



My dear and respected devotees Jai Seeta Ram Radhe Radhe

Today we are talking about Ganesh Chaturthi.

Chaturthi means fourth day of the month. Ganesh Chaturthi occurs twice per month and this means we worship Ganesh Jee on the fourth day of each half of the Hindu Month once in the bright half of the month and the second time on the Fourth day off the dark half of the month

The day or Tithi on which we worship Ganesh Jee is called Ganesh Chaturthi.

Everyone one of us knows that Ganesh Jee is the son of Mother Parbattee and Lord Shiva

According to Sanatan Dharma or our beliefs there are five main Dieties called the Panchayatam Devtas. These are Vishnu Durga, Shiva Ganesh and Surya.

The order in which Vishnu Jee, Durga Maa, Shiva Jee and Surya Bhagwan is done is permitted to change but the one constant is that Ganesh Jee must be done first as we believe that Ganesh Jee removes all obstacles and success in his worship leads to success in the rest of the Puja and the devotee's life.

Ganesh Jee also symbolizes good luck and wisdom and is another reason why His Puja is done first especially when it comes to new projects like entering a new home, starting a new building or any promise or commitment to do something.

On Ganesh Chaturthi devotees will bring Lord Ganesh's Murtees to their homes to bring them good luck, prosperity, good health and increase their intelligence. Worshippers will perform Pooja, observe fasting and say thanks by paying homage and celebrating the Presence of the Lord in their new home and in their lives.

Once Mother Parbattee, the wife of Lord Shiva felt that there was no privacy when she went to take a shower and after discussions with her friends and servants including Jaya and Vijaya concluded that there were many servants and guards for Lord Shiva but none for the females. Mother Parbattee decided to make a boy from the soil and put life into it and this is how he became Ganesha.

Ganesha was instructed not to let anyone in and so when Lord Shiva came he was refused entry and in asking who Ganesh Jee was, Lord Shiva was told by Ganesh Jee that he is the son of Maa Parbattee and he was the door keeper and he will not to let anyone in until Maa Parbattee said so. Ganesh Jee used a stick that was provided by Maa Parbattee to defend the entrance which he did against everyone who came to Lord Shiva's assistance, including Lord Shiva's Rudra Ganas like Nandi, Bhringi ect to take Ganesh Jee away. Even the Devtas came after they saw how upset Lord Shiva was that Ganesh Jee was refusing entry to Lord Shiva.

Lord Shiva then decided to fight Ganesha himself and in the process cut off Ganesha's head with his Trident.

When Mother Parvati heard what happened she became very upset and angry and demanded that Lord Shiva return her son to life. Being choice less, Lord Shiva asked his servants to bring back the head of the first living being to place onto the body of Ganesha.

They brought the head of an elephant and gave it to Lord Shiva who placed it on the body of Ganesha and brought life back to Ganesha.

Lord Shiva apologized to Mother Parvati and declared that Ganesh will become Pratham Poojya- The First to be worshipped

Every story called Leelas has a meaning and teachings and this story teaches us many things. For example, even if you are the Boss or Master or the head of the household, mighty and powerful you still have to learn how to control yourself and have patience as anger always creates trouble while disturbing peace of mind and can cause regrettable decisions. In other words listen, think and react in total control of all emotions especially anger. Further if you do not have the power to give life you should not harm anyone.

When Lord Shiva came home he knew that Ganesha was his son because he is, omniscient, (all knowing) omnipresent and omnipotent. But as I said He was performing Leela and was acting worldly to make His son worship and be respectful to Him. After that He showed His Godliness by taking and bringing back Ganesh Jee to Life.

Devotees this was the first Surgical transplant in this universe and was done by Bhagwan Shiva. Nowadays modern science allows certain transplants and organ repairs and surgeries of various kinds but we will never be able to transplant heads and give life to a dead person or animals.

Also do not forget Mother Parvati's ability to make Ganesh from soil and her Shakti in making him Pratham Poojya and Chief of the Army, becoming Ganapathi, Gananayak, Ganaadhyaksha, Vinaayak etc

Some important facts about Ganesh Jee

1. He was not born from a womb like ordinary people as he was created by Mother Parvati
2. He has a big Stomach and is called Lambodar- The Big Belley
3. His elder brother was Lord Kartikeya
4. He had two teeth but one was broken so he became Ek Dant- The one Tooth
5. He likes Modaks or Laddos and sweetness in life by providing happiness and success
6. He had two wives Siddhi and Buddhi
7. He had two sons named Kshemur and Laabh
8. He rides on a rat – The MooshakVaahan one
9. He worshipped His parents
10. He takes away negativity and provides Positivity
11. He has four arms
12. He loves Doorva Grass

.My fellow devotees it is my prayers that Ganapathi Baba bless us all with all good qualities and Positive , peace of mind and remove all obstacles in our lif as we aspire to get closer t God

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Thank you