

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!

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श्रीमद्भागवतं

SREEMADH BHAAGAWATHAM

MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)

पञ्चमस्कन्धः

PANJCHAMASKANDDHAH (CANTO FIVE)

॥ चतुर्विंशोऽध्यायः ॥

CHATHURVIMSATHITHAMOADDHYAAYA (CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR)

RaahvaadhiStthithiBilaSvarggaMaryaadhaa Niroopanam Naama

[Addholoka Varnnanam] (Review and Narration of the Planets

Systems of Raahu Kethu and Subterranean Heavenly Planets

[Description of Underworld]

[In this chapter, we can read the details of the Subterranean Planet Systems like Athala, Vithala, Suthala, etc. We will see where each of the seven underworld planets are located, the presiding deity of each of the planets, the ruler of each of the planets etc. It is explained here that which specific Manthra is or Manthraas are being used to worship each of the deities. The features and characteristics of the inhabitants of the planets and how they get light in these underworlds, etc. The bottom most

subterranean planet in this group is Paathaala. Please continue to read for more details...]

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sri Suka Brahmarshi Said):

अधस्तात्सवितुर्योजनायुते स्वर्भानुर्नक्षत्रव-
च्चरतीत्येके योऽसावमरत्वं ग्रहत्वं चालभत ।
भगवदनुकम्पया स्वयमसुरापसदः सैहिकेयो
ह्यतदर्हस्तस्य तात जन्मकर्माणि चोपरिष्ठा-
द्वक्ष्यामः ॥ १ ॥

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Addhsthaathsavithuryojanaayuthe svarbhaanunakshathravachchara-
Theethyeke yoasaavamarathvam grehathvam chaalabhatha
Bhagawadhanuka-
Mpayaa svayamasuraapasadhah saimhikeyo hyathadharhastha-
Sya thaatha jenma karmmaani choparishtaadhvakshyaamah.

Hey Mahaaraajan! Some people believe that another Planet like object called Raahu is moving in the sky at a distance of Ten Thousand (10,000) Yojanaas or Eighty Thousand (80,000) Miles beneath the Sun. Raahu is the son of Simhika and hence belongs to the Asura community or dynasty. Though Raahu is the worst of all the Asuraas, he has attained Amarathvam or Immortality and also the status of a planet with the blessing of the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Raahu does not deserve to receive any of this privilege like Amarathvam or position like a Planetary Deity. The story about his birth and activities will be explained later. [Please remember the story of the churning of the Milky Ocean by Dhevaas and Asuraas.]

यददस्तरणेर्मण्डलं प्रतपतस्तद्विस्तरतो योजना-
युतमाचक्षते द्वादशसहस्रं सोमस्य त्रयोदशसहस्रं
राहोर्यः पर्वणि तद्व्यवधानकृद्वैरानुबन्धः
सूर्याचन्द्रमसावभिधावति ॥ २ ॥

Yedhadhastharanermmandalam prethapathasthadvistharatho yojanaa-
Yuthamaachakshathe dhvaadhesasahasram Somasya threyodhesasa-
Hasram Raahoryah parvvani thadhvyavaddhaanakridhvairaanubenddhah
SooryaChandhramasaavabhiddhavathi.

The Sun globe is the source of heat and hence the Sooryamandala is always very hot. This very hot Sooryamandala or Ravimandala extends for Ten Thousand (10,000) Yojanaas or Eighty Thousand (80,000) Miles. It is said that the Chandhramandala extends for Twenty Thousand (20,000) Yojanaas or One Lakh Sixty Thousand (160,000) Miles and Raahumandala extends for Thirty Thousand (30,000) Yojanaas or Two Lakhs Forty Thousand (240,000) Miles. He diverted the attention of Soorya and Chandhra by interposing in between them. [The Asuraas snatched away the Amrith during the time of churning the Milky Ocean. But at that time Vishnu took the form of Mohini and enticed the Asuraas. Asuraas entrusted Mohini to supply Amrith equally to them. But Vishnu cheated Asuraas and supplied Amrith to Dhevaas. Soorya and Chandhra were the guards to make sure no Asuraas were entering the group of Dhevaas. Raahu disguised as an old Brahmin and cheated the guards and got admitted to Dhevaas team. But immediately they recognized Raahu and reported to Vishnu. That is how Raahu became the enemy of Soorya and Chandhra.] Raahu became inimical with both Soorya and Chandra and always tried to cover or hide Sunshine and Moonshine on dark-moon day and full-moon night.

तन्निशम्योभयत्रापि भगवता रक्षणाय प्रयुक्तं
सुदर्शनं नाम भागवतं दयितमस्त्रं तत्तेजसा
दुर्विषहं मुहुः परिवर्तमानमभ्यवस्थितो मुहूर्त-
मुद्विजमानश्चकितहृदय आरादेव निवर्तते
तदुपरागमिति वदन्ति लोकाः ॥ ३॥

Thannisamyobhayathraapi Bhagawathaa rekshanaaya preyuktham Su-
Dhersanam naama Bhaagawatham dhethamasthram thaththejasaa
dhurvvishaham

Muhuh parivarththamaanamabhyavastthitho
muhoorththamudhvijamaanascha-
Kithahridhaya aaraadheva nivarththathe thadhuparaagamithi vadhanthi
Lokaah.

