#### **Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!**

Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!

॥ ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥

Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!

॥ चतुर्थस्कन्धः ॥

CHATHURTHTHASKANDDHAH (CANTO FOUR)

॥ चतुर्विंशोऽध्यायः - २४॥

# CHATHURVIMSATHITHAMOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR)

# Rudhra Geetham [PrechethasOpaakhyaanam] (Poetical Discourse of Rudhra [Story of Prechethas])

[In this chapter we can read the famous song called 'Rudhra Geetham' sung by Lord Siva or Rudhra to Prechethas, the sons of Praacheenaberhish. The dynastic lineage of Pritthu to Prechethas is also listed or explained in this chapter. Prechethasaa or Prechethasas are the ten sons of Praacheenaberhish. Praacheenaberhish asked his sons to get engaged in procreation or to beget more children of their own. Prechethasas thought of observing austerity by worshipping Lord Vishnu

for his blessings to beget virtuous children. Therefore, they proceeded to the ocean but in the middle, they happened to see a very divine Saras or Lake and meet with Lord Siva there. Lord Siva advised them of the Rudhra Geetham and asked them to recite the Manthra to appease Lord Vishnu. Prechethasas went on reciting the Rudhra Geetham repeatedly for one thousand years. Please continue to read for details...]

मैत्रेय उवाच

#### Maithreya Uvaacha (Maithreya Said):

विजिताश्वोऽधिराजाऽऽसीत्पृथुपुत्रः पृथुश्रवाः । यवीयोभ्योऽददात्काष्ठा भ्रातृभ्यो भ्रातृवत्सलः ॥ १॥

1

Vijithaasvoaddhiraajaaaaseeth Pritthuputhrah Pritthusrevaah Yeveeyobhyoadhadhaath kaashttaa bhraathribhyo bhraathrivathsalah.

When Pritthu Mahaaraaja proceeded to the forest according to Vaanapresttha Aasrama Ddharmma his eldest son, Vijithaasva who was as reputed as his father, became the emperor of the universe. Vijithaasva being very affectionate with his younger brothers he very legitimately shared and was assigned to govern four different directions of the world by each of them.

हर्यक्षायादिशत्प्राचीं धूम्रकेशाय दक्षिणाम् । प्रतीचीं वृकसंज्ञाय तुर्यां द्रविणसे विभुः ॥ २॥

2

Haryakshyaayaadhisath pracheem Ddhoomrakesaaya dhekshinaam Pretheechim Vrikasamjnjaaya thuryaam Dhrevinase vibhuh.

Vijithaasva offered to rule the eastern part to Haryaksha, southern part to Ddhoomrakesa, western part to Vrika and the northern part to Dhrevina.

अन्तर्धानगतिं शक्राल्लब्ध्वान्तर्धानसंज्ञितः । अपत्यत्रयमाधत्त शिखण्डिन्यां सुसम्मतम् ॥ ३॥ Antharddhaanagethim Sakraallebddhvaaanthardhddhaanasamjnjithah Apathyathreyamaaddhaththa sikhandinyaam susammatham.

Vijithaasva pleased the lord of heaven, Indhra, and learned the trick of Antharddhaana Vidhya or the trick of Disappearance. Because of that he was also known as Antharddhaanan or Antharddhaana. He was married to Sikhandini and begot three sons who were as heroic and popular as their father.

पावकः पवमानश्च शुचिरित्यग्नयः पुरा । वसिष्ठशापादुत्पन्नाः पुनर्योगगतिं गताः ॥ ४॥

4

Paavakah pavamaanascha suchirithyagnayah puraa Vasishttasaapaadhuthpannaah punaryogagethim gethaah.

The sons of Vijithaasva were called Paavaka, Pavamaana and Suchi. All the three of them were Fire-gods with the same names in the previous birth. Due to the curse of sage Vasishtta they were born as the sons of Vijithaasva and Sikhandini in this birth. By strictly observing all the Yogic Anushtaanaas they were released from the effect of the curse and liberated as Fire-gods again.

अन्तर्धानो नभस्वत्यां हविर्धानमविन्दत । य इन्द्रमश्वहर्तारं विद्वानिप न जिन्नवान् ॥ ५॥

5

Antharddhaano nabhasvathyaam havirddhaanamavindhatha Ya Indhramasvaharththaaram vidhvaanapi na jeghnivaan.

Though Indhra was the head of the gods of heaven and a scholar and a master of all ethical rules and norms he stole the Yaagaaswa of Pritthu. In spite of that Vijithaasva, the son of Pritthu, did not kill Indhra. Indhra was pleased with Vijithaasva due to the mercy he has shown and that is why he

taught the Antharddhaana Vidhya. King Antharddhaana or Vijithaasva had a second wife called Nabhasvathi and on her he was happy to beget a son called Havirddhaana.

#### राज्ञां वृत्तिं करादानदण्डशुल्कादिदारुणाम् । मन्यमानो दीर्घसत्त्रव्याजेन विससर्ज ह ॥ ६॥

6

Raajnjaam vriththim karaadhaanadhendasulkaadhidhaarunaam Manyamaano dheerghasathravyaajena visasarija ha.

Antharddhaana was hesitant to collect taxes, punish guilty citizens, impose penalties to violators of law and order and to execute such duties and responsibilities of the ruling King. Therefore, he abandoned all those responsibilities and went to perform a different type of long sacrifice or Yaaga.

## तत्रापि हंसं पुरुषं परमात्मानमात्मदृक् । यजंस्तल्लोकतामाप कुशलेन समाधिना ॥ ७॥

7

Thathraapi hamsam purusham paramaathmaanamaathmadhrik Yejasthallokathaamaapa kusalena samaaddhinaa.

He considered the soul as all the paraphernalia required for the Yaaga. [That means he does not need anything other than his soulful heart to conduct the Yaaga.] With complete meditative Yoga and pure transcendental knowledge of Paramaathma Thaththvam he worshipped, prayed and offered obeisance at the lotus feet of the most divinely purest and most perfect Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and became Yogi Vridhddha meaning the highest Yogi and attained Vaikuntta Padham.

हविर्धानाद्धविर्धानी विदुरासूत षट् सुतान्। बर्हिषदं गयं शुक्लं कृष्णं सत्यं जितव्रतम्॥ ८॥ Havirddhaanaadhddhavirddhaanee vidhurasootha shat suthaan Berhishadham Geyam Suklam Krishnam Sathyam Jithavratham.

Hey best of the Kuru Dynasty, Vidhura! Havirddhaana was married to a queen called Havirddhaani and produced six sons named 1) Berhishath, 2) Geya, 3) Sukla, 4) Krishna, 5) Sathya and 6) Jithavratha.

बर्हिषत्सुमहाभागो हाविर्धानिः प्रजापतिः । क्रियाकाण्डेषु निष्णातो योगेषु च कुरूद्वह ॥ ९॥

9

Berhishath sumahaabhaago hyavirdhddhaanih prejaapathi Kriyaakaandeshu nishnaatho yogeshu cha, Kurudhvaha.

Hey Kurudhvaha, Vidhura! Berhishath was very powerful and extremely knowledgeable and scholarly. He was an expert of many Yoga Anushtaanaas including Kriyaakaanda Yoga of performing fruitive sacrificial performances and in Mystic Yogaas. He continuously conducted innumerous Yaagaas and became the crest jewel of all the emperors and became a Prejaapathi. [He is Berhishath Prejaapathi.]

यस्येदं देवयजनमनुयज्ञं वितन्वतः । प्राचीनाग्रैः कुशैरासीदास्तृतं वसुधातलम् ॥ १०॥

10

Yesyedham dhevayejanamanuyejnjam vithanvathah Praacheenaagraih kusairaaseedhaasthritham vasuddhaathalam.

Having conducted innumerous Yaagaas, he covered the entire world by spreading heads of the Kusa grass to the east direction, by that crest jewel of emperors, Berhishath. Thus, he converted the whole world into a Yaaga Bhoomi or Sacrificial Ground. [By conducting so many Yaagaas Berhishath also got the name as Praacheenaberhis or Praacheenaberhish.]

सामुद्रीं देवदेवोक्तामुपयेमे शतद्रुतिम् । यां वीक्ष्य चारुसर्वाङ्गीं किशोरीं सुष्ठुवलङ्कृताम् ।

## परिक्रमन्तीमुद्वाहे चकमेऽग्निः शुकीमिव ॥ ११॥

11

Saamudhreem dhevadhevokthaamupayeme Sathadhruthim Yaam veekshya chaarusarvvaanggeem kisoreem sushttvalakrithaam Parikremantheemudhvaahe chakameagnih sukeemiva.

