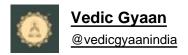
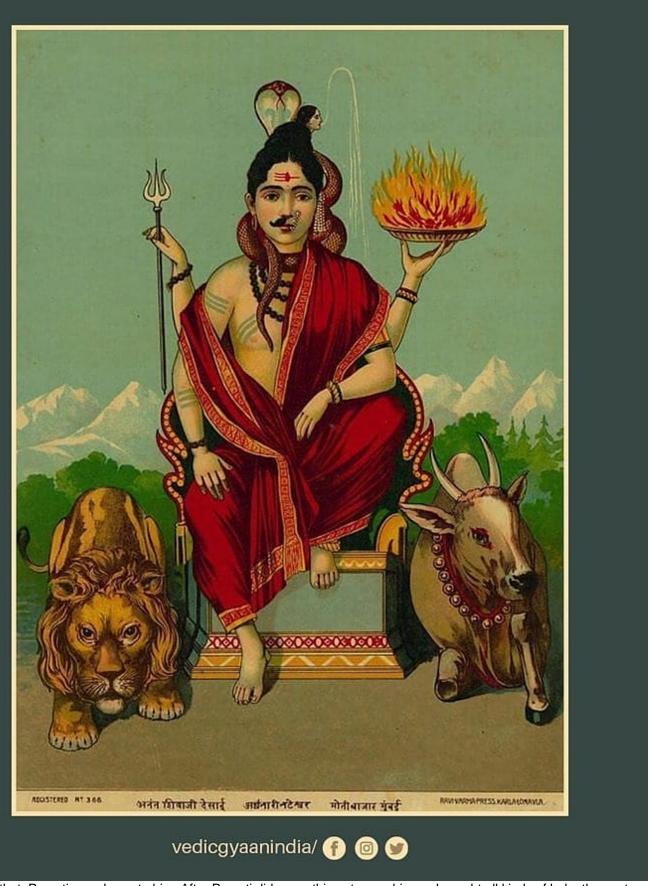
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Generally Shiva is referred to as the ultimate man, he is the symbolism of ultimate masculinity, but you will see in the Ardhanarishvara form of Shiva, one half of him is a fully developed woman. Let me tell you the story of what happened. Shiva was in an ecstatic condition and



because of that, Parvati was drawn to him. After Parvati did many things to woo him and sought all kinds of help, they got married. Once they were married, naturally, Shiva wanted to share whatever was his experience.

Parvati said, "This state that you are in within yourself,

I want to experience it too. What should I do? Tell me. I am willing to do any kind of austerity." Shiva smiled and said, "There is no need for you to do any great austerity. You just come and sit on my lap." Parvati came and with absolutely no

resistance towards him, sat on his

left lap. Since she was so willing since she had placed herself totally in his hands, he just pulled her in and she became half of him. You need to understand, if he has to accommodate her in his own body, he has to shed half of himself. So he shed half of himself and included

her. This is the story of Ardhanarishvara. This is trying to manifest that the masculine and the feminine are equally divided within yourself. And when he included her, he became ecstatic. What is being said is that if the inner masculine and feminine meet, you are in a perpetual

state of ecstasy. If you try to do it on the outside, it never lasts, and all the troubles that come with that are an ongoing drama