But as soon as Raahu approaches Soorya or Chandhra to attack, Lord Naaraayana or Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan sends his signatory weapon Sudhersana Chakra or the Disc to protect them. Sudharsana Chakra is the most beloved dedicated weapon of the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Initially Raahu would try to challenge Sudharsana Chakra for a Muhoorththa [the 48 minutes time-period] and then give up as Raahu is incapable to withstand the intense heat of it and its supreme effulgence meant for killing the Non-Vaishnavaas and hence they would flee in fear of it. That one Muhoorththa or less of the time Raahu disturbs Soorya and Chandhra are what generally people call as Soorya-Grehana or Solar Eclipse and Chandhra-Grehana or Lunar Eclipse, respectively. [Grehana means swallow. Our belief is that during the Grehana time Raahu swallows Soorya or Chandhra and then he throws up.]

ततोऽधस्तात्सिद्धचारणविद्याधराणां सदनानि
तावन्मात्र एव ॥ ४॥

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ThathoaddhasthaathSidhddhaChaaranaVidhyaaddharaanaam sadhanaani
Thaavanmaathra eva.

The Sidhddha-Loka, Vidhyaaddhara-Loka and Chaarana-Loka are located
Ten Thousand (10,000) Yojanaas below Raahu.

ततोऽधस्ताद्यक्षरक्षःपिशाचप्रेतभूतगणानां
विहाराजिरमन्तरिक्षं यावद्वायुः प्रवाति यावन्मेघा
उपलभ्यन्ते ॥ ५॥

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ThathoaddhsthaadhYekshaRekshahPisaachaPrethaBhoothagenaanaam
vi-

Haaraajiramanthareeksham yaavadhvaayuh prevaathi yaavanmeghaa
Upalebhyanthe.

Ten Thousand (10,000) Yojanaas below the Sidhddha-Vidhyaaddhara-
Chaarana Loka is called Anthareeksha and is the place of play and
enjoyment for the Yekshaas, Rekshaas, Bhoonthaas, Prethaas, Pisaachaas
and so on. Anthareeksha extends as far as the wind blows and the cloud
floats in the sky. There is no air above Anthareeksha.

ततोऽधस्ताच्छतयोजनान्तर इयं पृथिवी याव-
द्धंसभासश्येनसुपर्णादियः पतत्रिप्रवरा उत्पतन्तीति ॥ ६॥

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Thathoaddhasthaachcchathayojanaanthara iyam prithivee yaavadhddham-
Sabhaasasyenasuparnnaadhayah pathathriprevaraa uthpathantheethi.

Ddharaa-Mandala or the Planet of Earth is situated One Hundred (100)
Yojanaas or Eight Hundred (800) Miles below the Yeksha-Reksha Loka.
The upper limit of Ddharaa Mandala extends as high as the Swans, Hawks,
Eagles and other similar large birds can fly.

उपवर्णितं भूमेर्यथा सन्निवेशावस्थानमवनेर-
प्यधस्तात्सप्तभूविवरा एकैकशो योजनायुतान्तरेणा-
यामविस्तारेणोपकृप्ता अतलं वितलं सुतलं
तलातलं महातलं रसातलं पातालमिति ॥ ७॥

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Upavarnnitham bhoomeryetthaasamnivesaavastthaanamavanerapya-
Ddhasthaath saptha bhoovivaraa ekaikaso yojanaayuthaanthare-
Naayaamavisthaarenopaklepthaa Athalam Vithalam Suthalam
Thalaathalam Mahaathalam Resaathalam Paathaalamithi.

Hey Pareekshith Mahaaraajan! I have already told you the situation,
position, landmarks, identifications, etc. of Ddharaa-Mandala and above.
There are seven worlds beneath the Bhoo-Mandala or Ddharaa-Mandala.
Their names are: Athalam, Vithalam, Suthalam, Thalaathalam,
Mahaathalam, Resaathalam and Paathaalam. These worlds are also

exactly One Hundred (100) Yojanaas apart from each other. [Their areas are also exactly the same as that of the planet of earth.]

एतेषु हि बिलस्वर्गेषु स्वर्गादप्यधिककामभोगै-
श्वर्यानन्दभूतिविभूतिभिः सुसमृद्धभवनोद्याना-
क्रीडाविहारेषु दैत्यदानवकाद्रवेया नित्यप्रमुदिता-
नुरक्तकलत्रापत्यबन्धुसुहृदनुचरा गृहपतय
ईश्वरादप्यप्रतिहतकामा मायाविनोदा निवसन्ति ॥ ८॥

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Etheshu hi bilasvarggeshu svarggaadhapyaddhikakaamabho-
Gaisvaryaanandhabhoothivibhoothibhih
susamridhddhabhavanodhyaanaakree-
Davihaareshu dheithyadhaanavakaadhreveyaa nithyapremudhithaanu-
Rekthakalathraapathyabendddhusuhridhanucharaa grihapathaya
Eeswaraadha-
Pyaprethihathakaamaa maayaavinodhaa nivasanthy.

