

Significance of Shanti Havan (and Tarpan Puja)

Puja for peace of departed Souls is performed for departed souls of ancestors. The puja is done so that the souls of one's ancestors can attain peace and liberation. As per Garuda Purana the souls that do not receive Pind daan, tarpan or have unsatisfied desires wander aimlessly on Earth. With this puja one can seek relief from malefic effects due to bad karma (knowingly or unknowingly) and untimely and unnatural death of ancestors. This Puja can be performed at any time of the year.

It is necessary to detach the deceased person from the living world so that his journey to another world can be made as smooth and easy as possible. However, unfortunately sometimes this is not done due to one or the other unavoidable reasons and in such cases the diseased soul roams aimlessly in this very plain and may revisit repeatedly to trouble the living relatives. It is a widely accepted fact in many parts of the world that Death of a person is not the end of life, but it is simply a transition, like travelling of life to another realm. Many believe that their ancestors who have succumbed to death have passed from this visible world to an invisible world i.e. from the world of humans to the world of spirits.

These caring ancestral spirits also known as ancestors are believed to look over and take care of family. They also bless and ensure the survival and prosperity of their relatives and families. Anyhow if a proper Antim Sanskar has not been conducted along with the other related rituals for the salvation of the dead, then they might bring problems, bad luck and dangers to those who were supposed to have performed these rites and rituals for them. Unfortunately at times, people illogically suffer continuously in spite of all the good deeds they do and yet are unable to understand that the real reason is that one of their ancestors did not receive a proper Antim Sanskar.

Benefits of this Puja:

If a person does good for the upliftment and peace of their ancestors then he will receive many blessings. It is also seen that if a person does pitra dosh puja then it removes all the obstacles and problems from his path. This puja also provides with harmonious and cordial family relations and the family life becomes very smooth. It also provides peace of mind and provides with financial stability.

This puja also helps to eradicate acute diseases and a relief from bad effects of the malefic planets and cures any destruction. Protects the family from any evil energies and gives them strength to overcome all the hurdles of their lives very easily. This puja is a very powerful tool to overcome conditions. It also revives good fortune and positive energy all around.