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<blockquote>IN DAYS of yore, there were communities of cannibals in India.

They caused much havoc. They threatened the lives of many innocent

people.One of them was Holika or Putana. She took immense delight

in devouring children. Sri Krishna destroyed her and thus saved the

little children.Even today, the effigy or figure of Holika is burnt in

the fire. In South India, the clay figure of Cupid is burnt. </blockquote>

<blockquote>This is the origin of the great festival of Holi.

It begins about ten days before the full moon of the month Phalgun,

but is usually only observed for the last three or four days,terminating

with full moon.This is the spring festival of the Hindus. In the spring

season alltrees are filled withsweet-smelling flowers. </blockquote>

<blockquote>They all proclaim the glory and everlasting beauty of God.

They inspire you with hope, joy and a new life.

Stir you on to find out the creator and the Indweller, who is hiding

Himself in these forms.Holi is known by the name of Kamadahana in

South India, the day on which Cupid was burnt by Lord Siva. </blockquote>

<blockquote>GURU PURNIMA Another legend has it that once upon a time an old

woman’s grandchild was to be sacrificed to a female demon named

Holika.A Sadhu advised that abuse and foul language would subdue

Holika.The old woman collected many children and made them abuse

Holi in foul language.The demon fell dead on the ground. </blockquote>

<blockquote>The children then made a bonfire of her remains.Connected to this

legend of the demon Holika is Bhakta Prahlad’s devotion to Narayana,

and his subsequent escape from death at the hands of Holika.

Prahlad’s father, Hiranyakashipu, punished him in a variety of ways to

change his devotional mind and make him worldly-minded.

He failed in his attempts.At last he ordered his sister, Holika, who had

his

nephew. The niece applies coloured powder on her aunt’s face.

Brothers and sisters and cousins play with one another.

Huge bundles of wood are gathered and burnt at night,

and everywhere one hears shouts of “Holi-ho! Holi-ho!”

People stand in the streets and sprinkle coloured water on any man

who passes by,behearichmanoranofficer.

There is no restrictionont his day.

It is like theAprilFool’s Day of the Europeans.

People compose and sing special Holi songs.

On the festival day, people clean their homes,

remove all dirty articles from around the house and burn them.

Disease-breeding bacteria are thereby destroyed.

The sanitary condition of the locality is improved. </blockquote>

<blockquote>During the festival, boys dance about in the streets.

People play practical jokes with passers-by.

A bonfire is lit towards the conclusion of the festival.

Games representing the frolics of the young Krishna take place

joyously around a fire.On the last day of Holi, people take a little

fire fromt his bonfire tot he irhomes.

Theybelieve that their homes will be rendered pure, and

theirbodies free from disease.Nowadays, people are found indulging

These evils should be totally eradicated.

Festivals like Holi have their own spiritual value.

Apart from the various amusements, they create faith in God if

properly observed. Hindu festivals always have a spiritual

significance. They wean man away from sensual pleasures and

take him gradually to the spiritual path and divine </blockquote>

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