These planetary systems are known as Bila-Svargga or Guha-Svargga or Svargga-Guha meaning the subterranean heavens. There you can see very beautiful palaces, bungalows, houses, gardens, playgrounds, parks and places of enjoyment of senses. They are all very prosperous with all material pleasures and sensual enjoyments. They are rich with all types of pleasures of enjoyment and entertainment. Most of the inhabitants of these planets are known as Dheithyaas, Dhaanavaas, Naagaas, etc. They all live, comfortably and happily with their wives, children, friends and relatives and in societies and are all always engaged in illusory material happiness. Even the gods of heaven may have some disturbances at times but the inhabitants of these worlds without any disturbances and interference in their enjoyment of life.

येषु महाराज मयेन मायाविना विनिर्मिताः
पुरो नानामणिप्रवरप्रवेकविरचितविचित्रभवन-
प्राकारगोपुरसभाचैत्यचत्वरायतनादिभि-
र्नागासुरमिथुनपारावतशुकसारिकाऽऽकीर्णकृत्रिम-
भूमिभिर्विवरेश्वरगृहोत्तमैः समलङ्कृताश्चकासति ॥ ९॥

Yeshu, Mahaaraaja, Mayena maayaavinaa vinirmithaah puro
 Naanaamaniprevaraprevekavirachithavichithrabhavanapraakaara-
 GopurasabhaachaithyachathvaraayathanaadhibirnNaagaAsuramitthuna-
 PaaraavathaSukaSaarikaakeernnakrithrimabhoomibhirvvivarEswara-
 Grihoththamih samalamkrithaaschakaasathi.

Hey Mahaaraajan! In the planetary system of Bila-Svargga or the Subterranean Heaven there is a great Dhaanava artist and architect who is expert in constructing illusory and enchanting work. Many times he is as good as or rather superior to the heavenly artist known as Visvakarmma. The name of this famous Dhaanava artist is Maya. Maya, the word itself means one who can do Maaya or magical work. [The palace of Paandavaas in Indhrapresttha was constructed by Maya. It was a gift from Maya to Paandavaas. We will tell the story later.] Maya has constructed many brilliantly constructed cities. There are many wonderful houses, walls, gates, assembly houses, temples, yards and temple compounds and many huge hotels serving as residential quarters for outsiders. The palaces for the Lords, Rulers, Leaders, etc. are constructed with jewels and were always crowded with Naagaas and Asuraas as well as many pigeons, parrots and other beautiful and attractive birds. All-in-all these imitations of heavenly cities are most beautifully situated and attractively constructed.

उद्यानानि चातितरां मन इन्द्रियानन्दिभिः
 कुसुमफलस्तबकसुभगकिसलयावनतरुचिर-
 विटपविटपिनां लताङ्गालिङ्गितानां श्रीभिः
 समिथुनविविधविहङ्गमजलाशयानाममल-
 जलपूर्णानां झषकुलोल्लङ्घनक्षुभितनीरनीरज-
 कुमुदकुवलयकहलारनीलोत्पललोहितशतपत्रादि
 वनेषु कृतनिकेतनानामेकविहाराकुलमधुर-
 विविधस्वनादिभिरिन्द्रियोत्सवैरमरलोकश्रिय-
 मतिशयितानि ॥ १०॥

Udhyanaani chaathiharaam manaindhriyaanandhibih kusumaphala-
 Sthabekasubhakisaleyaavanatharuchiravitapeenaam le-

Thaanggaalinggithaanaam sreebhih samitthunavividdhaviham-
Gamajelaasayaanaamamalajelapoorannaanaam jjashakulollangghana-
Kshubhithaneeraneerajakumudhakuvalayakalhaaraneelothpala-
Lohithasathapathraadhivaneshu krithanikethanaanaamekavihaa-
Raakulamaddhuravividdhasvanaadhibhirindhriyothsavairamaralo-
Kasriyamathisyithaani.

The parks and gardens of the artificial heavens or Bila-Svarggaas surpass the beauty of upper heaven and would provide more happiness, pleasure and coolness to both mind and heart of everyone. The trees in those gardens were embraced by creepers and bent with a heavy burden of twigs, flowers and fruits. The overall beauty and charm of these subterranean heavens attract anyone and make his mind fully blossom in the pleasure of sense gratification. There are many lakes and reservoirs with crystal clear transparent water. Many beautiful small and big fish jump on top of the water and provide entertainment to onlookers. The water in those lakes and reservoirs are decorated with many different flowers like: lilies, kuvaleyaas, kalhaaraas, blue and red lotuses, etc. Pairs of Chakravaakaas or ruddy geese, ducks, swans and water-birds would always be enjoying water-plays in happy moods and produce sweet and pleasing musical humming that were very satisfying and conducive to enjoyment of senses.

यत्र ह वाव न भयमहोरात्रादिभिः
कालविभागैरुपलक्ष्यते ॥ ११ ॥

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Yethra ha vaava na bhayamahoraathraadhibhih kaalavibhairu-
Palekshyathe.

यत्र हि महाहिप्रवरशिरोमणयः सर्वं तमः प्रबाधन्ते ॥ १२ ॥

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Yethra hi mahaahiprevarasiromanayah sarvvam thamah pre-
Baaddhanthe.

As Sunshine does not pass through the subterranean planets the time is not divided into day and night over there. Consequently, the fear produced by the time does not exist there. [It is a very interesting concept to think about. One of my friends from Finland told me that the sun does not set one day in the year over there. On that day, the people would really get crazy not knowing what to do or how to spend twenty-four hours of the day. So, most of the people will get drunk.] The reason for that is because there are innumerable Naagaas, or Serpents, who live there who carry very brilliant and bright gems on their hoods. And the effulgence of those gems removes darkness in all directions and spreads brilliant light always.

