



## SRI SWAMIJI ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

**Question: Who were the parents of Va:li and Sugri:va?**

**HH** - Their parents were monkeys only. However, Vali was born with the genetic influence of Indra and Sugri:va with that of Sun.

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**delivering a child can a woman enter the temple?**

**HH** - Some say after the 21st day some others accept after one month. That means they wanted her to take rest for that time, after great Job of God.

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**Question: Please give the lastnames of Dasaratha and Dhristhara:shtra?**

**HH** - Why?... Do you want to prepare their family tree or to know their caste?? The concept of giving 'surnames' or lastnames has been in existence since the last fifteen hundred years. Dasaratha comes from the clan of Ishvakus and the latter from Kuru clan. Nothing more is known.

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**Question: When someone experiences troubles and losses, he thinks of his misfortune and attributes the same to his past bad karma. The same person when experiencing good tidings and gains, he does not even think of his past karmas. If, so, does karma result in troubles and losses done?**

**HH** - Also in joys and gains. In one sense, Yes. Karma forces us to recognize the reality.

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**Question: 'Da:nam', 'Dharma'- Is there any difference between the two or are they one and the same?**

**HH** - Whatever offered to the deserved, basing on place, time and role is called 'Da:nam'.

Dharmam is 'Your Rightful Duty. The Dharmam of eye is to see... and that of nose is to smell and that of tongue is to taste, speak etc., like that... In other words Dharma means the very nature of any object.

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**Question: How many days after**



**most evil deeds (pancha**

**maha:pa:thaka:s) Please mention them.**

**HH** - 1) Killing the virtuous who know not of any evil 2) Taking to alcoholic drinks 3) Theft of others' property 4) Holding sway over other women (or unethical confinement of women) 5) Being associated with such (evil) people - these are stated to be the five most evil deeds.

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**Question: Srimad BhagawadGita mentions about 'hell and heaven' which are non-existent on earth. At the same time it does not speak a single sentence about other non-Vedic religions on this earth. Is the parama:thma not aware of existence of other religions?**

**HH** - (in one sense) Religion means opinion. There were those who differed in following the (norms) regulations of the sa:sthra:s. Even now we find them ! The Gita refers to the different opinions but declares "listen , this is my opinion". That means, our religion (i.e Vedic) and other faiths (non- Vedic) existed even then. What now we are referring, as other faiths have not even taken birth at that time.

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**Question: Krishna had eight wives - but why did he not marry "Radha"? How her love is considered pure?**

**HH** - According to authentic scripture Srimad Bha:gavatham, we don't find any character by name "Ra:dha". But, if we give 'form' to the pure devotional feelings of devotees, then that 'form' is 'Ra:dha'. Radha symbolises unafflicted, unselfish love. She doesn't seek anything from God. She won't do anything that God doesn't like. She can't bear even a moment's separation from Him. Any "**true Bhaktha**" is like that !

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**What is Veda? Is it one or more? Why Lord Krishna said that He is Sa:ma Veda?**

**HH** - Grossly Vedas have been classified



as 4. They are Rug Veda, Yajur Veda, Sa:ma Veda and Attharva Veda. Again these Vedas have been sub-classified into 1131 branches. Though initially the whole veda appeared as a single mass, people also used to learn the entire Veda by heart, during the period of the Sage Veda Vyasa the Great, these classifications have taken place. He was able to foresee the future generations and their inability to retain the entire Veda in their brains. Hence, he restricted those disciples to be contented to their own branches. Or otherwise, he assigned certain branches of Vedas to particular sect of disciples and put certain rules like not to learn other branches, without learning their own branch. One may learn any number of branches, but he should get his own branch by heart first. Then the rest. Thus he tried to preserve the peculiarities of those branches and Vedas. In spite of the effort only 12 branches are available now. Rest of the swaras were forgotten by the vedic lineages.

At the superficial level, division of the Vedas may be understood like this. **Rug Veda**: eulogizing the Universal powers with certain Manthras, so that they are available to work. **Yajur Veda**: Sequence of the activities that are to be performed by the human beings to attain, particularly in other worlds. **Sa:ma Veda**: Pleasing the Universal Powers, so that they become positive in yielding good results. **Attharva Veda**: mainly deals with the activities that are to be performed to get the benefits related to this world. No doubt, all Vedas deal with all the subjects in general, yet, this is general classification. Lord Krishna said that He is the Sa:maveda, because, it is filled up with the tunes, ra:gas. Everybody likes songs no matter whether they are human beings, animals, trees or something else. This entire universe is tuned with ra:gas. This is because, God's energy in ra:ga is filled up in high volume than in other objects.

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