That emperor, Praacheenaberhis, at the orders and instructions of Brahma Dheva married Sathadhruthi who was produced from the Ocean. The young virgin damsel Sathadhruthi was divinely beautiful as the embodiment of beauty and prosperity. Each and every part of her body was in perfect beauty and shape. When she was circumambulating the Fire-god during the wedding ceremony with full adornments and decorations of costumes and jewels and ornaments even the Fire-god was passionately attracted to her on her enticingly charming beauty. It was just like how Agnidheva was attracted to enjoy the company of the celestial beauty, Suki, in the past. [There is a story that the same Agnidheva was passionately attracted to Suki, the wife of Saptharshi.]

विबुधासुरगन्धर्वमुनिसिद्धनरोरगाः। विजिताः सूर्यया दिक्षु क्वणयन्त्यैव नृप्रैः॥ १२॥

12

VibuddhaAsuraGenddharvvaMununiSidhddhaNarOragaah Vijithaah Sooryayaa dhikshu kvanayanthyaiva noopuraih.

Suraas, Asuraas, Genddharvvaas, Munees, Sidhddhaas, Naraas, Uragaas and all others were very passionately attracted to that virgin damsel when she was slowly and charmingly moving in the ceremonial wedding auditorium.

प्राचीनबर्हिषः पुत्राः शतद्रुत्यां दशाभवन् । तुल्यनामव्रताः सर्वे धर्मस्नाताः प्रचेतसः ॥ १३॥ Praacheenaberhishah puthraah Sathadhruthyaam dhesaaabhavan Thulyanaamavrathaah sarvve ddarmmasnaathaah Prechethasah.

Praacheenaberhish was wedded to her and begot ten sons, all of whom were named as Prechethas or Prechethasaa or Prechethasas, on his wife Sathadhruthi. All the ten Prechethasas were equally endowed with Vrathaas and Yogaas and Anushtaanaas and were also renowned like their father.

पित्राऽऽदिष्टाः प्रजासर्गे तपसेऽर्णवमाविशन् । दशवर्षसहस्राणि तपसार्चंस्तपस्पतिम् ॥ १४॥

14

Pithraaaadhishtaah prejaasargge thapasearnnavamaavisan Dhesavarshasahasraani thapasaaaarchchamsthapaspathim.

यदुक्तं पथि दृष्टेन गिरिशेन प्रसीदता। तद्ध्यायन्तो जपन्तश्च पूजयन्तश्च संयताः॥ १५॥

15

Yedhuktham patthi dhrishtena girisena preseedhathaa Thadhddhyaayantho jepanthascha poojayanthascha samyuthaah.

When Praacheenaberhis asked all his ten sons, Prechethas or Prechethasas, to get married and beget children they all together went to the ocean to perform severe austerities so that they will be blessed by Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan to beget virtuous children. On the way they were met with Umaapathi or Lord Sri Mahaadheva or Lord Siva. Lord Siva was very pleased with them and provided advice on how to conduct meditation, worship and austerity to please and obtain blessings from Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. They observed severe austerity for a long ten thousand years exactly as instructed by Umaapathi.

विदुर उवाच

Vidhura Uvaacha (Vidhura Said):

# प्रचेतसां गिरित्रेण यथाऽऽसीत्पथि सङ्गमः । यदुताह हरः प्रीतस्तन्नो ब्रह्मन् वदार्थवत् ॥ १६॥

16

Prechethasaam Girithrena yetthaaaaseeth patthi sanggamah Yedhuthaaha Harah preethasthanno, Brahman, vadhaarthtthavath.

Oh Guro! How was Lord Siva happened to meet Prechethasas on the way? Why Lord Siva was pleased with them and what were the details of the advices given to them. Oh, most divine Brahmarshe, you please explain all the details to me. Those would definitely be most useful and beneficial to the world.

सङ्गमः खलु विप्रर्षे शिवेनेह शरीरिणाम् । दुर्लभो मुनयो दध्युरसङ्गाद्यमभीप्सितम् ॥ १७॥

17

Sanggamah khalu, Viprarshe, Siveneha sareerinaam Dhurllebho munayo dheddhyurasanggaadhyamabheepsitham.

Oh, the divinest Viprarshe, Maithreya Maamune! It is so rare an opportunity for those who carry material bodies or the men to see Lord Siva in person. Only those who are very auspicious and divine would be fortunate to get such a rare chance. There is no second opinion or any doubt about it. Even the divinest Munees and transcendental Rishees with long severe austerities are waiting devotedly to see Lord Siva for a very long time.

आत्मारामोऽपि यस्त्वस्य लोककल्पस्य राधसे । शक्त्या युक्तो विचरति घोरया भगवान् भवः ॥ १८॥

18

Aathmaaraamoapi yesthvasya lokakalpasya raaddhase Sakthyaa yuktho vicharathi ghorayaa Bhagawaan bhavah.

Lord Siva is Aathmaaraama meaning the one who is soulfully happy and self satisfied and fully content and self sufficient. He is the most powerful god with full destructive power and authority. Though he does not have to aspire or gain anything from this material world he always roams around in the material world with the intention and purpose of helping and serving his devotees of the material world.

#### मैत्रेय उवाच

#### Maithreya Uvaacha (Maithreya Said):

प्रचेतसः पितुर्वाक्यं शिरसाऽऽदाय साधवः । दिशं प्रतीचीं प्रययुस्तपस्यादृतचेतसः ॥ १९॥

19

Prechethasah pithurvaakyam sirasaaaadhaaya saaddhavah Dhisam pretheecheem preyayoosthapasyaadhrithachethasah.

Prechethasas were Saaddhoos of Sathwa Guna Preddhaanaas or very pious and virtuous. When their dear father asked them to produce more children to increase the population of the world respecting his order, they proceeded to the western direction looking for a lonely place to observe austerity to please Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and get his blessings to beget virtuous children.

समुद्रमुप विस्तीर्णमपश्यन् सुमहत्सरः । महन्मन इव स्वच्छं प्रसन्नसलिलाशयम् ॥ २०॥

20

Samudhramupavistheernnamapasyan sumahathsarah Mahanmana iva svachccham presannasalilaasayam.

नीलरक्तोत्पलाम्भोजकह्लारेन्दीवराकरम् । हंससारसचक्राह्वकारण्डवनिकृजितम् ॥ २१॥ Neelarekthothpalaambhojakalhaarenddheevaraakaram Hamsasaarasachakraahvakaarandavanikoojitham.

# मत्तभ्रमरसौस्वर्यहृष्टरोमलताङ्घ्रिपम् । पद्मकोशरजो दिक्ष् विक्षिपत्पवनोत्सवम् ॥ २२॥

22

Maththabhremarasausvaryahrishtaromalethaanggghripam Padhmakosarejo dhikshu vikshipath pavanothsavam.

Thus, when they were travelling in the western direction, they found a huge reservoir of water or a lake or a Saras as big as an ocean. The lake was extremely beautiful and charming and attractive, calm, quiet, serene and divine and seemed like the mind of a great soul. It was capable of providing happiness to mind and heart. It contained pure water. There were a lot of different types of fish and other aquatics which were all living very happily in it. It seemed like a happy home of innumerous blue and red lotus flowers like Indheevaraas, Kalhaaraas, etc. of which some of them blossom in the night and some in the daytime. It also accommodated many Swans, Cranes, Black-Swans, Ruddy-Geese, Ducks, Ruddy-Ducks, and other water birds which were all living there very happily and harmoniously. Beautiful and attractive bird sounds echoed there always. Intoxicated beetles after drinking sweet honey always flew in the sky with a romantic humming sound. There was thick growth of trees and vines and plants and bushes on the banks of the lake or Saras just like how hair will stand up at horripilation. The Prechethasas were very pleased at the sight of that Saras.

# तत्र गान्धर्वमाकर्ण्य दिव्यमार्गमनोहरम् । विसिस्म्यू राजपुत्रास्ते मृदङ्गपणवाद्यनु ॥ २३॥

23

Thathra Gaanddharvvamaakarnya dhivyamaarggamanoharam Visismyoo raajaputhraasthe mridhamgapanavaadhyanu.

