

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!

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॥ चतुर्थस्कन्धः ॥

CHATHURTHTHASKANDDAH (CANTO FOUR)

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**EKATHRIMSATHTHAMOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER THIRTY-
ONE)**

**Prechetha Upaakhyaanam [Prechethaa Gethi] (Story of
Prechethasas [Course of Life of Prechethasas and Their
Accomplishments])**

[In this chapter we can read how Prechethasas attained Aathma Saakshaathkaaram. As per the instruction of Lord Vishnu, Prechethasas came back to their father and took charge of ruling the kingdom. After ruling the world for many thousands of years they entrusted the kingdom as well their wife Maarisha to their son

Dheksha and went away. They reached the sea shore at the western end of the world and performed severe austerity and penance and worshiped and offered devotional services and obeisance to Lord Krishna. At the end they attained Self-Realization or Paramaathma Thatthvam and Nithya Mukthi with the spiritual advice of Naaradha. With this chapter we conclude the Fourth Canto by completing the stories pertaining to Uththaanapaadha and his descendants. Please continue to read for details...]

मैत्रेय उवाच

Maithreya Uvaacha (Maithreya Said):

तत उत्पन्नविज्ञाना आश्वधोक्षजभाषितम् ।
स्मरन्त आत्मजे भार्या विसृज्य प्राव्रजन् गृहात् ॥ १ ॥

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Thatha utpannavijnjaanaa aasvaddhokshajabhaashitham
Smarantha aathmaje bhaaryaam visrijya praavrejan grihaath.

After that Prechethaas lived and ruled the world for many thousands of years and developed and acquired spiritual or transcendental consciousness. Then they remembered the words of advice and the blessings provided to them by Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. They entrusted their wife, Maarisha, under the care of their perfect son, Dheksha, and abandoned their own palace and went away.

दीक्षिता ब्रह्मसत्रेण सर्वभूतात्ममेधसा ।
प्रतीच्यां दिशि वेलायां सिद्धोऽभूद्यत्र जाजलिः ॥ २ ॥

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Dheekshithaa Brahmasathrena sarvvabhoothaathmameddhasaa
Pretheechaam dhisivi velaayaam sidhdhoabhoodhyathra Jaajali.

They reached the seashore at the extreme western side where the most renowned Maamuni named as Jaajali attained Nithya Mukthi or

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Eternal Salvation. There they spent the rest of their life in full and meditative concentration of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with no other thoughts interrupting their minds and with absolute and perfect transcendental realization of Paramaathma Thatthvam or Brahma Dheeksha that everything and anything is nothing but Super or Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

तान्निर्जितप्राणमनोवचोदृशो
जितासनान् शान्तसमानविग्रहान् ।
परेऽमले ब्रह्मणि योजितात्मनः
सुरासुरेज्यो ददृशे स्म नारदः ॥ ३॥

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Thaannirjjithapraanamanovachodhriso
Jithaasanaan saanthasamaanavigrahaan
Pareamale Brahmani yojithaathmanah
Suraasuredyo dhedhrise sma Naaradhah.

There the Prechethaas, the sons of Berhish, performed severe austerity by controlling life, mind, words, sight and all senses with perfect practice of Praanaavyaama. Then they mastered all Aasanaas or postures and brought movements of all parts of their material body into perfect equilibrium. Thus, they were able to see their soul with that of the Supreme Soul and attained the sublime state of Parabrahma Thatthvam without any material effort and difficulty. While they were enjoying the blissful sublimation of Parabrahma Saayoojyam or Nithya Mukthi or Eternal Salvation like that, one day Dhevarshi Naaradha who was always being adored by all Dhevaas reached that seashore and met with Prechethasas.

तमागतं त उत्थाय प्रणिपत्याभिनन्द्य च ।
पूजयित्वा यथादेशं सुखासीनमथाब्रुवन् ॥ ४॥

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Thamaagetham ham uththaaya prenipathyaabhinandhya cha
Poojayithvaa yetthaadhesam sukhaaseenammatthaabruvan.

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As soon as Naaradha reached there the sons of Praacheenaberhis got up from meditative posture and welcomed Dhevarshi by prostrating at his feet and offered obeisance and worshipped him by praising his glories. They treated the Muni according to Vedhic norms and prescriptions and offered the most honorable and respectable seat and ensured all his comforts and convenience as he was the most honorable, respectable and revered guest.

