

Lord Ganesha: Discover What Lord Ganesha Symbolizes Through His Mouse Ride, Sacred Objects in Hand, and the Famous Story Behind His Broken Tusk

1. What is symbolized by Lord Ganesh's ride, the mouse?

The mouse represents human desires and ego.

[Lord Ganesh](#), by riding the mouse, shows his control over both desire and ego.

The moral is that humans should remain humble and not let their desires control their lives.

Since a mouse can pass anywhere, even from a very small opening, it symbolizes that Lord Ganesh can pull out the smallest hurdle in a human's life.

2. What does the name 'Ganesha' mean?

The name Ganesha represents both 'Lord of the people' and Lord of the Ganas.

'[Gana](#)' means 'common people' and '**Ganas**' are the small grotesque (goblin) hosts of shiva.

3. How many names does "Lord Ganesh" Have?

Lord Ganesh has 108 names which have their own meaning.

4. What is symbolized by the objects in the hand of "Lord Ganesha"?

Each object that is present in Lord Ganesha's hands has a specific meaning.

The axe is used to cut off attachment and ward off negativity.

The lotus flower represents spiritual purity, enlightenment, and detachment from material concerns.

The Pasha gives the power to bind negative forces, and control worldly attachments.

The modak is a reward of spiritual knowledge and the bliss of self-realization.

5. Do you know the story behind the broken tusk of Lord Ganesh?

Once, the [Maharishi Vyasa](#) wanted to dictate the epic, the Mahabharata, to a scribe.

Lord Ganesha accepted to write down the epic for Maharishi Vyasa, but on one condition: Vyasa must chant the entire epic without interruption.

Maharshi Vyasa accepted it, but with a counter-condition: Ganesha had to fully understand every verse before writing it.

As Ganesha wrote, his pen broke.

To avoid interrupting Maharshi Vyasa's continuous dictation, Ganesha broke off his own tusk and used it as a pen to complete the epic.

This act of Lord Ganesha teaches us about commitment, sacrifice, and the ability to make a quick and decisive choice for the greater good.

Humans should learn to persevere and sacrifice for their tasks, even when faced with tough times.

Upholding one's commitment ultimately leads to the achievement of goals and the fulfillment of one's responsibilities.

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