The sons of king Praacheenaberhish, the Prechethasas, were amazed and blissfully pleased to hear the sounds of musical instruments like drums,

kettledrums, etc, and the orderly music like that of professional musicians of heaven like Genddharvvaas and Kinnaraas. They totally got immersed and merged soulfully into it and forgot everything outside with the reverberating divine musical sounds.

तर्ह्येव सरसस्तस्मान्निष्क्रामन्तं सहानुगम् । उपगीयमानममरप्रवरं विबुधानुगैः ॥ २४॥

24

Tharhyeva sarasasthasmaannishkraamantham sahaanugam UpageeyamaanamAmaraprevaram vibuddhaanugaih.

तप्तहेमनिकायाभं शितिकण्ठं त्रिलोचनम् । प्रसादसुमुखं वीक्ष्य प्रणेमुर्जातकौतुकाः ॥ २५॥

25

Thapthahemanikaayaabham Sithikanttam thrilochanam Presaadhasumukham veekshya prenemurjjaathakauthukaah.

Then they noticed Lord Sri Mahaadheva Sambhu or Lord Sri Rudhra Bhagawaan, who is with blue neck and hence called as Sithi Kantta or Neela Kantta who was more lustrous and shining than the melted and refined gold and who was looking blissfully happy and pleased, rising and appearing from that Saras or the Water Reservoir. He was being worshipped and prayed by all the gods of heaven and all other celestial bodies like Yekshaas, Kinnaraas, Genddharvvaas, Sidhddhaas, Saaddhyaas, etc. Lord Siva is the god of gods and hence called as Dhevadheva or Mahaadheva. The Prechethasas saw the divine appearance of Mahaadheva and started worshipping and offering obeisance to him with full devotion and blissful happiness.

स तान् प्रपन्नार्तिहरो भगवान् धर्मवत्सलः । धर्मज्ञान् शीलसम्पन्नान् प्रीतः प्रीतानुवाच ह ॥ २६॥ Sa thaan prepannarththiharo Bhagawaan ddharmmavathsalah Ddharmmajnjaan seelasampannaan preethah preethaanuvaacha ha.

Lord Mahaadheva is very compassionate and always ready to help all those who seek help from him. He will resolve all the miseries and difficulties of his devotees without any reservation. He is a staunch devotee of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. He is the best of the best of the scholars of all the three worlds. He is the most Primordial Universal Preceptor and is called as Jegath Guru. [Rudhra Bhagawaan is the one who advised the Paramaathma Jnjaana Thaththvam to Sanakaas.] He is the most righteous and virtuous Dheva. He was very pleased with Prechethasas who were worshiping him with ardent devotion. Prechethasas were also very virtuous and righteous and scholarly and with best of all good qualities and characters. Lord Siva very sweetly and divinely spoke to Prechethasas.

रुद्र उवाच

#### [Sree]Rudhra Uvaacha ([Sri] Rudhra Bhagawaan Said):

यूयं वेदिषदः पुत्रा विदितं वश्चिकीर्षितम् । अनुग्रहाय भद्रं व एवं मे दर्शनं कृतम् ॥ २७॥

27

Yooyam vedhishadhah puthraa vidhitham vaschikeershitham Anugrehaaya bhadhram va evam me dhersanam kritham.

Lord Siva told them that he already knew that they were the Prechethasas, sons of Praacheenaberhish. Also, he was aware what their desire and intention and purpose was. He appeared to bless them with all prosperities and auspiciousness.

यः परं रंहसः साक्षात्त्रिगुणाज्जीवसंज्ञितात् । भगवन्तं वासुदेवं प्रपन्नः स प्रियो हि मे ॥ २८॥

28

Yah param remhasah saakshaath thrigunajjeevasamjnjithaath

Bhagawantham Vaasudhevam prepannah sa priyo hi me.

One who worships and offers obeisance and unconditionally surrenders to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, who is Kootasttha and the controller of both material entities with all three qualities of material nature as well as spiritual entities liberated from material nature, and seek shelter and protection at His lotus feet without any interest as a Nishkaami is the dearest to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and he is also the dearest to him, Lord Siva.

स्वधर्मनिष्ठः शतजन्मभिः पुमान् विरिञ्चतामेति ततः परं हि माम् । अव्याकृतं भागवतोऽथ वैष्णवं पदं यथाहं विबुधाः कलात्यये ॥ २९॥

29

Svaddharmmanishttah sathajenmabhih pumaan Virinjchathaamethi thathah param hi maam Avyaakritham Bhaagawathoattha Vaishnavam Padham yetthaaham vibuddhah kalaathyaye.

A person who executes all his occupational duties according to the Varnnaasrama Ddharmmaas may become eligible to enter into the Brahma Loka. And if he performs additional virtuous activities or Sukrithaas then they would be qualified to enter to Siva Loka. But a steadfast and staunch devotee of Lord Maddhusoodhana or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would become eligible to enter into the supreme most position of Vaikuntta Padham which is the divinest abode of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan at the destruction of his material body. That is the position, the Vaikuntta Padham, him, Lord Siva, and all other Dhevaas of Swargga would become eligible only at the destruction of the universe or only at Maha Prelaya Kaala.

अथ भागवता यूयं प्रियाः स्थ भगवान् यथा । न मद्भागवतानां च प्रेयानन्योऽस्ति कर्हिचित् ॥ ३०॥ Attha Bhagawathaa yooyam priyaah sttha Bhagawaan yetthaa Na madhBhaagawathaanaam cha preyaananyosthi karhichith.

Oh, the devotees of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan you are dearest to and are being appreciated and respected by the Supreme Soul, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. He, Lord Siva, always appreciates and respects the devotees of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and all the devotees of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan are dearest to him as well. And all the Vaishnavaas who are devotees of Vishnu Bhagawaan also appreciate and respect and are devoted to him as well as to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

इदं विविक्तं जप्तव्यं पवित्रं मङ्गलं परम् । निःश्रेयसकरं चापि श्रूयतां तद्वदामि वः ॥ ३१॥

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Idham viviktham jepthavyam pavithram manggalam param Nisreysakaram chaapi srooyathaam thadhvadhaami vah.

Then Lord Siva proceeded to chant a Manthra or Hymn to them which is the purest, divinest, most sacred, most auspicious and most prosperous. That would enable them to attain the ultimate transcendental realization of Supreme Soul or the Paramaathma Thaththvam to take them to Vaikuntta Padham which is ultimate aim and purpose of life. Lord Siva chant the Manthra very clearly with full clarity and asked them to listen to him carefully and learn it thoroughly and then recite it continuously and constantly.

#### मैत्रेय उवाच

#### Maithreya Uvaacha (Maithreya Said):

इत्यनुक्रोशहृदयो भगवानाह ताञ्छिवः । बद्धाञ्जलीन् राजपुत्रान् नारायणपरो वचः ॥ ३२॥ Ithyanukrosahridhayo Bhagawanaaha thaan Sivah Bedhddhaanjjaleen raajaputhraanNaaraayanaparo vachah

Lord Siva or Lord Maheswara who is the embodiment of causeless and unlimited compassion and mercy and who is the staunchest devotee of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan spoke to the sons of King Praacheenaberhis who were standing in front him with folded hands and prayers.

रुद्र उवाच

#### [Sree]Rudhra Uvaacha ([Sree] Rudhra Bhagawaan Said):

जितं त आत्मविद्धुर्यस्वस्तये स्वस्तिरस्तु मे । भवता राधसा राद्धं सर्वस्मा आत्मने नमः ॥ ३३॥

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Jitham tha aathmavidhddhuryasvasthaye svasthirasthu me Bhawathaa Raaddhasaa raadhddham sarvvasmaa aathmane namah.

Lord Siva addressed the Supreme Personality of Godhead Vishnu Bhagawaan like: Oh Lord and Creator, Maintainer, Protector, Controller and Destroyer of all the universes, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Your existence is to provide prosperity, auspiciousness and blissful happiness to all the chief scholars of transcendental knowledge and realization of Paramaathma Thaththvam. You derive pleasure and exist with ecstasy of divine blissful happiness. Please bless and provide me also with divine blissful happiness. You have all the power to bless all your devotees. Oh Lord! You are the one who is inside the soul of all the souls and is called Antharyaami. You are the Supreme God and Lord of all the deities and gods or Dhevaas. I prostrate, worship and offer obeisance to you.

नमः पङ्कजनाभाय भूतसूक्ष्मेन्द्रियात्मने । वासुदेवाय शान्ताय कूटस्थाय स्वरोचिषे ॥ ३४॥ Namah Pankajanaabhaaya bhoothsooshmendhriyaathmane Vaasudhevaaya santhaaya kootastthaaya svarochishe.

