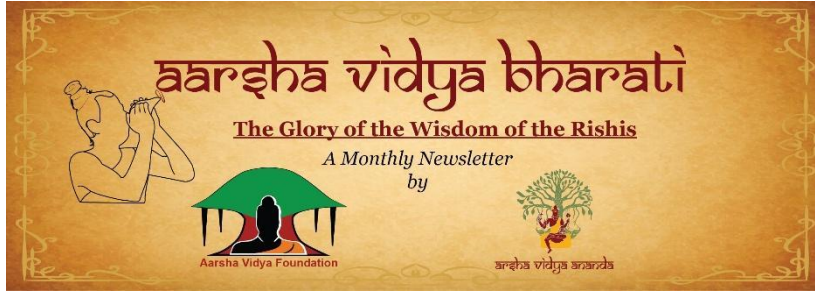

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Q) In Hindu literature, a certain deity, after defeating an asura, discovered that the asura was actually a woman cursed to live as an asura. Upon her release, she proposed marriage to the deity. However, he declined, stating his duty to reside in the forest and attend to the prayers of his devotees. The woman persisted, and the deity promised to marry her on the condition that he would do so the day his devotees ceased visiting him with their prayers. To honor her, the deity took a vow that would symbolize his commitment to this promise. Who is this deity and what vow did he take?



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The deity is Lord Ayyappa, and the vow he took is known as "Naishtika Brahmacharya," meaning a vow of eternal celibacy.

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