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Partial Solar Eclipse

Monday, Aug 21, 2017

**Partial Solar Eclipse will occur
On Monday, Aug 21, 2017**

Starting at 01:22 PM

Ending at 04:00 PM

On Monday, Aug, 21st 2017, Temple will be closed in the morning and will re-open at 05:30 PM

Solar Eclipse Significance:

The celestial events happening as a result of movements of Earth, Moon and Sun are Grahanas. The human body resembles the Earth which is made of pancha Bhutas, the Moon is the Manas and the Sun is the Aatma. The shadows happening between these are the shadow planets Rahu and Ketu.

Body, Soul and Manas get polluted and become weak during eclipses. To reenergize one should do sacred bathing (Body shuddhi), offer charity (Manas shuddhi) and perform Japa (Atma shuddhi). As per the sacred scripts one should take bath before the eclipse, during the eclipse and after completion of the eclipse. It is auspicious to recite the upadeshta mantras during eclipse time. It is good to perform charity immediately after completion of the eclipse. Depending on the availability, either on the next day or as quickly as possible, it is advisable to perform Navagraha homam, abhishekam, archana, and danam.

This Solar eclipse is happening during Makha Nakshtram and Simha Raasi. Hence, it is preferable for those who are born in Simha Raasi (Makha, Pubba and Uttara Nakshtram) and Makara Raasi (Dhanishta Nakshtram) to perform shanti pooja. In general Shanti prayers will help everyone.