न वा एतेषु वसतां दिव्यौषधिरसरसायनान्नपान-
स्नानादिभिराधयो व्याधयो वलीपलितजरादयश्च
देहवैवर्ण्यदौर्गन्ध्यस्वेदक्लमग्लानिरिति वयोऽवस्थाश्च
भवन्ति ॥ १३॥

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Na vaa etheshu vasathaam dhivyaushaddhiresaresaayanaanna-
Paanasnaanaadhibhiraaddhaya vyaaddhaya valeepalithajeraadhayascha
Dhehavaivarnyadhaurggenddhyaavedhaklemaglaanirithi vayoava-
Stthaascha bhavanthi.

All the residents of these Bila-Svarggaas drink and eat and take daily bath in the juices and elixirs made from wonderful and powerful herbs. Therefore, they are always freed from all mental anxieties and physical diseases. They are never affected by gray hair, wrinkles of skin or any type of invalidity. Their body luster never fades. Their perspiration does not cause a bad smell. They are not troubled by fatigue or lack of energy or enthusiasm due to old age. Or they never get aged and maintain the vigor of youthfulness forever.

न हि तेषां कल्याणानां प्रभवति कुतश्चन मृत्युर्विना
भगवत्तेजसश्चक्रापदेशात् ॥ १४॥

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Na hi theshaam kalyaanaanaam prebhavathi kuthaschana mrithyu-
Rvvinaa Bhagawaththejasaschakraapadhesaath.

They always live without any deterioration of prosperity and auspiciousness and vigor and energy. They live without fear of death. But for the effulgence Sudharsana Chakra, the most divine signatory weapon of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, death can never befall on them.

यस्मिन् प्रविष्टेऽसुरवधूनां प्रायः पुंसवनानि
भयादेव स्रवन्ति पतन्ति च ॥ १५॥

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Yesmin previshteAsuravaddhoonaam praayah pumsavanaani
Bhayaadheva srevanthi pathanthi cha.

Whenever Sudharsana Chakra enters these worlds all the pregnant wives of the Asuraas would have miscarriages due to the fear generated by the extreme effulgence of it.

अथातले मयपुत्रोऽसुरो बलो निवसति येन ह वा
इह सृष्टाः षण्णवतिर्मायाः काश्चनाद्यापि मायाविनो
धारयन्ति यस्य च जृम्भमाणस्य मुखतस्त्रयः स्त्रीगणा
उदपद्यन्त स्वैरिण्यः कामिन्यः पुंश्चल्य इति या वै
बिलायनं प्रविष्टं पुरुषं रसेन हाटकाख्येन साधयित्वा
स्वविलासावलोकनानुरागस्मितसंलापोपगूहनादिभिः
स्वैरं किल रमयन्ति यस्मिन्नुपयुक्ते पुरुष ईश्वरोऽहं
सिद्धोऽहमित्ययुतमहागजबलमात्मानमभिमन्यमानः
कथ्यते मदान्ध इव ॥ १६॥

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Atthaathale Mayaputhroasuro Belo nivasathi yena ha
Vaa iha srishtaah shannavathirmmaayaah kaaschanaadhyaapi maayaa-
Vino ddhaarayanthi yesya cha jrembhamaanasya mukhathasthreyah
sthree-

Genaa udhpadhyantha Svairinyah Kaaminyah Pumschalya ithi yaa
Vai bilaayanam previshtam purusham resena Haatakaakhyena
Saaddhayithvaa svavilaasaavalokanaanuraagasmithasallaa-

Popaguhanaadhibhah svairam kila remayanthi yesminnupayu-
Kthe purusha Eeswaroaham Sidhddhoahammithyayuthamahaageja-
Belamaathmaanamabhimanyamaanah kaththathe madhaanddha iva.

Hey Pareekshith Mahaaraajan! Now I will explain to you all the Bila-Svarggaas or Lower Planetary Systems one by one beginning from Athala. In Athala there is an Asura called Bela, the son of Maya-Asura. [We have already talked about Maya who is the universal Artist and Architect of all the Asuraas who is as renowned and as capable as Visvakarmma, the heavenly Architect.] Bela is the creator of Ninety-Six Maaya or Special Mystic Powers. Some of these powers are prevalent in the planet of earth today. Some of the so-called Yogees and Swaamees take advantage of these mystic powers to cheat innocent people. Simply by yawning, the Bela-Asura has created three kinds of women. They are: Svairini, Kaamini and Pumschali. Of these the Svairinees would marry men of their choice from their own group. Kaaminees would marry men of their choice from any group. Pumschalees would change husbands one after another according to their choice. If a man enters the planet of Athala from anywhere else, then these women will immediately capture and induce them to drink an intoxicating beverage made or distilled from a drug called Haataka or something like Marijuana. This intoxicant endows the man with great sexual vigor and prowess which those women will take advantage of and enjoy the sexual pleasure of the highest level. A woman will enchant him with glances, intimate words, and sexual gestures like smiles of love and then embraces. In this way, she will induce him to enjoy sex with her to the full satisfaction. Because of his increased sexual power, the man thinks he is stronger than Ten Thousand elephants and considers himself as most perfect. The effect of the drug, Haataka, is highly illusionary and would make him think that he is God, ignoring the impending death.

