

American Hindu Association

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HINDU CONNECTIONS

October, 2008

Deepawali Celebration



Date: November 1, 2008

Time: 5pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Shorewood
Community Center
901 Swarthmore Court,
Madison, WI 53705

Free Program:

(Donations welcome, but not required)

Puja Conducted by Priest ~ Celebration of Deepawali will begin with elaborate Laxmi-Ganesh Puja, Saraswati Puja, Navgrah Puja, Katha & Arati

Puja: 5:30 PM. – 6:30 PM.

Children Cultural Program: 6:30 PM. – 7:30PM.

(If you or your child/ren would like to participate in the cultural program, please call Rita S. at 848-9046)

Potluck Dinner: 7:30PM. – 8:30PM. (Bring your own choice of vegetarian food to share with others)

For more information, please contact:

Rita : 848-9046 Ratinam: 209-0652 Amit : 772-0858

Badri: 467-1598 Naveen: 833-8832 Ragini: 845-6608

Dr. Prabhu: 268-0240 Bahee: 234-8634

Please bring your family and friends to be part of Deepawali puja

Vedic Verses ~ A collection of verses from the Vedas, Hinduism's revealed scripture

Praise to you, Breath of Life, breathing both in and out! To your turning this side and that, to the whole of you, praise!

Atharva Veda XI, 4, 8

Grant us, O Breath, your dear form and the one dearer still that we may live! Give us your healing power!

Atharva Veda XI, 4, 9

Breath of Life clothes all beings with care as a father his son; master of all things, whether they breathe or breathe not. **Atharva Veda XI, 4, 10**

Breath of Life is death, is fever, revered by the Gods. In the highest world he sets the man who speaks truth.

Atharva Veda XI, 4, 11

Breath of Life is Queen, is Guide, revered by all things; he is sun, he is moon; he is also the Father of all.

Atharva Veda XI, 4, 12

Namaskar,

We are pleased to announce that the American Hindu Association (AHA) has acquired seven acres of land for future construction for a Community Center and Hindu Temple. This property holds a medium size house and other buildings, which will be used for future social and religious events. This property is located in the heart of Madison at 2138 S. Fish Hatchery Rd., about 10-15 minutes from either direction of the city. This has been a long awaited dream for our community, and this would not have been possible without your active cooperation and encouragement. AHA is grateful for all your active participation and continual support in making this dream a reality. This is a home for worships where all Hindus can stand united together.

In the future, all programs offered by AHA will be held at the new location except for the upcoming Deepawali celebration, which will be held at the Shorewood Community Center.

Regard,

AHA Board

GEMS FROM THE BHAGVAD GEETA

This is a series of extracts from the Sri Bhagavada Geeta (The Divine Song). The Bhagavada Geeta is said to be the essence of all the Vedas and Upanishads. It's teachings are as relevant today as they were when the Lord, Sri Krishna, expounded to prince Arjuna on the sacred battle field of Kurukshetra thousands of years ago. While it is impossible to do justice to a profound work such as this in a newsletter, in each edition we present a few randomly chosen set of couplets and their brief meaning. We hope it enriches your life and helps you find a balance between your material and spiritual journey.

Ch5: Couplet # 24

yo 'ntah-sukho 'ntar-aramas tathantar-jyotir eva yah sa yogi brahma-nirvanam brahma-bhuto 'dhigacchati

One who is happy internally, who rejoices within and who is illuminated within, that ascetic (Yogi) attaining the nature of Brahma (God), he ultimately attains the eternal happiness of God.

Ch5: Couplet # 25

labhante brahma-nirvanam rsayah ksina-kalmasah chinna-dvaiddha yatatmanah sarva-bhuta-hite ratah

Those holy men whose sins have been destroyed, who are working for the welfare of other beings, those who are self-restrained and have cleared all their doubts and dualities, attains the eternal happiness of God.

Ch5: Couplet # 26

kama-krodha-vimuktanam yatnam yata-cetasam

abhito brahma-nirvanam vartate viditatmanam

The ascetics who have understood their own self, whose mind is under their control, who are always free from anger, lust (and material desires) and who are self-realized, eternal happiness of God pervades from all sides.

Ch5: Couplet # 27 & 28

sparshan kritva bahir bahyams caksus caivantare bhruvoh

pranapanau samau kritva nasabhyantara-carinau yatendriya-mano-buddhir munir moksha-parayanah vigateccha-bhaya-krodho yah sada mukta eva sah

Ousting the external objects of the five knowledge senses, and fixing the eyes between the two eyebrows, making the inward and outward breaths move evenly through the nostrils, the person who has controlled his senses, mind, and intelligence, who is devoted to liberation, who is free from desires, fear and anger, is always liberated.

Ch5: Couplet # 29

bhoktaram yajna-tapasam sarva-loka-maheshvaram suhridam sarva-bhutanam jnatva mam shantim rcchati
The enjoyer (confessor) of religious sacrifice, and austerity having realized Me the Almighty (God) of all the creation and well-wisher of all living entities, attains peace.

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