My Lord, You are the creator of the universe which originated from the lotus flower which sprouted from your navel. You are called Pankajanaabha. Oh, Pankajanaabha my prostration and prayers to you. You are the supreme controller of senses and sense organs. You are the creator and controller of both gross and subtle elements and entities. You are the embodiment of peacefulness and calmness. You are all pervading. You are Kootasttha. You are Vaasudheva. You are self-lustrous and self-illuminated and therefore you are Swarochish. Oh, Vaasudheva Bhagawaan my prostrations and prayers to you.

सङ्कर्षणाय सूक्ष्माय दुरन्तायान्तकाय च । नमो विश्वप्रबोधाय प्रद्युम्नायान्तरात्मने ॥ ३५॥

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Sankarshanaaya sookshmaaya dhuranthaanthakaaya cha Namo visvapreboddhaaya Predhyumnaayaantharaathmane.

Oh Lord, You are the most Primordial and Predominating Deity called Sankarshana Moorththy. I prostrate and pray to Sankarshana Moorththy. You are immortal and eternal. You are the origin of subtle material ingredients. You are the Master of all integrations at the same time you are also the Master of all disintegrations. You are the Master of Intelligence in that respect you are known as Predhyumna. You are Sarvvabhoothaantharaathma meaning the one who remains as the soul inside the soul of each and every element and entity. You are a reservoir and Embodiment and Form of both material and transcendental intelligence and knowledge. Oh Bhagawaan, I prostrate, pray and offer obeisance to you.

नमो नमोऽनिरुद्धाय हृषीकेशेन्द्रियात्मने । नमः परमहंसाय पूर्णाय निभृतात्मने । स्वर्गापवर्गद्वाराय नित्यं शुचिषदे नमः ॥ ३६॥ Namo namoAnirudhddhaaya Hrisheekesendhriyaathmane Namah paramahamsaaya poornnaaya nibhrithaathmane Swarggaapavarggadhvaaraaya nithyam suchishadhe namah.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Your form as Anirudhddha is the Presiding Deity and Supreme Lord and Controller of all material senses and sense organs and sense activities by prompting and forcing the mind and intelligence. I prostrate, worship and offer obeisance to Lord Anirudhddha Bhagawaan. You are the Soorya Bhagawaan or Arkka Dheva or Sun-God who is Self-Lustrous and most Brilliant and Self-Illuminating and without any growth or changes or deterioration or dissolution and the most perfect and remaining always within all the living and non-living and moving and non-moving elements and entities as the sole provider of energy and power and always leads and directs the right path leading to both heaven and hell or for both prosperity and destruction. I offer my prostration, worship, obeisance to that Arkka Dheva or Soorya Bhagawaan.

नमो हिरण्यवीर्याय चातुर्होत्राय तन्तवे। नम ऊर्ज इषे त्रय्याः पतये यज्ञरेतसे॥ ३७॥

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Namo Hiranyaveeryaaya chaathurhothraaya thanthave Nama oorjja ishe threyyaah pathaye yejnjarethase.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the Vedhapaala meaning protector of the three Vedhaas. [As mentioned earlier only Rig, Yejus and Saama are counted as Vedhaas in this respect and Attharva is excluded.] The ultimate offerings of all the Yaagaas and Yejnjaas are meant for you. You are the provider for Pithroos of Pithruloka and Amarthyaas including the Dhevaas and other Celestial beings. You are Makhapaala meaning the protector of Yaagaas and Yejnjaas. You are in the Form of Chandhra Bhagawaan or Moon-God as the Deity of Makhapaala. You are the heroic possessor and reservoir of Semen which is like gold and hence called as Swarnnarethas or Hiranyarethas. You are

the Vedhic sacrifices known as Chaathurhothra offered unto Fire-God or Vahnidheva. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan you are Vahnidheva or Agni Bhagawaan. I prostrate, worship and offer obeisance to Vedhapaala, Makhapaala, Hiranyarethas, Chandhra Bhagawaan and Agni Bhagawaan.

### तृप्तिदाय च जीवानां नमः सर्वरसात्मने । सर्वसत्त्वात्मदेहाय विशेषाय स्थवीयसे ॥ ३८॥।

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Thripthidhaaya cha jeevaanaam namah sarvvaresaathmane Sarvvasaththvaathmadhehaaya viseshaaya stthaveeyase.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the original provider of all interest and satisfaction to all the living entities of the universe. You are Resaroopa. You are presiding deity of all Resaas and thus the Resaroopa. You are the gigantic Cosmic Form containing all the living as well as non-living entities and elements of the universe. Hence you are Samastha Saththwa Vyeshti Samashti Svaroopa. Oh Lord, I prostrate, worship and offer obeisance to Resaroopa and Samastha Saththwa Vyeshti Samashti Svaroopa.

### नमस्त्रैलोक्यपालाय सह ओजो बलाय च। अर्थलिङ्गाय नभसे नमोऽन्तर्बहिरात्मने॥ ३९॥

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Namasthrailokyapaalaaya saha oajobelaaya cha Arthtthalinggaaya nabhase namoantharbbehiraathmane.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the creator, maintainer and controller of all the three worlds of the universe. You are the maintainer of Mind, Senses, and Body by providing Life-Air or Praana Vaayu and Life-Energy and thus the maintainer of Life. These functions are performed by you in the form of Vaayoobhagawaan. Thus, you are VaayuRoopa. I prostrate, worship, pray and offer obeisance to VaayuRoopa Bhagawaan. Oh Lord, you reveal the meaning of everything with your transcendental vibrations. You are all pervading sky being inside

as well as outside and everywhere of everything. You are the one who fills in all the gaps and spaces of everything. That you undertake in the form of Sky or Aakaas or Nabhas. Therefore, you are AakaasaRoopa or NabhoRoopa Bhagawaan. I respectfully prostrate, worship and offer obeisance to NabhoRoopa Bhagawaan.

नमः पुण्याय लोकाय अमुष्मै भूरिवर्चसे । प्रवृत्ताय निवृत्ताय पितृदेवाय कर्मणे ॥ ४०॥

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Namah punyaaya lokaaya amushmai bhoorivarchchase. Prevriththaaya nivriththaaya pithrudhevaaya karmmane.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are pure and pious. You are the form of beauty and charm and brilliance. You are the embodiment of purity, piousness, beauty, charm and brilliance. I prostrate, worship, pray and offer obeisance to you. You are Swargga or Heaven. I prostrate, worship, pray and offer obeisance to you in the form of Swargga Roopa. You are all the activities or Prevriththi and also all the inactivity or Nivriththi. Therefore, you are Prevriththi Nivriththi Samashti Svaroopa in the form of Pithrudheva. I prostrate, worship, pray and offer obeisance again and again to you in the form of Pithrudheva as Prevriththi Nivriththi Samashti Svaroopa.

नमोऽधर्मविपाकाय मृत्यवे दुःखदाय च । नमस्त आशिषामीश मनवे कारणात्मने ॥ ४१॥

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Namoaddharmmavipaakaaya mrithyave dhukhadhaaya cha Namastha aasishaamEesa manave kaaranaathmane.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are an onlooker and provider of the transcendentally positive results to all virtuous and pious and religiously righteous activities. For that you have assumed the form of all pervading Sarvva Vedhajnja and SamasthEswara. Also, you are the viewer and provider of the miserable and disastrous negative results of all irreligious and non-righteous and non-pious and evil activities.

For that you have assumed the form of Mrithyudheva or Death-God. Oh Lord, I offer prostration, worship, prayers and obeisance again and again to you as Sarvva Vedhajnja and SamasthEswara and Mrithyudheva.

## नमो धर्माय बृहते कृष्णायाकुण्ठमेधसे । पुरुषाय पुराणाय साङ्ख्ययोगेश्वराय च ॥ ४२॥

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Namo ddharmmaya brihathe Krishnaayakanttameddhase Purushaaya puraanaaya Saamkhyogeswaraaya cha.

