

Lessons On Festivals

Happy
Buddha Purnima

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Imagine a scene of a forest where,
a ferociously looking wild man whose neck & chest is covered
with garland of human fingers & who is holding sword in his hands
walking fastly towards you very angrily.

This horrifying looking man is a very big & dangerous Daaku,
Daaku Angulimal.

He took a vow of wearing the fingers of 100 people around his neck by killing them.
And he is now wearing the fingers collected from last 99 people whom he killed.
He is just 1 killing behind his much awaited target.

And that's why when Angulimal saw a man walking in this jungle,
Angulimal shouted at him to stop so that Angulimal can kill him.
But to the surprise the man kept walking as if he did not hear the voice of Angulimal.
So out of anger Angulimal again shouted many times but again this man kept walking.

Now Angulimal went mad so he himself walks towards the man angrily
& said to him in his powerful voice
“ ठहरो ”.

This man stopped, looked at Angulimal with a subtle smile and replied :
"मैं तो कब का ठहर गया, तुम कब ठहरोगे?"

Angulimal was like 🤔

And that was the life changing moment which made
this most ferocious, most dangerous, most wild Daaku of that time
a monk who dedicated his life in serving others.

And the man who made monk out of Angulimal is the one
whose birthday we are celebrating today

Gautam Buddha!

There are unlimited no. of such stories associated with Buddha and he transformed the lives of many such Angulimals.

Whenever I look at a face of Buddha I suddenly feel he is asking me
"मैं तो कब का ठहर गया, तुम कब ठहरोगे?"

And here it doesn't mean to stop & throw everything & whatever we are doing and become a Monk. No.
And nor does it mean that time when he asked this to Angulimal.

It just means that whatever you are doing, just stop and see whatever you are doing in whichever way you are doing are you doing it mindfully?

Or are we doing Just like Angulimal
who was chasing his target of wearing fingers of 100 people
without being mindful.....?

"मैं तो कब का ठहर गया, तुम कब ठहरोगे?"

As if Buddha is asking the blind Angulimal in us

Are we living in
hypnotic or programmed or habitual or comfortable state?

OR

Are we Awake?

PS: Buddha took birth, got enlightened, left his body on a same day : Buddha Purnima!

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