ततोऽधस्ताद्वितले हरो भगवान् हाटकेश्वरः स्वपार्षद-
भूतगणावृतः प्रजापतिसर्गोपबृंहणाय भवो भवान्या सह
मिथुनीभूत आस्ते यतः प्रवृत्ता सरित्प्रवरा हाटकी नाम
भवयोर्वीर्येण यत्र चित्रभानुर्मातरिश्वना समिध्यमान
ओजसा पिबति तन्निष्ठ्यूतं हाटकाख्यं सुवर्णं भूषणेना-
सुरेन्द्रावरोधेषु पुरुषाः सह पुरुषीभिर्धारयन्ति ॥ १७॥

ThathoaddhasthaadhVithale Haro Bhagawaan Haatakeswarah
 SvapaarshadhaBhoothagenaavrithah Prejaapthisarggopabrimhanaaya
 Bhavo bhavaanyaasaha mitthuneebhootha aasthe yethah prevriththaa sa-
 Rithprevaraa Haatakee naama bhavayorvveeryena yethra Chithrabhaanu-
 Rmmaatharisvanaa samaddhyamaana oajasaa pibathi thannishttyootham
 Haatakaakhyam suvarnnam bhooshanenaasurendhraavaroddheshu puru-
 Shaah saha purusheebhirdhddhaarayanthi.

The planet just below Athala is called Vithala. In Vithala Lord Siva or Lord Haro who is known as Haatakeswara or Lord or Reservoir or Mine of gold along with his consort Bhawaani [Paarvathi or Sathi in this planet is called Bhawaani] and Paarshadhaas or Associates like Bhoothaas, Prethaas, Pisaachaas and other such entities to fulfill the wishes and orders of Prejaapathi Lord Brahmadheva to increase the population. [Please remember the story of Creation of Universe and when Brahma saw the universe being filled with Bhoothaas, Prethaas, Pisaachaas, etc. Brahmadheva asked Siva to go and engage in austerity.] The river called Haatakee was formed from the Veerya or Rethas or Semen or Vital Fluid of Lord Siva and Bhawaani. When fire, being produced with the blaze of wind, drinks juice or water of the river and then sizzles and spits it out that produces pure and refined gold called Haataka. The Asuraas and Bhootha Genaas live in that planet and decorate themselves with ornaments made from this gold and live very happily and prosperously.

ततोऽधस्तात्सुतले उदारश्रवाः पुण्यश्लोको
 विरोचनात्मजो बलिर्भगवता महेन्द्रस्य प्रियं
 चिकीर्षमाणेनादितेर्लब्धकायो भूत्वा वटुवामनरूपेण
 पराक्षितलोकत्रयो भगवदनुकम्पयैव पुनः प्रवेशित
 इन्द्रादिष्वविद्यमानया सुसमृद्धया श्रियाभिजुष्टः
 स्वधर्मेणाराधयंस्तमेव भगवन्तमाराधनीयमपगत-
 साधवस आस्तेऽधुनापि ॥ १८॥

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ThathoaddhasthaathSuthale Udhaarasrevaah punyasloko Viro-
 Chanaathmajo BelirBhagawathaa Mahendhrasya priyam chikee-
 RshamaanenAadhitherllebdddhakaayo bhoothvaa vatuVaamanaropena
 Paraakshipthalokathreyo Bhagawathanukampayaiva punah preve-
 Sitha Indhraadhishvavidhyamaanayaa susamridhddhayaa sriyaabhijushtah

Svaddharmmenaaraaddhayamsthameva
Bhagawanthamaaraaddhaneeyamapagetha-
Saadhvasa aastheaddhunaapi.

The planet of Suthala is just below Vithala. In that planet of Suthala, Sri Maha Beli or Beli Mahaaraaja, who is the son of the great Virochana, is living. Maha Beli is celebrated as the most pious king and Asura Chakravarthi. [Maha Beli is the grandson of Prehladha.] He is the reservoir of pure and steadfast devotion to Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. For the benefit of Mahendhra or Indhra, the king of heaven, Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan incarnated as the son of Adhithi Dhevi, who is the mother of all the Dhevaas and hence called as Dheva-Maatha, in the form of a dwarf Brahmachaari called Vaamana. Vaamana tricked Beli Mahaaraaja and deceived of all the three worlds from him and gave it to Indhra. But Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan was extremely pleased with Maha Beli for giving all his possessions. Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan blessed Maha Beli and returned his kingdom of Suthala and made him richer and superior to the most opulent king of heaven Indhra. Even today Maha Beli lives very happily without any fear of any external or internal influences or forces in Suthala by worshipping and offering devotional services at the lotus feet of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

नो एवैतत्साक्षात्कारो भूमिदानस्य यत्तद्भगवत्यशेष-
जीवनिकायानां जीवभूतात्मभूते परमात्मनि वासुदेवे
तीर्थतमे पात्र उपपन्ने परया श्रद्धया परमादरसमाहित-
मनसा सम्प्रतिपादितस्य साक्षादपवर्गद्वारस्य
यद्विलनिलयैश्वर्यम् ॥ १९॥

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No evaithathatsaakshaathkaaro bhoomidhaanasya yeththadhBhaga-
Wathyaseshajeevanikaayaanaam jeevabhoothaathmabhootho
paramaathmani
Vaasudheve theerththathame sarvvajeevaniyanthraathmaaraame paathra
Upapanne parayaa sredhddhayaa paramaadharasamaahithamanasaa
sampire-

Thipaadhithasya saakshaadhavarggadhvaarasya yedhbilanila-
Yaisvaryam.

