

Dasavathar

Vishnu: I am Vishnu, the one who is present in all beings. All beings constantly evolve. It is not the survival of the fittest, but I am that intelligence in all beings that drive evolution. On this Deepavali day let us be aware of our evolution and remind of your previous births of Micro-organisms, reptiles, animals, beastly man, hunter, civilized man and finally a man who has attained inner freedom. In evolutionary step we evolve by clearing up our negative tendencies. Only by being aware of our Awareness, we can bring inward transformation to evolve to the highest of manhood. This awareness is depicted as Lakshmi or inner light. Here comes Lakshmi.

Lakshmi: I am Lakshmi. I am the beauty in all life patterns. I am the inner light or awareness.

Vishnu: I am now going to show my 10 avatars depicting this evolution. In all my avatars my own shadows also accompany me. Here comes my shadows.

Ajay: I am Ajay and this is my brother vijay. We both are the door keepers of Lord Vishnu.

Vijay: : In all Vishnu Avatars when he is the hero we become the villain.

Vishnu: when I was Rama these two brothers were Ravana and Kumbakarna.
Okay now my Avatars. Here comes my first avatar showing that first life arose in water.

1. Matsya

I am the first life. I am Matsya meaning: Fish. I came to kill the demon called Hayagriva who stole all the Vedas from Brahma. Brahma is the mind, the Vedas means knowledge and the demon represents obsession (delusion) living in the ignorance of ocean. (moha)

2. Koorma.

Koorma means turtle. The turtle can live in the water and land. I maintain balance while churning the ocean of ignorance and help removing out the poison, Matsarya or jealousy. Through viveka or discrimination of good and bad, I gain the immortality nectar the amrita.

3. Varaha

Varaha mean boar. I came to kill the demon Hiranyaksha who stole the Earth and kept in under ocean. Boar has the ability to dig and find. Earth represent the body and Hiranyaksha represent attachment (kama) to the body. This ignorance is symbolic of ocean.

4. Nara-simha

Half human and Half lion. I came to kill Hiranyakasibu. Lion is leadership or control over pride or mama. Only by clearing pride one attains pure bhakthi.

5. Vamana

Vamana means a Dwarf. I came to kill the asura king Mahabali. I was born to the Rishi Kashyapa. I asked for three feet land and measured all worlds and the head of the Asura. (lobha). He was greedy. By clearing greediness one surrenders to the higher Self.

6. Parasurama

Parasurama was the fourth son of sage Jamadhagni and Renuka. I came to kill the kshatriyas who were addicted to power, like kartha veerya. (anger). Paras means axe. By remembering the Name Rama, which means 'The one in whose memory yogis revel in the bliss of brahman' -- is the meaning of the word Rama. ramante yogino-nante brahmaanande chidaatmani. By remembering Ram, the Self, is the axe to cut addiction to power.

7. Rama

I am the son of Dasarath and Kowsalya. I came to kill Ravana and rescue Sita. Rama is the one who has full control over his senses. My life represents virtuous living or life of dharma. I am the protector of Dharma and live by dharma.

8. Balarama

I am the seventh Son of Vasudeva and Devaki. I am a man free from judgements and that is by bala or power.

9. Krishna

I am the eighth Son of Vasudeva and Devaki. Killed Kamsa and Sisupala and taught Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna in the mahabharatha war. I am man of devotion and knowledge and also takes hardships of life with ease and fun.

10. Kalki.

I am the warrior the complete evolved man, fighting and destroying all the Asuras inside me . I complete my evolution be realizing my own power. I ride on a horse representing power.

Vishnu: Let me introduce the participants now.