प्रचेतस ऊचुः

Prechethasa Oochuh (Prechethasas Said):

स्वागतं ते सुरर्षेऽद्य दिष्ट्या नो दर्शनं गतः ।
तव चङ्क्रमणं ब्रह्मन्नभयाय यथा रवेः ॥ ५ ॥

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Svaagetham the Surarsheadhya dhishtyaa no dhersanam gethah
Thava chamkremanam Brahmannaabhayaaya yetthaa reveh.

Oh, the greatest and noblest of the heavenly Sages, Naaradha! You are always at the forefront of all the Brahmajnjaas. You are Brahmarsi meaning Brahmin Sage and you are Dhevarshi meaning Heavenly sage. We are extremely fortunate and divinely blissful due to your audience at this time. Hey Dheva Mune! Just like how the traveling of Sun removes the fear of the mankind in darkness due to thieves, robbers and rogues by bringing in daylight you always travel around the world to remove the darkness of material ignorance by bringing in and spreading Brahmajnjaana or transcendental knowledge to the interested devotees of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

यदादिष्टं भगवता शिवेनाधोक्षजेन च ।
तद्गृहेषु प्रसक्तानां प्रायशः क्षपितं प्रभो ॥ ६ ॥

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Yedhaadhishtam Bhagawathaa SivenaAddhokshajena cha

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Thadh griheshu presakthaanaam praayasah kshepitham prebhoh.

Oh, the Divinest of the Munees or Maamune! The purest and the divinest Brahmajnjaas like Lord Sri Mahaadheva and the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the consort of Remaadhevi have advised us the most blissful Parabrahma Thatthvam or Brahmajnjaanam very clearly but due to our involvement and interference in Grihastthaasrama Jeevitham or family life of this material world we almost forgot all those divine principles and its Anushtaanaas or methods of practice.

तन्नः प्रद्योतयाध्यात्मज्ञानं तत्त्वार्थदर्शनम् ।
येनाञ्जसा तरिष्यामो दुस्तरं भवसागरम् ॥ ७॥

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Thannah predhyothayaaddhyaathmajnjanam
thatthhvaarththadhersanam
Yenaanjjasaa tharishyaamo dhustharam bhavasaagaram.

Oh Maamune, you are very compassionate and kind. We request you to explain to us the details of Aathmajnjanam or Paramaathmajnjanam or transcendental principles and its Anushtaanaas or methods of practice. Oh, the best of the most intelligent ones, you are the embodiment of divine wisdom. Please explain the Aathmajnjanam to us so that we can easily cross this most miserable and horrible ocean of material universe.

मैत्रेय उवाच

Maithreya Uvaacha (Maithreya Said):

इति प्रचेतसां पृष्टो भगवान् नारदो मुनिः ।
भगवत्युत्तमश्लोक आविष्टात्माब्रवीन्नृपान् ॥ ८॥

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Ithi Prechethasaam prishto BhagawanNaaradho munih
Bhagawathyuththamasloka aavishtaathmaabreveenripan.

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When Prechethaas spoke to Naaradha like that he responded to them with his mind and heart fully and meditatively concentrating and remembering about the glories of Lord Hari who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan:

नारद उवाच

Naaradha Uvaacha (Naaradha Said):

तज्जन्म तानि कर्माणि तदायुस्तन्मनो वचः ।
नृणां येनेह विश्वात्मा सेव्यते हरिरीश्वरः ॥ ९॥

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Thajjenma thaani karmmaani thadhaayusthanmano vachah
Nrinaam yeneha Viswaathmaa sevyathe HarirEeswarah.

Hey Prechethasas! Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Mukundha. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Hari. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Eeswara. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Viswaathma meaning the Supreme Soul or the Soul of the Universe. The births, the activities, the words, the mind and everything of those who offer services and obeisance with full faith and sincere belief unto Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan as Viswaathma would turn out to be most perfect and transcendental.

