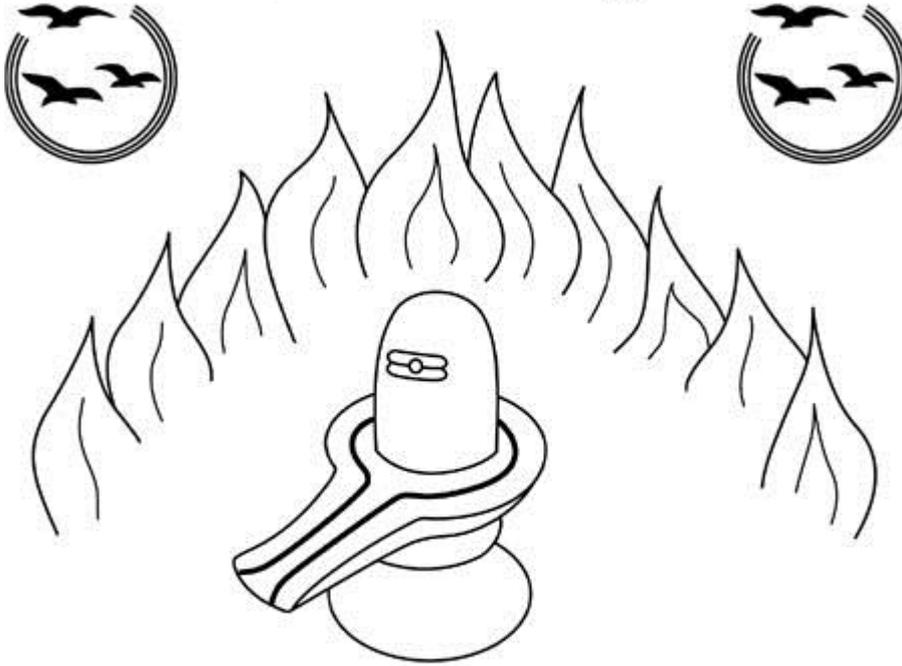


# Rudrābhishekam & Chandi Homam at SAMBODH CENTER FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE

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## The Sambodh Society, Inc.



## Rudrabhishekam

Sunday August 17th, 2003  
at Sambodh Aranya  
9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Purpose and Benefits

**The Sri Rudra Homa**, associated with *Kalasha Abhishekam*, is considered the most exalted Vedic Ritual. A specially consecrated *Shiva Linga* along with *Pita (Yoni)*, received from *Hawaii Iravan Temple* and blessed by *Shiva Leen Shivaya Subramanian Swami*, will be installed in Sambodh Aranya for this *Rudra Abhishekam*. *Sri Rudra Mahayagna* is being organized to promote world peace, family well-being; for averting ill fortunes, health problems, financial troubles, marital discords, depression and for securing inner purity and God's blessings.

**Eleven Traditionally Trained Priests**, in the spiritual presence of Swami

Bodhananda Saraswati, and under the leadership of Sri Aswath (Columbus, OH), trained in the Krishna *Yajur Veda* branch, and Pradeep Sagdeo (Kalamazoo, MI), trained in the *Rig Veda* branch, will officiate over this great Vedic ritual. Vedic Mantras chanted by *upasakas* with the correct intonation, along with ritualistic rigor enhance the efficacy of the *homa*. The whole experience transports the participant into the ancient *Naimishikaranya Yagnas*, performed in the forests of the Himalayan foothills by our ancient *Rishis*.

Along with the specially consecrated Shiva Linga, **another 288 Anu Lingas** also will be installed on a special *mandapa* representing *Shiva's* many *vibhuti*s or manifestations. *Abhisheka* will be offered to these *lingas*, also. Contents from 27 *kalashas* are used to offer *Abhisheka* to the main *Shiva Linga*.

On this same occasion, *Devata Homas*, such as the ***Maha Ganapati Homa, Mahalakshmi Homa and the Navagraha Homa*** will be offered for the sake of receiving the special blessings from these respective Deities. When performed along with *Rudra Homa*, the potency of these special *devata homas* increase manifold.

This is a powerful *Maha Yajna* encompassing two *Nishkama Karmas*, namely, *Deva Yajna* (worship of Rudra, the regents of directions, and other divinities), and *Manushya Yajna* (performed by congregation of devotees who partake *prasada* or grace of the Lord). It is very rare that a *Homa* of this significance and magnitude can be witnessed. Equally rare is the opportunity for the uninitiated to actually participate in the worship. This powerful *Homa* consecrates the newly acquired land for the Ashram and sets the stage for creation of a totally serene environment for meditation.

### Sri Rudra Maha Yajna Homa and Abhishekam are Performed...

1) To assure that the *Purusharthas* (the goals of life) are fulfilled. When Sage Yajnavalkya was asked "Which prayer gives one liberation, health, heaven, riches and makes one transcend mortality?" he replied "By worshiping Rudra." The very word *Rudra* means "one who melts away the sorrows of *samsara*."

2) For the sake of "*Rita*". *Rita*, the highest purpose of creation, means "right". It signifies the eternal and immutable universal and existential order. The *Yajna* brings this *Rita* to the individual's awareness. Such an expansion of one's being destroys all sin and sinful tendencies.

### Other Pujas and Homas

1) The ***Navagraha Puja and Homa*** is performed to propitiate the 9 planets who govern the material aspect of human life. Among these *Navagrahas*, Sani (Saturn) and Rahu (the Dragon's Head) more powerfully influence human affairs. Saturn and Rahu, when malevolent, can cause loss of health, wealth, fame, reputation, and life itself. People who suffer from these afflictions worship the *Navagrahas* for their removal.

2) The ***Shri Maha Ganapathi Puja and Homa*** is meant to remove hurdles in

one's path of accomplishment and to fulfill one's legitimate desired goals in human life. Those who are frustrated in such efforts may participate in this *Homa* to bring them *Lord Ganesh's* blessings and success in their endeavors.

3) The ***Shri Maha Lakshmi Puja and Homa*** is performed for the purpose of gaining legitimate wealth. Those who are involved in business or are facing financial problems may perform this *Homa* to receive the blessings and grace of *Goddess Lakshmi*.

The names of these donors will be included in the *sankalpa* (or expressed purpose) of the Mahayagna Sponsors participate in the offering of *dravyas* (materials) for their particular *puja, homas, and/or abhisheka*, and the *punya* (benefit) is accrued to them.

All donations will be utilized for the charitable purposes  
and projects of The Sambodh Society, Inc.

The Sambodh Society is building a national center for the teaching of V  
edanta and Mediation near Kalamazoo, MI.

To have such a facility located near by is both an honor and a  
n opportunity for blessings and spiritual growth.

OM Namah Shivaya!