## शक्तित्रयसमेताय मीढुषेऽहङ्कृतात्मने । चेत आकृतिरूपाय नमो वाचो विभूतये ॥ ४३॥

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Sakthithreyasamethaaya meeddusheahamkrithaathmane Chetha aakoothiroopaaya namo vaachovibhoothaye.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are Lord Sri Krishna. You are Lord Sri Krishna Paramaathma. You are the Universal Master of Metaphysical Knowledge. Your knowledge is unlimited. There is nothing which is not within your knowledge. The entire universe needs to know and knows only infinitesimally small portions of your knowledge. Nobody can even in the wildest imagination fathom the depth of the ocean of your knowledge. You are the Religiously Righteous Transcendental Knowledge. Oh, that embodiment of unlimited Transcendental Knowledge, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Paramaathma, I respectfully and devotionally offer my prayers, salutations, worships, obeisance and prostrations at your lotus feet. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the embodiment of benedictions and blessings. You are always at the service of your devotees. You are always compassionate and kind to your devotees. In that respect you are Anugreha Moorththy. You are the most Primordial and Primary Personality. You are the Lord of Saamkhya Yoga. You are in the form of Kapila Vaasudheva as the Inventor, Discoverer, Founder, Propagator, Establisher and You are all in all of Saamkhya Yoga. You are the embodiment of Sakthi Threya or all the three different Might's or Powers and hence called as Sakthi Threya

Samyuktha. Oh, Anugreha Moorththy and Oh Kapila Vaasudheva and Oh Sakthi Threya Samyuktha, I offer my prayers, worship, obeisance, salutations and prostrations again and again to you. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the Most Supreme Worship-able One and thus you are known as Sthuthya. You are the Form of both Jnjaana or Knowledge and Karmma or Activities. You are the form of Ego and Self-Pride and in that respect, you are Ahamkrithi. You are the form of Vocabulary, Lexicon and Grammar and in that respect, you are called VaaneeVibhoothi. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan I offer my prayers, worships, obeisance, salutations and prostrations separately and as well as collectively to you in the forms of Anugreha Moorththy and in the form of Puraana Pumaan and in the forms of Sakthi Threya Samyuktha and in the form of Kapila Vaasudheva and Sthuthya and Ahamkrithi and VaaneeVibhoothi.

# दर्शनं नो दिदृक्षूणां देहि भागवतार्चितम्। रूपं प्रियतमं स्वानां सर्वेन्द्रियगुणाञ्जनम्॥ ४४॥

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Dhersanam no dhidhrikshoonaam dhehi Bhaagawathaarchchitham Roopam priyathamam svaanaam sarvvendhriyagunaanjjanam.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Your devotees ardently wish and desire to have a look at you as well as you to look at them. Please provide us with your appearance and Dhersanam. Oh Lord you are provider of energy, life and luster to all the senses and sense organs and mind and intelligence and conscience. Your divine Dhersanam will provide life and luster not only to the eyes alone but also to the senses and sense organs and mind and intelligence and conscience. You are most compassionate and affectionate and loving to your devotees. Kindly shower compassion on these poor devotees and provide us with your blissful and divine Dhersanam. For that we prostrate, salute, worship, pray and offer obeisance unto your lotus feet again and again and always.

[We are starting the Amga Prethyamga Varnnana meaning Head to Toe Descriptive Narration of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan, or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan as worshipped by Lord Sri Mahaadheva and explained to the Prechethasas. A true devotee is

capable of describing his Master part by part and limb by limb without even having the actual Dhersan.]

स्निग्धप्रावृट् घनश्यामं सर्वसौन्दर्यसङ्ग्रहम् । चार्वायतचतुर्बाहुं सुजातरुचिराननम् ॥ ४५॥

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Snigdhddhapraavridghanasyaamam sarvvasaundharyasamgreham Chaarvvaayathachathurbbaahum sujaatharuchiraananam.

पद्मकोशपलाशाक्षं सुन्दरभ्रू सुनासिकम् । सुद्विजं सुकपोलास्यं समकर्णविभूषणम् ॥ ४६॥

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Padhmakosapalaasaaksham sundharabhru sunaasikam Sudhvijam sukapolaasyam samakarnnavibhooshanam

प्रीतिप्रहसितापाङ्गमलकैरुपशोभितम् । लसत्पङ्कजकिञ्जल्कद्कुलं मृष्टकुण्डलम् ॥ ४७॥

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Preethiprehasithaapaanggamalakairupasobhitham Lesathpankajakinjjalkadhukoolam mrishtakundalam.

स्फुरत्किरीटवलयहारनूपुरमेखलम् । शङ्खचक्रगदापद्ममालामण्युत्तमर्द्धिमत् ॥ ४८॥

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Spurath kireetavalayahaaranoopuramekhalam Sankhachkragedhaapadhmamaalaamanyuththamardhddhimath

सिंहस्कन्धत्विषो बिभ्रत्सौभगग्रीवकौस्तुभम् । श्रियानपायिन्या क्षिप्तनिकषाश्मोरसोल्लसत् ॥ ४९॥ Sihaskanddhathvisho bibhrathsaubhagagreevakausthubham Sriyaanapaayinyaakshipthanikashaasmorasollasath.

## पूररेचकसंविग्नवलिवल्गुदलोदरम् । प्रतिसङ्क्रामयद्विश्वं नाभ्याऽऽवर्तगभीरया ॥ ५०॥

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Poorarechakasamvignavalivalgudhalodharam Prethisamkraamayadhvisvam naabhyaaaavarththagebheerayaa.

> श्यामश्रोण्यधिरोचिष्णु दुकूलस्वर्णमेखलम् । समचार्वङ्घिजङ्घोरुनिम्नजानुसुदर्शनम् ॥ ५१॥

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Syaamasroniyaddhirochishnadhukoolasvarnnamekhalam Samachaarvvangghrijengghorunimnajaanusudhersanam.

पदा शरत्पद्मपलाशरोचिषा नखद्यभिर्नोऽन्तरघं विधुन्वता । प्रदर्शय स्वीयमपास्तसाध्वसं पदं गुरो मार्गगुरुस्तमोजुषाम् ॥ ५२॥

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Padhaa sarath padhmapalaasarochishaa Nakhadhyubhirnnoantharagham viddhunvathaa Predharsaya sveeyamapaasthasaadhddhvasam Padham guro maarggagurusthamojushaam.

The beauty of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan may possibly be explained as: His Body is Very Soft and Smooth in the Bluish Black color of the cloud of rainy season or Kaar Megha. His body is the sum total of beauty, charm

and attractiveness. His body is most beautiful. His body is most charming. His body is most attractive. He has very long and beautiful hands. His face is so beautiful that nobody could take their eyes away from his face once you get a chance to look at it. His face is round and well shaped and very attractive and most befitting for the body. His eyes are long and pretty like lotus petals. Both his eyebrows are curved and well shaped and most attractive. He has a long and raised nose which is very charming. His pair of ears is also equally attractive and perfectly shaped. He has adorned the ears with the most attractive ornaments. His teeth are small and brightly white and perfectly shaped in both the rows and are very pretty. He has bubbly and shining cheeks. He always has a very attractive and divinely blissful and mind-attracting smile on his face which befitted the face and the entire look. He has all other parts of the face also very attractive and divinely charming and extremely beautiful. He has spring-like curly hair hanging on his forehead. He is wearing shining yellow, like the filament of lotus flower, and silk muslin costumes. He is wearing glittering ear studs, crown, bracelets, girdle, chains, necklaces, foot trinkets with small bells, of gold and jewelry and pearls and diamond. He is also wearing many wildflower garlands and Thulasi or Basil garlands. He has Samkh or Conchshell, Chakra or Sudhersana Chakra or Disk or The Divine Spinning Weapon called Sudhersana, Gedha or Club or Mace and Padhma or Abja or Lotus Flower. And hence he is called as Samkh-Chakra-Gedhaa-Padhma Ddhaarin. He was also wearing innumerous self-lustrous and brilliantly shining pearls and jewels. His shoulder was like that of the animal king lion or lion-king. On his neck he has the best of the best and supreme most of supreme most necklaces with the pendant called Kausthubha Pearl which was hanging on his chest. Sri Rema Dhevi or Goddess Sri Maha Lakshmi is always residing without departing even for a single moment with divinely blissful happiness inside his heart or breast and because of that his heart is very broad, wide and deep. She always enjoys her life by playing and dancing and roaming inside the heart of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. When he breathes the air would slowly move up and down inside his body and his devotees can see the slow up and down movements of air inside his body. He has very charming and attractive abdomen which has three clear lines which makes it very divine and interesting for his devotees to watch with the slow up and down movements of air inside the stomach. His stomach is flat like the leaf of a Banyan tree. It is well known that He manifested the universe by bringing it out from his navel hole. His navel hole with coils is very deep and looks as if that is the path to journey back or to bring back the whole

