

Message for Sivaratri

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Significance of Sivaratri

Siva represents the highest reality. The first born of the mind of the Brahma, the Creator, were all rishis by birth itself and were known as Sanaka, Sanandana, Sanatkumara and Sanatujata. These four used to go daily to Lord Siva and clarify many of their doubts on spirituality. The very next day they would get fresh doubts and thus it went on for 364 days. Every day they went on asking certain questions. There was no end to their doubts. Then on the 365th day, which came to be known subsequently as Sivaratri, when they again asked some questions, Lord Siva sat down under a banyan tree in the form of Dakshinamoorthy and with his right hand showing the gesture of jnana mudra, went into samadhi [super conscious state]. Automatically the rishis also sat down in the expectation that Lord Siva is going to clarify their further doubts. They also fell into samadhi state and throughout the night, they got enlightened by the eloquence of the deep and profound silence of Lord Siva. In the meantime, several maharishis also joined their company and got enlightened. You can imagine what bliss all around where several people are sitting in profound samadhi, all their doubts vanished for ever and never more a single doubt reared their heads to ask any question. That night was declared as Maha Sivaratri.

One of the lessons we learn is there is no meaning in going on asking textual questions which are not relevant at all. Yes one may ask such important questions on their own meditation and sadhana, but for the clarification of which, they are unable to proceed further in their sadhana.

****Hari Om ****

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