किं जन्मभिस्त्रिभिर्वेह शौक्लसावित्रयाज्ञिकैः ।
कर्मभिर्वा त्रयीप्रोक्तैः पुंसोऽपि विबुधायुषा ॥ १०॥

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Kim jenmabhisthribhirvveha sauklasaavithrayaajnijkaih
Karmmabhirvvaathreyaaprokthaih pumsoapi vibuddhaayushaa.

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Every living being, especially human beings, has three different births in this universe. The first birth is by the association of father and mother, and it is called birth by semen and because of that it is appropriately called as Saukla meaning by Sukla or semen. The next birth is when he or she is initiated by a spiritual master or by a master and that birth is called as Saavithra. The third birth is Yaajnika and there he gets the opportunity to worship and offer obeisance to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Despite having the opportunities with three births if you do not worship and offer services and obeisance to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan your life would be considered to be futile and a waste even if you are born as a Dheva or god. Even if you have accomplished of performing one hundred or more of Yaagaas and reached the position of a Dheva and live for a long time what is the use of that life if you do not worship and offer obeisance to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with full faith and steadfast devotion? Such a life is useless.

श्रुतेन तपसा वा किं वचोभिश्चित्तवृत्तिभिः ।
बुद्ध्या वा किं निपुणया बलेनेन्द्रियराधसा ॥ ११ ॥

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Sruthena thapasaa vaa kim vachobhischiththavritthibih
Budhddhyaa vaa kim nipunayaa belenendhriyaraaddhasaa.

Without devotional services to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, is there any use with the process of hearing, performing austerities and penance, by possessing speculative and analytical mind, intelligence, power of thinking, intelligent thinking, sense organs with capacity and efficiency to recognize materials and any other material capacity we have acquired? They are all absolutely useless and worthless unless and until they are used to identify Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, the Supreme Soul.

किं वा योगेन साङ्ख्येन न्यासस्वाध्याययोरपि ।
किं वा श्रेयोभिरन्यैश्च न यत्रात्मप्रदो हरिः ॥ १२ ॥

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Kim vaa Yogena Saamkhyena NyaasaSvaadhdhyaayayorapi
Kim vaa Sreyobhiranyaischa na yethraathmapredho Harih.

What is the use of practicing Sanyaasa Yoga, Meditational Yoga, learning Vedhic scriptures, Saamkhya Yoga and other popular Yogic practices unless you are not able to worship and offer devotional services to Sreekaantha, the consort of Goddess Sri Maha Lakshmi, who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the provider of the knowledge of Aathma Roopam meaning the form of Soul to you?

श्रेयसामपि सर्वेषामात्मा ह्यवधिरर्थतः ।
सर्वेषामपि भूतानां हरिरात्माऽऽत्मदः प्रियः ॥ १३॥

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Sreyasaamapi sarvveshaamaathmaa hyavaddhirarththathah
Sarvveshaamapi bhoothaanaam Hariraathmaaaathmadhah priyah.

When you think deeply you will understand that Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul is the original source of self or Soul Realization. Therefore, the ultimate goal of all auspicious activities like Karmma, Jnjaana, Bhakthi and Vairaagya Yoga are to realize the Supreme God who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is Supreme Soul and to attain Soul Realization of Paramaathma Thatththvam.

यथा तरोर्मूलनिषेचनेन
तृप्यन्ति तत्स्कन्धभुजोपशाखाः ।
प्राणोपहाराच्च यथेन्द्रियाणां
तथैव सर्वार्हणमच्युतेज्या ॥ १४॥

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Yetthaa tharormmoolanischechanena
Thripyanthi thathskanddhabhujopasaakhaah
Praanopahaaraachcha yetthendhriyaanaam
Thatthaiva sarvvaarhanamAchyuthejyaa.

By pouring water at the root of the tree the trunk, the branches, the leaves, the twigs, the flowers and all other parts of the tree automatically get water and would be energized to grow further and live longer. Achyutha Bhagawaan who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the creator, maintainer and destroyer of the universe and all the entities therein and who is provider of energy and source of life and opportunity of living to the entities and its senses and sense organs also deserve to be worshipped with devotional services as He is the root and original source of everything and anything and they would also reach all other deities of our choice as well. [That means we do not need to worship multitudes of deities, just worship only Lord Vishnu.]

