

Lessons On Festivals

*Every Saint Has A Past
Every Sinner Has A Future*

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*Once upon a time, there was a very ferocious robber “Daaku Ratnaakar”.
He used to rob & kill the people coming on the route of jungle.*

*One day he stopped a sage, “Naarad Muni” in the jungle to rob him.
Sage got stopped but without any fear, Sage asked the Daaku why he does such things?*

Daaku said that he rob people to give his wife & kids a good comfortable life.

*Sage asked the Daaku, will your wife and kids also share with you the “Karma Phala”
of doing these bad actions like they share your money?*

Daaku said of course they will, afterall I am doing all this for them only.

*Then the sage suggested him to go and ask his wife and kids about this and
Sage promised him that he will not run away & wait for him here in the jungle only.*

After coming back he can rob & kill him anyway.

And Daaku agreed & went to his home.

When Daaku Ratnaakar asked his wife and kids that like they share his money, will they also share the “Karma Phalas” of his bad deeds with him?

His wife & kids simply said No, they won't. They said it's Ratnaakar's duty to feed them properly but its not their boundation to share “Karma Phalas” of his bad deeds.

The Daku Ratnaakar got shocked, dejected, broken & lost.

He ran back to the Sage crying and hold his feet & pleaded him to give him a way to come out of this condition, this delusion, this confusion, this Mayajaal, he requested him for a way to liberation, give him some Mantra for helping him out.

As the Daaku Ratnaakar was very much sinful it was very difficult for him to chant the holy name, so Naarad Muni asked him to chant Mara, Mara, Mara.

*And Daaku Ratnaakar chanted the mantra with full dedication
“Mara... Mara...Mara... MaRaMaRaMaRaMaRaMaRama... Rama... Rama...”*

*After so many years when Naarad Muni came back,
he was really impressed & overwhelmed by seeing the dedication of Daaku Ratnaakar.
By sitting at one place for a long time, ants made anthills over his body....
& by seeing his level of his tapasya Naarad Muni gave him his new name...*

*The Name which introduced this world to the story of Lord Rama,
The Name of The Author of Ramayana
The person whose Jayanti we are celebrating today*

“Maharishi Valmiki”

But there are some questions we need to ask ourselves:

- 1. When Daaku Ratnaakar questions & checks his life, he turned into Maharishi Valmiki,
Do we ever question our actions or motives or lives?
Or Are we too fearful to face the truth?*
- 2. Daaku Ratnaakar's family could be anything but at least they said the truth upfront.
Can we become such honest or we cowardly like to
Makhhan Lagao & Ghumao Firaao our answers only?*
- 3. Naarad Muni did not labelled the Daaku Ratnaakar as a bad guy and
"iska kuchh nahi ho sakta" which helped him to get transformed
& eventually transform this world by Ramayana.
When we see someone doing something bad, can we stop ourselves from labelling them?*

“Kya pta humaare label na karne ki vajah se koi Daaku Maharishi ban sakata ho...?”

Afterall

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“Happy Valmiki Jayanti!”