universe inside just like how he brought it out. [The concept is that navel hole of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan was the channel or the path for the universe to sprout out at the time of creation and it is the same naval hole that would be the channel or path for the universe to go back at the time of dissolution.] The yellow silk costume he was wearing around his black waist is very suitable with perfect matching and was very lustrous. It was like the best adornment or decoration for a naturally charming and attractive body. He wears a golden girdle with mini bells of pearls and jewels over his silk costume. The golden girdle looks like a decorative belt around his costumes. His legs are divinely beautiful and extremely charming. His claves, thighs, knees, joints and all other parts are very divine, charming, attractive and beautiful. Each and every part of his body is provider of divine and blissful happiness and ecstasy of blissful joy to the eyes and divine sights for all his devotees. His toenails are slightly reddish in color and very clean and beautiful and lustrous and cool for all his devotees. They were as if to steal away or to remove all material sorrows and miseries from the very inside or from the very root of his devotees. The feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan are very charming and attractive like the blossoming lotus flowers during the autumn season. The lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan are capable of destroying and eliminating and removing all the material miseries and sorrows. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Please shower mercy on us and be kind enough to provide us with the opportunity to have a look at Your Form as described above. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the one who holds the torch of transcendental knowledge and leads by holding the hands of the material people who are blinded with the darkness of material miseries and sorrows. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the most respectable Universal Guru. Please show us also the right path and lead us through that right path by showing us the most charming, attractive, beautiful and divinely blissful form of yours as we are all your steadfast, staunch and ardent devotees.

> एतद्रूपमनुध्येयमात्मशुद्धिमभीप्सताम् । यद्भक्तियोगोभयदः स्वधर्ममनुतिष्ठताम् ॥ ५३॥

Yedhbhakthiyogoabhayadhah svaddharmmamanuthishttathaam.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Those who wish to attain purity of soul and then to merge with or become the same as the Supreme Soul, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, but are engaged in the Varnnaasrama Svaddharmma or Occupational Duties and Responsibilities according to the classifications of the material world must necessarily observe Bhakthi Yoga in most disciplined order by bringing up the image of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan as described above into their mind and heart and conscience and then meditatively and constantly worship, pray and offer obeisance to you, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, and prostrate at your lotus feet after fully surrendering all the desires and interest in material life. That is the way to attain Svaathmya or merging with the Supreme Soul, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

भवान् भक्तिमता लभ्यो दुर्लभः सर्वदेहिनाम् । स्वाराज्यस्याप्यभिमत एकान्तेनात्मविद्गतिः ॥ ५४॥

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Bhawaan bhakthimathaa lebhyo dhurllebhah sarvvadhehinaam Svaaraajyasyaapyabhimatha ekaanthenaathmavidhgethih.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! For non-devotees, you are unavailable or rare to have the opportunity to be seen by the ordinary people who are entangled in vicious cycles of this material world with miseries and distresses and do not engage in worshipping you. At the same time, you are always available at all the places without any difficulty at all for your staunch and steadfast devotees. The Dhevaas of heaven are also worshiping you always. Also, you are worship-able to those who are liberated from material life with transcendental realization. And, of course, you are easily available for Dharsan to all those devotees as well.

तं दुराराध्यमाराध्य सतामपि दुरापया । एकान्तभक्त्या को वाञ्छेत्पादमूलं विना बहिः ॥ ५५॥ Tham dhuraaraaddhyamaaraaddhya sathaamapi dhuraapayaa Ekanthabhakthyaa ko vaanjcherath paadhamoolam vinaa behih.

When we think even for liberated souls with all virtuous qualities dominant with Sathwa Guna would find it difficult to attain the opportunity to have your Dharsan without observing Bhakthi Yoga of offering devotional services at your lotus feet. In that case who even with attainment of transcendental knowledge of Self-Realization or Soul-Realization or the Principle of "Aham Brahmaasmi" meaning "I" am "You" or "I" am "Brahma" or "I" am "Parabrahma" would abandon offering devotional services at your divine lotus feet? [This means even after attainment of transcendental knowledge the Yogees would always get engaged in offering devotional services at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.]

# यत्र निर्विष्टमरणं कृतान्तो नाभिमन्यते । विश्वं विध्वंसयन् वीर्यशौर्यविस्फूर्जितभ्रुवा ॥ ५६॥

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Yethra nirvvishtamaranam krithaantho naabhimanyathe Visvam viddhvamsayan veeryasauryavisphoorjjithabhruvaa.

Anthaka or Kaala or Time is capable of vanquishing the entire universe which boasts of accommodating innumerous heroic warriors with might, power, prowess, energy and talents just with movement of an eyebrow. [This means no one is capable of challenging the Time. Even the entire universe will be dissolved when the Time or Fate thinks so.] Even Anthaka or Time or Fate would never dare to look at the steadfast devotees offering devotional services at the lotus feet of you, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. [This means the devotees of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan are eternal and immortal.]

क्षणार्धेनापि तुलये न स्वर्गं नापुनर्भवम् । भगवत्सङ्गिसङ्गस्य मर्त्यानां किमुताशिषः ॥ ५७॥ Kshenaardhddhenaapi thulaye na svarggam naapunarbhavam Bhagawathsanggisanggasya marththyaanaam kimuthaasishah.

Those who get the opportunity to have an association with your devotees even for half of a moment would be far superior to getting the opportunity to enjoy either all the heavenly pleasures forever or even in attaining Nithya Mukthi or Permanent Salvation. As a matter of fact, how insignificant and negligible are the material pleasures enjoyed by the human beings of this material world? Is there any need to talk about them? No, there is no need.

अथानघाङ्घ्रेस्तव कीर्तितीर्थयो-रन्तर्बहिः स्नानविधूतपाप्मनाम् । भूतेष्वनुक्रोशसुसत्त्वशीलिनां स्यात्सङ्गमोऽनुग्रह एष नस्तव ॥ ५८॥

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Atthaanaghaangghresthava keerththitheerthtthayo-RAntharbbehih snaanaviddhoothapaapmanaam Bhootheshvanukrosasusaththvaseelinaam Syaathsanggamoanugreha esha nasthava.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You would eliminate and remove all the miseries and distresses of all those who remember or worship at the lotus feet. We pray to shower your compassion and mercy and blessing on us to get the opportunity to have association with your steadfast and staunch devotees those who get purified and sanctified by thinking or learning the glorifying stories about you by mind and or those who take ablutionary bath in the holy water or dust of your divine lotus feet by prostrating with physical body and wander in this universe like Avaddhoothaas without having any material desire and with all virtuous qualities and compassion and mercy to co-inhabitants for their benefits and welfare and progressive development.

न यस्य चित्तं बहिरर्थविभ्रमं तमोगुहायां च विशुद्धमाविशत्। यद्भक्तियोगानुगृहीतमञ्जसा

## मुनिर्विचष्टे ननु तत्र ते गतिम् ॥ ५९॥

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Na yesya chiththam behirarthtthavibhramam Thamoguhaayaam cha visudhddhamaavisath Yedhbhakthiyogaanugriheethamanjjasaa Munirvicheshte nanu thathra the gethim.

When a person's mind and conscience would get fully matured and completely purified and sanctified with disciplined and constant practice of Bhakthi Yoga then that person would be able to abandon all the material interests and desires to accumulate material wealth and fortunes and pleasures and would be able to realize the utter darkness spread within the closed cave which is this material universe and would be able to get liberated. Then only he would be able realize the Bhavaththaththvam or Paramaathma Thaththvam like "Aham Brahmaasmi" and "Thaththvamasi".