यथैव सूर्यात्प्रभवन्ति वारः
पुनश्च तस्मिन् प्रविशन्ति काले ।
भूतानि भूमौ स्थिरजङ्गमानि
तथा हरावेव गुणप्रवाहः ॥ १५॥

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Yetthaiva Sooryaath prebhavanthi vaarah
Punascha thasmin prevasanthi kale
Bhoothaani bhoomau stthirajemgamaani
Thatthaa Haraaveva gunaprevaahah.

The universe gets sufficient water during the rainy season from Soorya, or Sun and the same water reaches him back during summer. Similarly at appropriate time the universe and all its entities are being manifested from Lord Hari who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and then survive and ultimately dissolve also at appropriate time within the same Lord Hari who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

एतत्पदं तज्जगदात्मनः परं
सकृद्विभातं सवितुर्यथा प्रभा ।
यथासवो जाग्रति सुप्तशक्तयो
द्रव्यक्रियाज्ञानभिदा भ्रमात्ययः ॥ १६॥

Ethath padham thajjegadhaathmanah param
 Sakridhvibhaatham savithuryetthaa prebhaa
 Yetthaasavo jaagrathi supthasakthayo
 Dhrevyakriyaajnjanabhidhaabhramaathyayah.

Just like the rays or hands of the Sun are not different from the Sun this universe and all its elements and entities are nothing but simply the sparks of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Just like how most of our senses and sense organs are inactive or powerless or lifeless during deep sleep and again which would be active and lively at the time of awoken status, all the cosmic universes and all the entities and elements of them which were very active and lively during creation and sustenance period would merge within Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Super Soul and would remain inactive and lifeless and powerless during the Maha Prelaya or great deluge time.

यथा नभस्यभ्रतमः प्रकाशा
 भवन्ति भूपा न भवन्त्यनुक्रमात् ।
 एवं परे ब्रह्मणि शक्तयस्त्वमू
 रजस्तमःसत्त्वमिति प्रवाहः ॥ १७॥

Yetthaa nabhasyabhrathamahprekaasaa
 Bhavanthi bhoopaa na bhavanthyanukremaath
 Evam pare Brahmani sakthayasthvamoo
 Rejasthamahsaththvamithi prevaahah.

Oh Kings! In the sky you see darkness of clouds sometimes and some other times you see brightness of sunshine. But the pure sky always remains uncontaminated and unaffected by clouds or sunshine. The appearance and disappearance of darkness and brightness may be consequential or intermittent or even simultaneous but none of them affect the sky in any manner whatsoever. Similarly in the Supreme Absolute Parabrahmam sometimes the material

natures of energies like Sathwa or goodness or virtue, Rejas or passion and Thamas or ignorance or darkness could appear, and some other times disappear but when they appear or disappear the Eternal Energy of Supreme Absolute Parabrahmam, or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is neither affected nor unaffected at anytime whatsoever it may be.

तेनैकमात्मानमशेषदेहिनां
कालं प्रधानं पुरुषं परेशम् ।
स्वतेजसा ध्वस्तगुणप्रवाह-
मात्मैकभावेन भजध्वमद्धा ॥ १८॥

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Thenaikamaathmaanamaseshadhehinaam
Kaalam preddhaanam Purusham Paresam
Swathejasaa ddhvasthagunaprevaaha-
MAathmaikabhaavena bhajaddhvamadhdhaa.

Hey Prechethaas! Please understand clearly that Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Supreme Soul and is the real root Soul of all individual souls of all the entities of the universe. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Primary and Primordial Supreme Absolute Personality. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Time and hence is the determining factor of existence of each and every entity of the universe. That means Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the Time determines when even the minutest of the minutest entity should be born and how long it should live and when it should die. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the controller of everything and anything we can think of. Though Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the cause of all the causes he is never affected by either the existence or nonexistence or destruction of any of the entities of the universe. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan always stands aloof and beyond any causes just like how the sky is unaffected by cloud or sunshine. Therefore, you should always with concentrated meditative and steadfast pure devotion offer worships and obeisance

and devotional services to the Absolute Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is Sreekaantha meaning the divine consort of Goddess Sri Maha Lakshmi who is the embodiment of all prosperity and auspiciousness.