Hey Pareekshith Mahaaraajan! Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Soul of all the souls of all the entities of the universe. Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Lord and the provider of Life to the entities of the universe. Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Paramaathma or the Ultimate Soul. Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Aathmaaraama or the blissful happy Soul. Maha Beli is the one who donated all his possessions including the emperorship of all the three worlds of the universe to the dwarf Brahmachaari, Vaamana, who was the incarnation of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. A very justifiable question is that for such a magnanimous and devotional donation to Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan whether the compensatory reward of a happy and fearless life in his own kingdom of Bila-Svargga called Vithala is sufficient enough?

यस्य ह वाव क्षुतपतनप्रस्खलनादिषु विवशः
सकृन्नामाभिगृणन् पुरुषः कर्मबन्धनमञ्जसा
विधुनोति यस्य हैव प्रतिबाधनं मुमुक्षवो-
ऽन्यथैवोपलभन्ते ॥ २० ॥

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Yesya ha vaava kshuthapathanapreskhalanaadhishu vivasah
Sakrinnaamaabhigrihnan purusha karmabendddhanamanjjasaa viddhuno-
Thi yesya haiva prethibaddhanam mumukshavoanyatthaivo-
Palebhanthe.

If you call out or chant the name of “Naaraayana” even once either when you stumble by slipping the legs or when you are suffering from hunger or some pain or while sneeze with a cold or at the time of death would be able to be freed from the actions of their past deeds and get liberated from the ties and entanglements of miseries of material life. Some other Mumukshoos or Mokshechchoos who wish to attain Moksha or Salvation

would get rid of material ties and entanglements by following Mystic Yoga and other procedures.

तद्भक्तानामात्मवतां सर्वेषामात्मन्यात्मद
आत्मतयैव ॥ २१ ॥

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Thadh bhakthaanaamaathmavathaam sarvveshaamaathmanyathmadha
aathma-
Thayaiva.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan always remains as the Soul of his devotees and soul-realized personalities. The Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Aathma Swroopa or the Form of Soul. Therefore, it is absolutely certain that the result of someone who donated all his possessions very devotionally to Vaamana, the incarnation of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, is not sufficient enough with the comfortable stay in the Bila-Svargga of Vithala.

न वै भगवान् नूनममुष्यानुजग्राह यदुत पुनरात्मा-
नुस्मृतिमोषणं मायामयभोगैश्वर्यमेवातनुतेति ॥ २२ ॥

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Na vai Bhagawaannoonamamushyaanujegraaha ya dhootha
punaraathmaa-
Nusmrithimoshanam maayaamayabhogaisvaryamevaathanuthethi.

The power of illusion of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan can drag One's interest to the material opulence and remove the interest for devotional services to Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and the desire to gain Aathmasaakshaathkaaram. Therefore, it is sure that the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan did not give blessing to Dhevendhra by returning the position of Indhra-hood and the kingship of heaven.

यत्तद्भूगवतानधिगतान्योपायेन याच्ञाच्छलेनापहृत
स्वशरीरावशेषितलोकत्रयो वरुणपाशैश्च सम्प्रतिमुक्तो
गिरिदर्या चापविद्ध इति होवाच ॥ २३ ॥

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YeththadhBhagawathanaddhigethaanyopaayena yaachnjchcchale-
Naapahrithasvasareeraavaseshithalokathreyo Varunapaasai-
Scha samprethi muktho giridharyaam chaapavidhddha ithi ho-
Vaacha.

As there was no alternative, that means there were no means and sources and power and prowess to challenge directly, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan sought to beg for three footsteps of land that too with the measure of small foot of that Vatu Roopi Vaamana or pigmy like short Brahmachaari and then change the form to Cosmically large form covering all the three worlds. Thus, tricked and cheated and conquered Maha Beli and took away all the three worlds and his possessions. Maha Beli was left with only his body without having any other possessions. The Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan was not satisfied. He arrested him and bound him with Varuna Paasa or rope of Varuna which is stronger and thicker than iron shackles and threw him into a cave of the thick forest. Despite that it was so amazing and wondrous to hear the following words from the great Maha Beli:

नूनं ब्रतायं भगवानर्थेषु न निष्णातो योऽसाविन्द्रो
यस्य सचिवो मन्त्राय वृत एकान्ततो बृहस्पतिस्त-
मतिहाय यमुपेन्द्रेणात्मानमयाचतात्मनश्चाशिषो
नो एव तद्दास्यमतिगम्भीरवयसः कालस्य
मन्वन्तरपरिवृत्तं कियल्लोकत्रयमिदम् ॥ २४ ॥

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Noonam bethaayam Bhagawaanarthttheshu na nishnaatho yoasaa-
Vindhro yesya sachivo manthraaya vritha ekaanthatho Briha-
Spathisthamathihaaya
svayamUpendhrenaathmaanamayaachathaathmana-

Schaasisho no eva thadhdhaasyamathigembheerareyasah Kaalasya
Manvantharaparivrittham kiyallokathreyamidham.

