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A time of rebirth, goodwill, and reconciliation — equality for all

by Dave Gibson

Editor's Note: This is the first of a 4-part special series about India by our roving reporter-photographer Dave Gibson.

In conjunction with the last full Moon day of the lunar month Phalgum, people of Hindu belief in the Indian subcontinent celebrate Holi. A precursor of the vernal equinox, it is a time of rebirth, goodwill, and reconciliation where everyone, regardless of age, sex, race, religion, or social status, is equal.

Inspired by legend, King Hiranyakashipu had grown arrogant believing himself to be God.

Demanding that his subjects worship him only, his son Prahlada was defiant remaining faithful to Vishnu. Even after cruel punishments were inflicted upon him, Prahlada held steadfast in his devotion to Vishnu. One day, Prahlada's evil aunt Holika tricked him into sitting on a pyre with her. When the fire roared, Holika's fireproof cloak flew from her and wrapped around Prahlada thereby protecting him from the flames. Holika perished in the inferno and Vishnu appeared - killing Hiranyakashipu. When the fire cooled the people applied ash (which eventually evolved into the colored powders of modern Holi) to their foreheads.

The night preceding Holi, bonfires are lit during a ceremony known as Holika Daham. A celebration signifying triumph of good versus evil, friends and family gather to sing and dance while

Holi, the Festival of Colors

enjoying traditional delicacies such as gujiya, mathri, and malpuas. A relaxing cannabis-laced cocktail called bhang is also popular among adults.

Confined mostly to neighborhoods, the next day around mid-

morning, bedlam ensues. Armed with vibrant-colored gulal, residents playfully smear the powder on each other. Children soak passersby with squirt guns and water balloons are launched. A free-for-all of epic proportions, no

one is immune and all are fair game including dogs, goats, chickens, and cows. In certain parts of India, the polychromatic pandemonium can last up to sixteen days.



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