दयया सर्वभूतेषु सन्तुष्ट्या येन केन वा ।
सर्वेन्द्रियोपशान्त्या च तुष्यत्याशु जनार्दनः ॥ १९॥

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Dheyayaa sarvvabhootheshu santhushtyaa yena kena vaa
Sarvendhriyopasaanthyaa cha thushyathyaasu Jenaardhdhanah.

Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Janaardhdhana meaning the maintainer or protector of all living beings. When you worship and offer devotional services to Janaardhdhana you would automatically and naturally become very compassionate and merciful to all other living beings of the universe and those emotions would prompt you to like and love all other living beings. As a result of liking and loving all other living beings you would feel fully satisfied and content with your life or the purpose of life would be fulfilled. And when you get the feeling of satisfaction or contention of life the senses the sense organs would discontinue to be agitated vigorously and would stay calm and peaceful. Then Janaardhdhana or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would become happy and be pleased with your worship and obeisance and would shower endless blessings and grace on you.

अपहतसकलैषणामलात्म-
न्यविरतमेधितभावनोपहृतः ।
निजजनवशगत्वमात्मनो य-
न्न सरति छिद्रवदक्षरः सतां हि ॥ २०॥

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Apahathasakalaishanaamalaathma-
NyAvirathameddhithabhaavanopahoothah
Nijajenasagethvamaathmanoaya-
NNa sarathi cchidhravadhaksharah sathaam hi.

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With true and steadfast devotion of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan the devotees would be fully cleansed of all the material desires like possession of family, wealth, material comforts and pleasures, etc. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Akshara meaning immortal and eternal without any deterioration at any time, and he is Addhokshaja meaning the one who is with eternal knowledge and the one who is beyond the knowledge acquired through the senses also he who does not decline. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan can easily be overcome by true devotees. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan will always reside within the heart and mind of his true devotees and will perform all services required by his devotees without any hesitation. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is always residing within the hearts and minds of his virtuous and pure devotees who are liberated from material life. Once Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is in the hearts and minds of his true devotees who are liberated from material life then he will never leave them ever.

न भजति कुमनीषिणां स इज्यां
हरिरधनात्मधनप्रियो रसज्ञः ।
श्रुतधनकुलकर्मणां मदैर्ये
विदधति पापमकिञ्चनेषु सत्सु ॥ २१ ॥

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Na bhajathi kumaneeshinaam sa ijyaam
Hariraddhanaathmaddhanapriyo resajnjah
Sruthaddhanakulakarmmanaam madhairye
Vidhaddhathi paapamakinjchaneshu sathsu.

Those who worship Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan without any desire to acquire wealth, fortune and other material possessions considering that the opportunity to worship Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with full concentration and steadfast devotion is the best and the highest wealth and material possessions anyone can ever acquire. The noblest of the Rishies only would be able to worship and offer devotional services

to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with that thought in their mind always and He would very pleasingly accept their prayers and liberate them from the material world and elevate them with transcendental realization. Yejnjaas or Yaagaas or worships or prayers or obeisance or devotional services offered by other evil-minded people who think that they are the best of scholars, they have highest material possessions, they are born in the highest ranking family of the world and such materially contaminated egoistic prides to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would not be considered by Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and would never become eligible for His blessings.

श्रियमनुचरतीं तदर्थिनश्च
द्विपदपतीन् विबुधांश्च यत्स्वपूर्णः ।
न भजति निजभृत्यवर्गतन्त्रः
कथममुमुद्विसृजेत्पुमान् कृतज्ञः ॥ २२॥

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Sriyamanusaratheem thadharththinascha
Dhvipadhapatheen vibuddhaamsacha yethsvapoornah
Na bhajathi nijabrithyavarggathanthrah
Kattamamudhvisrijeth pumaan krithajnjah.

Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Absolute Supreme Perfect and Self-Sufficient Personality. Though Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is perfect and Self-Sufficient he is always dependent upon his devotees, or he is always at the services of His devotees. But Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would never depend on or would offer services to Goddess Sri Maha Lakshmi who is the embodiment of prosperity, wealth and auspiciousness though she is always worshipping and offering services to Him and also those kings and gods who worship Lakshmi Dhevi for acquirement of wealth and other material possessions and prosperities. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is not pleased with those who wish to prosper only in material life. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is never ungrateful to any of his devotees. If you have done any favors or worship and offer services unconditionally to Lord Sri Vaasudheva

Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, he will always remember that and reward you properly.

