

If a *śālagrāma-śilā* is present, the main deities can receive the morning worship of sixteen *upacāras* through the *śālagrāma -śilā*. Thus, if there are large marble deities as well as small metal deities of the same personalities, the small deities need not be bathed daily. However, They must be cleaned daily with a damp cloth and dressed and decorated along with the large deities. Although They need not be bathed daily when the *śālagrāma-śilā* is bathed daily instead, metal deities should be polished and bathed at least once a week.

Śrīla Prabhupāda suggested daily polishing at least the visible parts of the deities— Their faces, hands and feet—if time allows.

The numbers in parentheses after the *upacāra* names in the first column refer to the number of the item in the list of sixty-four items.

the deities are in a public temple. Other deities (either additional deities in the temple or personal deities at home) may be offered twelve, ten, or five *upacāras* during the morning worship, depending on one’s means and time. *Pūjārīs* commonly offer only two or three *upacāras* in various types of preliminary worship, such as worship of deity room doorkeepers, worship of paraphernalia such as the bell, or worship of the Lord’s abode (*pīṭha-pūjā*).

The Sixteen Basic Upacaras					
16 items	12 items	10 items	5 items	3 items	2 items
Reception					
1. āsana (5)	āsana	āsana			
2. svāgata	svāgata	svāgata			
3. pādya (7)	pādya	pādya			
4. arghya (8)	arghya	arghya			
5. ācamana (9)	ācamana	ācamana			
6. madhuparka (10)	madhuparka				
7. punar- ācamana	punar- ācamana				
Bathing and Dressing					
8. snāna (15)					
9. vastra (23)					
10. alaṅkara (27)					
Worship					
11. gandha (26)	gandha	gandha	gandha	gandha	gandha
12. puṣpa (28)	puṣpa	puṣpa	puṣpa	puṣpa	puṣpa
13. dhūpa (29)	dhūpa	dhūpa	dhūpa	naivedya	
14. dīpa (30)	dīpa	dīpa	dīpa		
15. naivedya (32)	naivedya	naivedya	naivedya		
Concluding Activities					
16. praṇāma(54)					

Worship entails offering the Lord sixteen, twelve, ten, five, three, two, or even one item according to one’s capacity. The items of worship can be divided into four categories. The first category concerns reception and includes the