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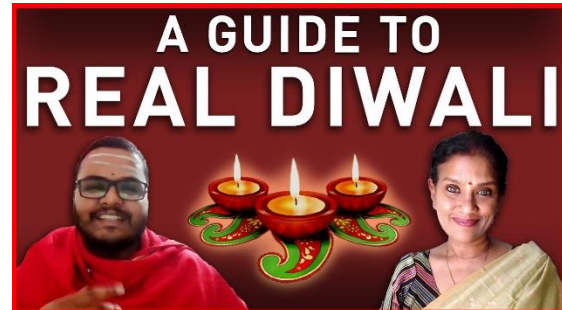
Should Dharma be Defended?



Hindutva is a much-maligned word in the modern day and even the literal definition of the word as 'Hinduness' doesn't quite cover its socio-religious implications as a response to the centuries-long oppression and violence of the past and to the cultural and economical short-changing of the post-independence era. Without a proper understanding of the term, we are ill-equipped to oppose or defend it. In this short talk, Rajiv Malhotra offers definite answers to many questions regarding what is Hindutva, its role in the modern world and its relation to dharma. [Video](#).

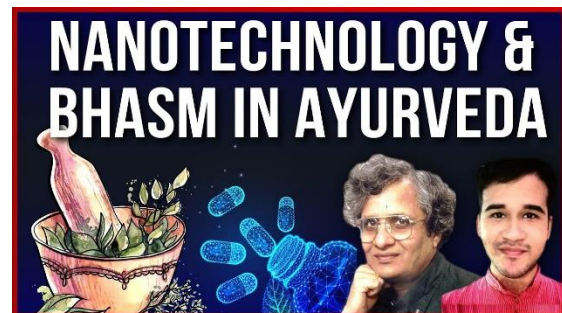
Guide to Real Diwali

With cricketers teaching Indians how to celebrate Deepawali, to the Government of India banning firecrackers as a non-essential feature of the festival, the essence of one of the most important Hindu festivals stands distorted. What is Diwali? What do the *shastra*-s tell us about this important festival? How should one celebrate it?



Vijaya Viswanathan, in conversation with the learned Vedic scholar Srinivasa Jammalamadka, discusses the above questions and more. [Video](#).

Nanotechnology & Bhasm in Ayurveda: Prof. Balram Singh & Dr. Mrittunjoy Guha Majumdar



Balram Singh (Institute of Advanced Sciences) and Mrittunjoy Guha Majumdar (IISc Bangalore), cover a variety of topics including the basic concepts on which Ayurveda is based and how these differ from modern scientific concepts. One of the key differences between Ayurveda and modern science is the way the former integrates *guna*, *karma*, mind, *atma* and *samskara*-s into its algorithms (models) to understand the life form. A topic that is discussed at length is *bhasma*, which essentially detoxifies even harmful metals



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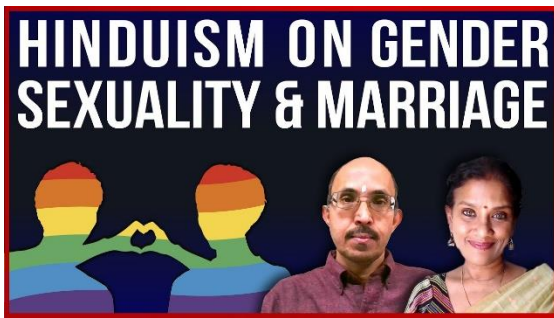


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and serves to improve the efficacy of formulations in various ways. They also discuss the nature of reality, the idea of infinity and its relation with the concept of *shunyata*, the stillness mentioned in the Rig Veda, the various kinds of motion that give rise to the concept of self-organization as a nature of the self (*atma*) and its ultimate goal in realizing its relation with *paramatma*. Video: [1](#), [2](#)

How to navigate Gender, Sexuality & marriage with Jyotisha?



In this very insightful discussion between Jyotisha expert PVR Narasimha Rao and Vijaya Viswanathan, the viewers get to know what *shastra*-s have to say about the nature, sexuality and bonding between men, women and trans-gender people, including the purpose of marriage and the role that children and family play in building a sustainable society/country. [Video](#).

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