मैत्रेय उवाच

Maithreya Uvaacha (Maithreya Said):

इति प्रचेतसो राजन्नन्याश्च भगवत्कथाः ।
श्रावयित्वा ब्रह्मलोकं ययौ स्वायम्भुवो मुनिः ॥ २३॥

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Ithi Prechethaso raajannanyaascha Bhagawathkatthaah
Sraavayithvaa Brahmaloakam yeyau Svaayambhuvo Munih.

Hey Vidhura! Naaradha Muni who is the son of Svayambhoo Brahmadheva thus described the glorifying and illustrious stories of Lord Sri Hari who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan to Prechethaas, the sons of Praacheenaberhish, and returned to his abode Brahmaloaka with blissful and divine happiness and thinking about Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. [Svayambhoo means Self-Born.]

तेऽपि तन्मुखनिर्यातं यशो लोकमलापहम् ।
हरेर्निशम्य तत्पादं ध्यायन्तस्तद्भक्तिं ययुः ॥ २४॥

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Theapi thanmukhaniryaatham yeso lokamalaapaham
Harernnisamy thathpaadham ddhyaayanthasthadhgethim yeyuh.

And Prechethasas also carefully and devotionally listened to the pure and divine stories of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, which is capable of destroying and washing away all the impurities and evilness of the material world, narrated by Naaradha Muni and continuously and constantly worshipped, offered obeisance and devotional services at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and ultimately with their minds and hearts

and consciences merged into the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

एतत्तेऽभिहितं क्षत्तर्यन्मां त्वं परिपृष्टवान् ।
प्रचेतसां नारदस्य संवादं हरिकीर्तनम् ॥ २५॥

25

Ethaththeabhihatham ksheththaryanmaam thvam pariprishtavaan
Prechethasaam Naaradhasya samvaadham Harikeerththanam.

Hey Vidhura Mahaasaya! Thus, in response to your request I have completely explained the Harikattha meaning the glorious and illustrious and divine stories of Lord Sri Hari who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan narrated by Naaradha Maharshi to Prechethaas or Prechethasas because of your asking.

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):

य एष उत्तानपदो मानवस्यानुवर्णितः ।
वंशः प्रियव्रतस्यापि निबोध नृपसत्तम ॥ २६॥

26

Ya esha Uththaanapaadho maanavasyaanuvarnnithah
Vamsah Priyavrathasyaapi niboddha nripasaththama!

Oh, the best of the Kings, Pareekshith Mahaaraaja! I have completely and descriptively explained in chronological order the stories of the descendants of Uththaanapaadha one of the sons of Svaayambhuva Manu. I shall also explain the stories of Priyavratha and his descendants, the other sons of Svaayambhuva Manu. Please listen with full concentration and attention.

यो नारदादात्मविद्यामधिगम्य पुनर्महीम् ।
भुक्त्वा विभज्य पुत्रेभ्य ऐश्वरं समगात्पदम् ॥ २७॥

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Yo Naaradhaadhaathmaavidhyaamaddhigemya punarmmaheem
Bhukthvaa vibhajya puthrebhya aisvaryam samagaath padham.

Priyavratha received the knowledge of Aathma Thaththvam or transcendental realization at the very early stages of his life from Dheva Maamuni Naaradha. Then he ruled the planet of earth very efficiently for many thousands of years and after that he divided the country into many divisions and crowned his sons as kings to properly and efficiently rule each of those divisions appropriately. And then he went on to perform severe austerity and penance and offered devotional services at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Ultimately Priyavratha attained Vaikuntta Padham, the abode of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

इमां तु कौषारविणोपवर्णितां
क्षत्ता निशम्याजितवादसत्कथाम् ।
प्रवृद्धभावोऽश्रुकलाकुलो मुने-
र्दधार मूर्ध्ना चरणं हृदा हरेः ॥ २८॥

Imaam thu Kaushaaravinopavarnnithaam
Ksheththaa nisamyajithavaadhasath katthaam
Prevridhddhabhaavoasrukalaakulo Mune-
RdhDhaara moorddhnaa charanam hridhaa Hareh.