## यत्रेदं व्यज्यते विश्वं विश्वस्मिन्नवभाति यत् । तत्त्वं ब्रह्म परञ्ज्योतिराकाशमिव विस्तृतम् ॥ ६०॥

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Yethredham vyejathe visvam visvasminnavabhaathi yeth Thath thvam Brahma param jyothiraakaasamiva vismritham.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! The Brahmam or Parabrahmam is universal. It is omnipresent. It spreads everywhere in this universe. It is like the shining Sun in the sky. It is self lustrous and self illuminating and brilliant. It is the reservoir and source of light and illumination to the universe. It is the source of the existence of the universe. Without Parabrahmam the universe is not there. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! That Parabrahmam or Brahmam is you, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

यो माययेदं पुरुरूपयासृज-द्विभर्ति भूयः क्षपयत्यविक्रियः । यद्भेदबुद्धिः सदिवात्मदुःस्थया तमात्मतन्त्रं भगवन् प्रतीमहि ॥ ६१॥ Yo maayayedham pururoopayaasrijath
Bhibharththi bhooyah kshepayathyavikriyah
Yedhbhedhabudhddhih sadhivaathmadhuhstthayaa
Thamaathmathanthram, Bhagawaan, pretheemahi.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the one who creates, protects, maintains and ultimately dissolves this universe with proper sublimation of all the three qualities of Sathwa, Reja and Thama. It is unimaginable how you were able to create this form of the universe which is immeasurable and infinite under material nature. But it is still far beyond the imagination how is it possible for you to remain above and beyond all the activities of the universe without having any involvement and interest and without having any emotions on any of the changes happening to the same universe created by you. And you continue the process of creation, maintenance, protection and dissolution of the universe cyclically without any interruption. [Please understand what is mentioned here is zillions and zillions of human years for one cycle.] Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are Eternal. You are Immortal. You are Avyeya or imperishable or without any deterioration or destruction or death. Those who are unable to realize the Paramaathma Thaththvam or those who think of the dualities or multiplicities of the universe that "I". "You", "He", "She", "They", "We", "It", "That", "This", "etc." are all different from one another think that you are also another "Gross Form" of existence. But your devotees with transcendental realization of Paramaathma Thaththvam know that you are the Super Soul and independent of the gross form of Cosmic Manifestation as you are Formless.

> क्रियाकलापैरिदमेव योगिनः श्रद्धान्विताः साधु यजन्ति सिद्धये । भूतेन्द्रियान्तःकरणोपलक्षितं वेदे च तन्त्रे च त एव कोविदाः ॥ ६२॥

Sredhddaanvithaah saaddhu yejanthi sidhddhaye Bhoothendhriyaanthahkaranopalekshitham Vedhe cha thanthre cha tha eva kovidhaah.

The Yogees who are scholars of Vedhaas, and expert exponents of Vedha Manthraas can see the Gross Cosmic Form of you with activities of material senses influenced by mental thinking and processing. They also worship, pray and offer obeisance of various natures with utmost attention and devotional services for attainment of transcendental knowledge of Soul-Realization as that is the ultimate aim and Supreme Most position one can reach.

त्वमेक आद्यः पुरुषः सुप्तशक्ति-स्तया रजःसत्त्वतमो विभिद्यते । महानहं खं मरुदग्निवार्धराः सुरर्षयो भूतगणा इदं यतः ॥ ६३॥

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Thvameka aadhyah purushah supthasakthi-SThayo rejassathvathamo vibhidhyathe Mahaanaham kham marudhagnivaardhddharaah Surarshayo bhoothagenaa idham yedhah.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the sole one or Eka. You are the only Supreme Personality. You are the most Primordial and Primary one or Aadhya. At the beginning the eternal energy and eternal power were at a dormant or inactive stage merged and dissolved within you. Then you manifested Illusory Power. Thereafter you manifested the Universe consisting of the three material qualities of Sathwa or Goodness or Virtue, Reja or Passion and Thama (Thamo) or Ignorance Gunaas or Material Qualities and by agitating the Gross Material Energy you continued to manifest the five material elements like Ether, Air or Sky, Fire, Water and Earth and material senses, mind, intelligence, Maha Thaththva or Total Material Energy and then the Ahamkaara Thaththva or False Material Ego and also the Paramaathma Thaththvam. Then you manifest the Heavenly bodies or Dhevaas or Sura Sanjchayaas, Rishees or Saintly Persons, Bhootha Genaas or Ghosts, Devils, etc. And the Material

Universe came into existence and thus you became the one who manifested or the Creator of the Material Universe.

सृष्टं स्वशक्त्येदमनुप्रविष्ट-श्चतुर्विधं पुरमात्मांशकेन । अथो विदुस्तं पुरुषं सन्तमन्त-र्भुङ्क्ते हृषीकैर्मधु सारघं यः ॥ ६४॥

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Srishtam svasakthyedhaManuprevishta-SChathurviddham puramaathmaamsakena Attho vidhustham purusham santhamanthar-Bhungkthe HrisheekairmMaddhu saaragham yah.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! There are only four types of creations in this universe: 1) Jeraayuja meaning those created from the embryo like the human beings, animals, etc.; 2) Andaja meaning those created from the egg like the birds; 3) Svedhaja meaning those created from perspiration or sweat like some living entities like virus, germs, etc. and 4) Udhbhija meaning those created from stems or leaves like some trees, grass, etc. You enter inside all these four different types of creations with your eternal potency of life and activate the senses and life. You reside inside all of the entities and elements of the universe as Antharyaami or Anthasttha. Only those scholars of transcendental knowledge are aware of the fact that you are the Antharyaami and provider of life to each and every element and entity of the universe with your eternal potency and eternal energy.

स एष लोकानतिचण्डवेगो विकर्षसि त्वं खलु कालयानः । भूतानि भूतैरनुमेयतत्त्वो घनावलीर्वायुरिवाविषह्यः ॥ ६५॥

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Sa esha lokaanthichandavego Vikarshasi thvam khalu kaalayaanah

# Bhoothaani bhoothairanumeyathaththvo Ghanaavaleervaayurivaavishahyah.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the cause, and you are the effect of the universe. You are the maintainer and protector of the universe. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! The same you assume the Form of Time or Fate or Kaala or Yema with unimaginable speed and eliminate or destroy all the elements and entities of the universe by using the same five elements which you used to create them just like how the heavy storm carries the clouds scattered away and destroys. The ordinary people do not and cannot see or understand what is happening and how they are happening. And scholars with Vedhic knowledge are trying to understand and realize the fact that you are the doer of all these only by some sort of guess work. So, they say that it is so. [Only staunch and steadfast devotees of you who always offer devotional services recognize and understand the fact you are the driving power and thrust behind the existence of the universe and all the entities and elements therein.]

प्रमत्तमुच्चैरितिकृत्यचिन्तया प्रवृद्धलोभं विषयेषु लालसम् । त्वमप्रमत्तः सहसाभिपद्यसे क्षुल्लेलिहानोऽहिरिवाखुमन्तकः ॥ ६६॥

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Premaththamuchchairithikrithyachinthayaa Prevridhddhalobham vishayeshu laalasam Thvamapremaththah sahasaabhipadhasye Kshullelihaanoahirivaakhumanthakah

The material beings of the universe are mad after pleasures and comforts and engage in all types of unwanted and evil activities to accumulate wealth and fortune under the false impression that they are permanent and imperishable but get entangled into innumerous lives of various different species according to the influence of their activities and spoil and destroy their lives. But the Time is always perfect and fully sane. When the Time comes it swallows or destroys every element and entity without any

excuse. The action of Time or Fate or Yema is like how the rat will be swallowed and killed by a hungry snake searching for its prey.

कस्त्वत्पदाब्जं विजहाति पण्डितो यस्तेऽवमानव्ययमानकेतनः। विशङ्कयास्मद्गुरुरर्चति स्म यद्-विनोपपत्तिं मनवश्चतुर्दश॥ ६७॥

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Kasthvath padhaabjam vijahaathi panditho Yestheavamaanavyeyamaanakethanah Visankayaasmadhgururarchchathi sma ya-DhVinopapaththim Manavaschathurdhdhesa.

अथ त्वमसि नो ब्रह्मन् परमात्मन् विपश्चिताम् । विश्वं रुद्रभयध्वस्तमकुतश्चिद्भया गतिः ॥ ६८॥

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Attha thvamasi no, Brahman, Paramaathman, vipaschithaam Visvam Rudhrabhayaddvasthamakathaschidhbhayaa gethih

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are Brahmam. You are Parabrahmam. You are Paramaathman or Paramaathma. The whole universe is afraid of Rudhra under the impression that Rudhra is Kaala-Kaala or Lord of Time who is ensuring the destruction or annihilation of each and every element and entity including the whole universe itself at appropriate time. But even for Rudhra you are the one who provides shelter and protection. You are the worry-free shelter place for all of us. Therefore, we approach at your lotus feet for our shelter and protection from material miseries and distresses and calamities. Please provide us with shelter, protection and safety.