Alas! How pitiable it is for Indhra, the king of heaven, to be so ignorant about the spiritual advancements and self-realization, though he has selected Brihaspathi, the renowned Dheva Guru, as his Preceptor and Minister for teachings, instructions and advice! Brihaspathi is also not very intelligent and shrewd and advanced in advising and instructing his disciple properly about the ultimate purpose and need of spiritual advancements. Vaamanadheva, the incarnation of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, is the younger brother of Indhra and he stands at the doors of his palace at Amaraavathi. Vaamana was available to provide any type of services to Indhra. Indhra, instead of begging Vaamana for an opportunity to render transcendental services, engaged him in asking for alms to gain the supreme control of all the three worlds for satisfaction of his own ego and sense gratifications. Sovereignty of all the three worlds is insignificant and negligible like the blade of a grass compared to having the opportunity to offer transcendental services to Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan because whatever material opulence one may possess would last for one age of a Manu whereas the result of transcendental services to Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would provide blissful happiness for eternity.

यस्यानुदास्यमेवास्मत्पितामहः किल वव्रे न तु
स्वपित्र्यं यदुताकुतोभयं पदं दीयमानं भगवतः परमिति
भगवतोपरते खलु स्वपितरि ॥ २५॥

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Yesyaanudhaasyamevaasmath pithaamahah kila vavre n thu
Svapithryam yedhuthaakuthobhayam padham dheeyamaanam
Bhagawathah para-
Mithi Bhagawathoparathe khalu svapithari.

[Maha Beli contented that:] His grandfather, Prehlaadha, is the only one person who understood the importance of Self-Realization. Though Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan in the terrifying form of Narasimha after killing Hiranyakasipu, the father of

Prehlaadha, gladly and blissfully offered both material liberation and material opulence of kingdom of his father, he refused both. Prehlaadha thought both are interference and obstacles to devotional services to the servants of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Therefore, his contention was that such gifts are not actually out of blissful mercy of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan but are the results of Karmma and Jnjaana. Consequently, Prehlaadha begged to Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan for the opportunity to engage in offering devotional services to the Servants of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

तस्य महानुभावस्यानुपथममृजितकषायः को वास्मद्विधः
परिहीणभगवदनुग्रह उपजिगमिषतीति ॥ २६॥

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Thasya mahaanubhaavasyaanupatthamamrijithakashaayah ko vaasma-
Dhviddihah pariheenaBhagawadhanugreha upajigamishatheethi.

People like us who are attached to material enjoyments and unable to wash off and remove the contaminations of material possessions material interests would not be able to obtain the blessings and grace of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan or the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and cannot follow the most divine supreme path of Prehlaadha Chakravarththi, the most exalted devotee of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan or the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

तस्यानुचरितमुपरिष्ठाद्विस्तरिष्यते यस्य भगवान् स्वय-
मखिलजगद्गुरुनारायणो द्वारि गदापाणिरवतिष्ठते निज-
जनानुकम्पितहृदयो येनाङ्गुष्ठेन पदा दशकन्धरो योजना-
युतायुतं दिग्विजय उच्चाटितः ॥ २७॥

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Thasyaanucharithamuparishtaadhvishtharishyathe yesya Bhagawaan
SvayamakhilajegadhgururnNaaraayano dhvaari Gedhaapaanirava-
Thishtathe nijajaanukampithahridhaya yenaanggushttena padhaa

Dhesakanddharo yojanaayuthaayutham dhigvijaya uchchaatithah.

Hey Pareekshith Mahaaraajan! How can I be able to glorify the nobilities and greatness of Maha Beli! Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan in the form of Vaamana Himself is standing with his signatory Gedha or Club called Kaumodhaki at the doors of Maha Beli as a gatekeeper to safe-guard and to offer other services to him as his assigned duty and responsibility. During that time when Raavana was wandering all over the three worlds challenging all the kings and emperors and claiming universal victory reached the palace of Maha Beli to challenge and defeat him the Vaamana Roopi, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, kicked him and threw him at Ten Thousand (10,000) Yojanaas or Eighty Thousand (80,000) Miles with big toe. That shows the greatness, nobility and majesty of Maha Beli because Vaamana has done it for him. I shall explain the most exalted story of Maha Beli in detail to you later.

ततोऽधस्तात्तलातले मयो नाम दानवेन्द्रस्त्रिपुराधिपति-
र्भगवता पुरारिणा त्रिलोकीशं चिकीर्षुणा निर्दग्धस्व-
पुरत्रयः तत्प्रसादाल्लब्धपदो मायाविनामाचार्यो
महादेवेन परिरक्षितो विगतसुदर्शनभयो महीयते ॥ २८॥

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ThathoaddhasthaathThalaathale Mayo naama dhaanavendhrasthripuraa-
DdhipathirBhagawathaa Puraarinaa Thrilokeesam chikeershunaa
Nirdhdhegdhddhasvapurathreyasthathpresaadhaallebdddhapadho
Maayavinaamaa-
Chaaryo Mahaadhevena parirekshitho vigethaSudhersanabhayo
Maheeyathe.