My dear king Pareekshith! Maithreya Maamuni told the purest of the purest and divinest of the divinest transcendental Hari Kattha or the stories of Lord Sri Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan very descriptively like this to Vidhura Mahaasaya who was listening to them with keen attention and also with staunch devotion to Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. As Vidhura Mahaasaya was listening keenly and devotionally without having any other thoughts in his mind other than Lord Sri Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan the unbounded and blissful devotion and respect and reverence of the lotus feet of Lord

Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan grew in the heart and mind and conscience of Vidhura. With the transcendental blissful devotion at the lotus feet of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan in the heart Vidhura touched his head at the feet of Maithreya Maamuni and prostrated and worshipped him for explaining the stories in detail.

विदुर उवाच

Vidhura Uvaacha (Vidhura Said):

सोऽयमद्य महायोगिन् भवता करुणात्मना ।
दर्शितस्तमसः पारो यत्राकिञ्चनगो हरिः ॥ २९ ॥

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Soayamadhya mahaayogin Bhawathaa karunaathmanaa
Dhersithasthamasah paaro yethraakinjchanago Harih.

Oh, the best of the Yogees, Yogeeswara! You have showered compassion and mercy on me and shown me how to cross the most horrible and uncross-able ocean of material miseries of utter darkness by spreading bright light of transcendental knowledge contained in the glorious stories of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Only the sinless and most virtuous and true devotees of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan can attain the transcendental knowledge of Aathma Saakshaathkaaram. Lord Sri Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan permanently and eternally resides in the heart and mind of his devotees with transcendental realization.

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sri Suka Brahmarshi Said):

इत्यानम्य तमामन्त्र्य विदुरो गजसाह्वयम् ।
स्वानां दिदृक्षुः प्रययौ ज्ञातीनां निर्वृताशयः ॥ ३० ॥

Ithyaanamya thamaamanthrya Vidhuro gejasahvayam
Svaanaam dhidhrikshuh preyayau jnjaatheenaam nirvrithaasayah.

Vidhura thus offered obeisance and respect with folded hands and bending his head down saluted the divinest Guru, Maithreya. Then Vidhura took permission from Maithreya Maamuni and with fully satisfied spiritual mind and staunch devotion to Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan proceeded to Gejasahvayapuram or Hastthinapuram meaning the city of elephants or the capital of the kingdom of the king named Hastthin to see his kinsmen though he did not have any interest in material life.

एतद्यः शृणुयाद्राजन् राज्ञां हर्यर्पितात्मनाम् ।
आयुर्धनं यशः स्वस्ति गतिमैश्वर्यमाप्नुयात् ॥ ३१ ॥

Ethadhyah srinuyaadhraajan raajnjaam haryarppithaathmanaam
Aayurddhanam yesah svasthi gethimaisvaryamaapnuyaath.

Hey Pareekshith! The minds and hearts of Prechethasa, the sons of Praacheenaberhish were always filled with true devotion to Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. None of them were ever spending any time thinking of anything else but were concentrating always at the lotus feet of Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Those who carefully and with full concentration listen to the divine stories of Prechethasas would definitely be able to obtain abundance of wealth and fortune, boundless fame, all prosperities and auspiciousness and also doors of heaven would always be kept open for them.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे वैयासक्यामष्टादशसाहस्र्यां
पारमहंस्यां संहितायां चतुर्थस्कन्धे प्रचेत उपाख्यानं
नामैकत्रिंशोऽध्यायः ॥ ३१ ॥

Ithi Sreemat Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane
VaiyaasakyaamAshtaaDhesSaahasyaam
Paaramahamsyaam Samhithaayaam Chathurththaskanddhe
Prechethaah Upaakhyaanam [Prechetha Gethi] Naama
Ekathrimisaththamoaddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Thirty First Chapter Named as The Story of
Prechethasas [Course of Life of Prechethasas and Their
Accomplishmants] of Fourth Canto of the Most Divine and the
Supreme Most and Greatest Mythology known as Sreemad
Bhagawatham Created by Vedhavyaasa Muni with Eighteen
Thousand Stanzas.

Samaapthoayam Chathurthththa Skanddhah

(Concluded Fourth Canto)

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!

Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!

Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!

Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!