इदं जपत भद्रं वो विशुद्धा नृपनन्दनाः। स्वधर्ममनुतिष्ठन्तो भगवत्यर्पिताशयाः॥ ६९॥ Idham jepatha bhadhram vo visudhddhaa nripanandhanaah Svaddharmmamanuthishttantho Bhagawathyarppithaasayaah.

Therefore, oh the sons of king Praacheenaberhish, Prechethasas, you abandon all the material interest of activities involving violence and execute your Svaddharmma or occupational duties as kings with pure and virtuous mind and heart. Fixing your mind meditatively at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan please chant this Manthra with devotion. You would attain virtuous and positive results instantaneously and also all prosperity and auspiciousness without any delay. There is no doubt about that.

# तमेवात्मानमात्मस्थं सर्वभूतेष्ववस्थितम् । पूजयध्वं गृणन्तश्च ध्यायन्तश्चासकृद्धरिम् ॥ ७०॥

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Thamevaathmaanamaathmasttham sarvvabhootheshvavastthitham Poojayaddhvam grinanthascha ddhyaayanthaschaasakridhddharim.

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are residing within the soul of all the souls of the universe. You are residing within the soul of your own soul, and you are the Supreme Soul. You are within the soul of every moving and non-moving entity and elements of the universe. You are the self lustrous soul within the soul of every soul. You are Bhagawaan. You are Govindha. Oh Prechethasas, you always praise the glories of Govindha Bhagawaan who Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is. You always meditate upon Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. You always offer Poojaas and obeisance at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan continuously and constantly without any interruption.

योगादेशमुपासाद्य धारयन्तो मुनिव्रताः । समाहितधियः सर्व एतदभ्यसतादृताः ॥ ७१॥ Yogaadhesamupaasaadhya ddhaarayantho munivrathaah Samaahithaddhiyah sarvva ethadhabhyaasathaadhrithaah

Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are "Yogaadhesa" meaning the one who can be delineated by Yoga. Therefore, oh my dear princes you please learn carefully with full attention and steadfast devotion the Yogic Manthra from me and chant it continuously and repeatedly with austerity and meditation.

इदमाह पुरास्माकं भगवान् विश्वसृक्पतिः । भृग्वादीनामात्मजानां सिसृक्षुः संसिसृक्षताम् ॥ ७२॥

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Idhamaaha puraasmaakam Bhagawaan visvasrikpathih Bhrigvaadheenaamaathmajaanaam sisrikshuh samsisrikshathaam.

Oh, the Princes this Manthra has been taught by our Guru, Brahmadheva, to all of us including Bhrigu and other Rishees and Manoos and other first creations of him. Brahmadheva wanted all of us to engage actively in the process of procreation for establishment and development of the universe with different species according to his instructions and commands. This is the oldest and most Primordial and Primary Manthra.

ते वयं नोदिताः सर्वे प्रजासर्गे प्रजेश्वराः । अनेन ध्वस्ततमसः सिसृक्ष्मो विविधाः प्रजाः ॥ ७३॥

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The vayam nodhithaah sarvve prejaasargge prejeswaraah Anena ddhvasthathamasah sisrikshmo vividdhaah prejaah.

We are all known as Prejaapathees because we are all actively and fully engaged in the process of procreation for the benefit and development and growth of the universe. When we are inspired and encouraged to engage in procreation we get involved in procreation. During our engagement in procreation, we were able to overcome whatever obstacles and resistances and difficulties we faced by chanting this Manthra meditative and devotionally. Only because of the power we gained by chanting this

Manthra we were able to accomplish our occupational responsibilities satisfactorily.

अथेदं नित्यदा युक्तो जपन्नवहितः पुमान् । अचिराच्छ्रेय आप्नोति वासुदेवपरायणः ॥ ७४॥

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Atthedham nithyadhaa yuktho jepannavahithah pumaan Achiraachcchreya aapnothi Vaasudhevaparaayanah.

Therefore, please by-heart this Sthothra or Manthra or Manthra-Sthothra or Sthothra-Manthra and recite continuously so that your mind and heart would fully be absorbed and always stay put and fixed at the lotus feet of Maajaani or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. When your mind and heart is filled with the glories of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan you would automatically receive all benedictions and blessings from Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and would attain all prosperity and auspiciousness in life.

श्रेयसामिह सर्वेषां ज्ञानं निःश्रेयसं परम् । सुखं तरति दुष्पारं ज्ञाननौर्व्यसनार्णवम् ॥ ७५॥

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Sreyasaamiha sarvveshaam jnjaanam nihsreyasam param Sukham tharathi dhushpaaram jnjaananaurvyesanaarnnavam.

When you think deeply you will understand the topmost achievement and accomplishment anyone can ever think of in this material world is attainment of transcendental knowledge of soul-realization or Paramaathma Thaththvam obtained or secured with steadfast devotion at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. And those who seek shelter and help from transcendental knowledge would be able to cross this vast and deep material ocean of all types of distresses and miseries and of whose shores can never be reached or even be seen and of course which can never be crossed by any material means. Transcendental knowledge

of Paramaathma Thaththvam is the only dependable and safe boat which can be used by anyone to cross the material ocean without any difficulties.

## य इमं श्रद्धया युक्तो मद्गीतं भगवत्स्तवम् । अधीयानो दुराराध्यं हरिमाराधयत्यसौ ॥ ७६॥

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Ya imam sredhddhayaa yuktho madhgeetham Bhagawathsthavam Addheeyaano dhuraaraaddhyam Harimaaraaddhayathyasau.

Whoever with careful attention study and repeatedly recites this Manthra Sthothra, which is the noblest and divinest of all the Sthothra Manathraas, sung by me would be the divinest of the devotees of Lord Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is most difficult to be glorified or praised. Therefore, that person who carefully study and recited repeatedly this Manthra Sthothra would be the one who most affectionately and dedicatedly glorifying Lord Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. There is no doubt about it.

## विन्दते पुरुषोऽमुष्माद्यद्यदिच्छत्यसत्वरम् । मद्गीतगीतात्सुप्रीताच्छ्रेयसामेकवल्लभात् ॥ ७७॥

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Vindhathe purushoamushmaadhyadhyadhichcchathyasathvaram Madhgeethageethaath supreethaachcchreyasaamekavallabhaath.

Whoever sings this Manthra Sthothra sung by me, clearly in good tune and in nice rhythm and very pleasingly would be able to please Lord Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan very easily or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan can easily be pleased by this Manthra. When you recite and worship with this Manthra Sthothra pleasingly Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would be very pleased and satisfied and you would be provided with all the prosperities and also would fulfill all your wishes and desires.

इदं यः कल्य उत्थाय प्राञ्जलिः श्रद्धयान्वितः । शृण्याच्छ्रावयेन्मर्त्यो मुच्यते कर्मबन्धनैः ॥ ७८॥ Idham yah kalya uthtthaaya praanjjalih sredhddhayaanvithah Srinuyaachcchraavayenmarththyo muchyathe karmmabenddhanaih.

The person who gets up early in the morning and with folded hands either recites for him or recites for others to hear this famous Manthra Sthothra with full meditative attention would definitely be liberated from this material life and permanently be released from the vicious cycles of births and deaths in this material universe. There is no doubt about it.

गीतं मयेदं नरदेवनन्दनाः परस्य पुंसः परमात्मनः स्तवम् । जपन्त एकाग्रधियस्तपो मह-च्चरध्वमन्ते तत आप्स्यथेप्सितम् ॥ ७९॥

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Geetham mayedham naradhevanandhanaah Parasya pumsah paramaathmanah sthavam Jepantha ekaagraddhiyasthapo maha-ChCharaddhvamanthe thatha aapsyatthepsitham.

Oh, the sons of the King, the Princes! This Poorusha Sthothra or Manthra I have recited to you is the glorifying description of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and meant to please Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Therefore, you please recite it daily with steadfast devotion and meditative mind and observe austerity. It is more auspicious and more effective than severe austerity and penance. You would definitely achieve all your desired objectives and fulfill all your wishes without fail. Let you have all grace and blessings and benedictions from the Supreme Soul, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां चतुर्थस्कन्धे रुद्रगीतं नाम चतुर्विंशोऽध्यायः ॥ २४॥

# Ithi Sreemat Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam Samhithaayaam

Chathurthtthaskanddhe RudhraGeetham [Prechethasa Charitham] Naama Chathurvimsathithamoaddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Twenty-Fourth Chapter Named as RudhraGeetham [Story of Prechethasas] of Fourth Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and Greatest Mythology known as Sreemad Bhagawatham.

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah! Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah! Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah! Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!