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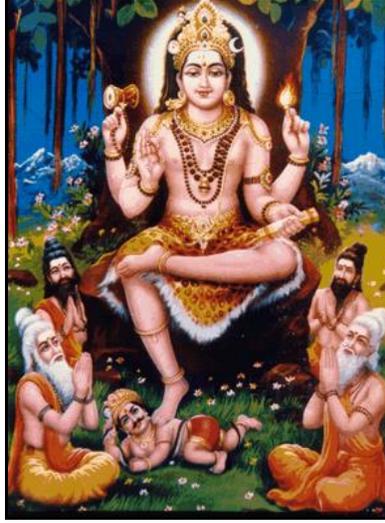
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Śri Dakshinamoorthy Mantra Japam Thursday, April 30th, 2020



8:30 AM Kalaśa Stapanam, Kalaśa Aradhana

9:00 AM Śri Dakshinamoorthy Japam & Homam,
MAHĀ POORNAHUTI, Hāрати.

10:30 AM Śri Dakshinamoorthy Abhishekam, Triśatināma Pooja,
Hāрати.

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Śri Dakshinamoorthy

गुरवे सर्वलोकानां भिषजे भवरोगिणाम् ।
निधये सर्वविद्यानां श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये नमः ॥

GURAVE SARVA LOKĀNĀM
BHIŠAJE BHAVA ROGINĀM
NIDHAYE SARVA VIDHYĀNĀM
ŚRI DAKSHINĀMOORTHAYE NAMAHA

Salutations to Lord *Dakshināmoorthy*, who is the teacher of all the worlds,
the remover of all sorrows, born of limitations and the abode of all learning.

According to Hindu mythology, Gods and Goddesses were glorified as supreme beings in various eulogizing texts full of amazing stories in the *Purānās*. In the *Śiva Purāna*, Lord Śiva is celebrated in the five elements of nature governed by him - Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Space. Each of these elements are symbolized and worshiped in the form of a *Linga*, the formless form of *Śiva*.

Lord *Śiva* is the most powerful yet benevolent God. He is said to be the one who has the power to devastate all that we see. Lord *Śiva* can be pleased easily and he fulfills all the wishes of his devotees. For the benefit of the mankind he takes 64 (sixty-four) forms or manifestations called the *Māheswara Moortham*. Four out of these forms are in the blessing nature as (1) *Yoga Dakshināmoorthy* (*Yogī*) (2) *Vyākhyāna Dakshināmoorthy* (Sage - Saint) (3) *Veena Dakshināmoorthy* (Holding *Veena* and reciting *Veda*) (4) *Gurumoorthy* (*Guru* or Teacher of all types of knowledge). As per the scriptures, if one does not have a *Guru* or could not locate one, then they can consider and worship Lord *Dakshināmoorthy* as their *Guru*.

Dakshināmoorthy literally means “one who is facing the direction South or *Dakshina*” in Sanskrit language. Other meanings derived are “efficient”, “in the heart on the right side of the body.” *Amoorthy* means “Formlessness”. Hence the phrase *Dakshināmoorthy* means “Formlessness one situated in the heart on the right side of the body”. The *Jnana Mudrā* or sign shown by Lord *Dakshināmoorthy* by his right hand, is interpreted as the thumb finger denotes the God and the index finger denotes the man. The other three fingers denote the three congenital impurities of man viz. arrogance (*Ānava*), bad deeds (Karma) and illusion (*Māyā*). When man detaches himself from these impurities, he reaches God. The *Abhaya Mudrā* or sign, a gesture with the left hand is interpreted as his grace upon the students or *śishya*. The rosary or the snake signifies tantric knowledge. The fire represents illumination, removing the darkness of ignorance.

Devotees are encouraged to participate in the *Mantra Japam* and receive the blessings from the ultimate *Guru Śri Dakshināmoorthy*. If we do *mantra japa* with full faith in it, our heart will get purified rapidly, all our sins will get extinguished. It will ward off all misery. It strengthens the mind and keeps depression at bay.

ॐ नमो भगवते दक्षिणामूर्तये
मह्यं मेधां प्रजां प्रयच्छ स्वाहा ॥

OM NAMO BHAGAVATE DAKSHINĀMOORTHAYE
MAHYAM MEDHĀM PRAJNĀM PRAYACHA SWĀHA

Our Obeisance to you Oh! Lord *Dakshināmoorthy*
Accept our offerings and bless us with *vidya* and knowledge.

