
3. 9am -11:00am Samoohika Srinivasa Kalyanam
4. 11:00-11:15pm Samoohika Govinda Naama Sthotra Pathanam
5. 11:15- 1:00pm Samoohika Sathyanarayana Vratam
6. 1pm- 2:00pm Devine Prasadam

Potluck Lunch: Bring your own choice of vegetarian food to share with others)

7. 2:00- 3:00pm Divya Goshti
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Decoding God Shiva

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. This definitely holds true with the images of Hindu deities. Taking the image of God Shiva, this article investigates some aspects of Shiva's image...the crescent moon near his head, the river Ganga flowing from his hair and the dark blue neck. What can we learn from such imagery?

Crescent moon

Shiva's head has a crescent moon next to it. In Hindu imagery, the moon is representative of the mind. We should strive to keep our state of mind like the crescent moon. The crescent moon represents a humble state of mind where the ego is subdued. The full moon on the

other hand represents a "know it all" mentality. Whereas the crescent moon continuously grows, a full moon can only get smaller.

When the ego is controlled and humility is present, the mind too will keep on growing - because it will be receptive to learn new things, and will inevitably gain in

strength and knowledge. The crescent moon represents a state of mind where a person understands that "No matter how much I know, there is still more to learn and absorb. I should never think I know everything". A person who has this understanding will always grow in wisdom

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Only One Fruit

Once upon a time there lived a woman who had no children. So she approached a great sage and begged him for the boon of a child. The sage took pity on her and told her to go to a yonder mango tree, pluck one ripe fruit and eat it. She would surely give birth to a son. The grateful woman prostrated to him and went to the tree to get a mango.

When she looked up at the tree, she saw hundreds of ripe mangoes hanging in big bunches from its branches. She thought, "how nice it will be if I can get a few more mangoes, the sage said that if I eat one fruit I will get one child. After all there are so many mangoes here. This Rishi will not notice if I take one or two extra mangoes."

So she slowly climbed the tree, plucked four or five fruits. But then by the time she came down she was surprised only to find one fruit in her hand. Where did the other mangoes go? Did they fall from her hands. She searched everywhere but couldn't find them. So she went up the tree once more and plucked five fruits. This time she carefully bundled them in the corner of her saree, and came down taking care to see that no fruit fell out of the bundle. But when she opened her pallu after coming down, she found only one fruit here. How did the mangoes disappear? She was confused.

Again she went up a third time. This time she plucked a whole bunch of ten mangoes and tied it firmly to her pallu and came down. But there was no sign of the bunch. There was only one fruit tied in her pallu. And when she looked up she found the whole bunch back on the tree, hanging as before.

Then she realized that the sage had sanctioned only one fruit to her and that she should not try to get anymore.

One fruit and therefore only one son was all that she could have. She learnt to be satisfied with her lot and to stop craving for more.

Swami Chinmayananda ----- Contributed by: D.D. Maini

Let us be together, Let us eat together, Let us be vital together, Let us be radiating truth, radiating the light of life, Never shall we denounce anyone, never entertain negativity. -The Upanishad

Learn how to distinguish Phishing E-Mail

This is an interesting site to that can help you learn how to distinguish phishing e-mails from real ones. All employees are welcome to go and take the test. We aren't interested in your score but we do want you to be aware. <http://www.sonicwall.com/phishing/index.html>

From Webster's New Millennium Dictionary of English. Phishing - the practice of luring unsuspecting Internet users to a fake Web site by using authentic-looking email with the real organization's logo, in an attempt to steal passwords, financial or personal information, or introduce a virus attack; the creation of a Web site replica for fooling unsuspecting Internet users into submitting personal or financial information or passwords

HINDU VEDIC MATH

A Quick way to square numbers that end in 5

Example: 75^2 means 75×75 . The answer is in two parts: 56 and 25. The last part is always 25 (5×5). The first part is the product of the first digit (7) and a number one more than it (8), so $7 \times 8 = 56$. Similarly $85^2 = 7225$ because $8 \times 9 = 72$. Try 45^2 , 85^2 , 125^2 , 175^2 .

Multiplying a two digit number by 11

To multiply any 2-digit number by 11, we just put the sum of the two digits between the 2 digits.

Example: $26 \times 11 = 286$. Notice that $8(2+6)$ is placed between 2 and 6. Similarly, $72 \times 11 = 792$.

If the sum of the two digits in the number exceeds ten.

Example: $77 \times 11 = 847$. This involves a carryover figure because $7 + 7 = 14$

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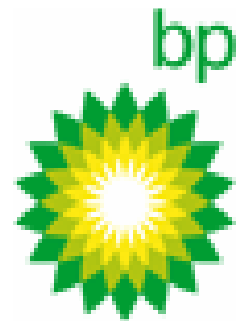
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