Beneath Suthala is another planet called Thalaathala. Thalaathala is ruled by the Dhaanava or Asura called Maya or MayaAsura. MayaAsura is the Guru or Aachaarya or Master or Preceptor of all Maayaavees meaning those who can invoke magical tricks or powers of sorcery. Maya is also known as Muppuresa meaning the Lord or King of three cities or three kingdoms or three worlds. For the benefit of the three worlds Lord Siva once set fire to all the Thripuraas or three cities of Maya and hence Lord

Siva is also known as Thripuraari meaning the enemy or the destroyer of three cities. But later being pleased with Maya he returned the three cities back to Maya [of course may be with some conditions]. Since that time Maya has been protected by Lord Siva. Because Maya is being protected by Lord Siva, he is under the false impression that he need not fear Sudhersana Chakra, the signatory weapon of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

ततोऽधस्तान्महातले काद्रवेयाणां सर्पाणां
नैकशिरसां क्रोधवशो नाम गणः कुहकतक्षककालिय-
सुषेणादिप्रधाना महाभोगवन्तः पतत्रिराजाधिपतेः
पुरुषवाहादनवरतमुद्विजमानाः स्वकलत्रापत्यसुहृ-
त्कुटुम्बसङ्गेन क्वचित्प्रमत्ता विहरन्ति ॥ २९॥

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ThathoaddhasthaanMahaathale Kaadhraveyaanaam Sarppaanaam
Naikasirasaam Kroddhavasoa naama genah KuhakaThakshakaKaa-
LiyaSushenaadhipreddhaanaa Mahaabhogawanthah pathathriraajaaddhi-
Patheh purushavaahaadhanavarethamudhvijamaanaah svakalathrapathya
Suhrith kutumbasanggena kvachith premaththaa viharanthi.

The planet of Mahaathala is situated below Thalaathala. Many large and broad multi-headed or multi-hooded Serpent Kings headed by Kuhaka, Thakshaka, Kaaliya, Sushena, etc are comfortably settled in Mahaathala. They are all notorious for anger and hissing out of anger is the primary quality of Serpents. All the serpents are mothered by Kadhru and hence they are also known as Kaadhraveyaas [as plural of Kaadhraveya.] Though they always live out of fear and anxiety of attack and even death from Geruda, the king of birds and the vehicle of the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, mostly enjoy and entertain sports and games with wife, children, family, relatives and friends.

ततोऽधस्ताद्रसातले दैतेया दानवाः पणयो नाम
निवातकवचाः कालेया हिरण्यपुरवासिन इति
विबुधप्रत्यनीका उत्पत्त्या महौजसो महासाहसिनो
भगवतः सकललोकानुभावस्य हरेरेव तेजसा
प्रतिहतबलावलेपा बिलेशया इव वसन्ति ये वै

ThathoaddhasthaaDhresaathale Dheitheyaa Dhaanavaah Panayo
Naama Nivaathakavachaah Kaaleyaa Hiranyapuravaasina ithi
Vibuddhaprethyaneekaa uthpaththyaa mahaujasomahaasaahasi-
No Bhagawathah sakalalokaanubhaavasya Harereva thejasaa
Prethihathabelaavalepaabilesayaa iva vasanthi ye vai
Saramayendhradhoothyaa vaagbhirmanthravarnnaabhirindhraadh
bhibhyathi.

Resaathala is beneath Mahaathala. Maayaavees or Sorcerers like Dheitheyaas who are sons of Dhithi are and Dhaanavaas who are sons of Dhanu live in Resaathala. Those who live on the planet of Resaathala are known as Panaya or Panayaas. All the Panayaas are Maayaavees or Sorcerers. They are: Nivaatha-Kavachaas, Kaaleyaas and Hiranya-Pura-Vaasees [those who are living in Hiranya Pura]. All of them are enemies of Dhevaas. They all live in holes like snakes. From birth they are very strong, vigorous and powerful but they are always defeated by the effulgence of Sudhersana Chakra which is the signatory weapon of Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and that is why they live in the holes like in hide-outs. When Sarama, the female messenger of Indhra, chants a curse these Dheitheyaas and Dhaanavaas become very afraid of Indhra and because of that they hide in their holes.

ततोऽधस्तात्पाताले नागलोकपतयो वासुकिप्रमुखाः
शङ्खकुलिकमहाशङ्खश्चेतधनञ्जयधृतराष्ट्रशङ्खचूड-
कम्बलाश्वतरदेवदत्तादयो महाभोगिनो महामर्षा
निवसन्ति येषामु ह वै पञ्चसप्तदशशतसहस्रशीर्षाणां
फणासु विरचिता महामणयो रोचिष्णवः पातालविवर-
तिमिरनिकरं स्वरोचिषा विधमन्ति ॥ ३१ ॥

Thathoaddhasthaath Paathaale Naagalokapathayo Vaasuki-
Premukhaah
SangkhaKulikaMahaasangkhSvethaDdhanajjayaDdhritharaashtra-
SangkhachoodaKambalaAsvatharaDhevadheththaadhayo mahaabhogino

Mahaamarshaa nivasanthi yeshamu ha vai panjchasapthadhesasatha-
Sahasraseershaanaam phanaasu virachithaa Mahaamanayo
Rochishnavah Paathaalavivarathimiranikaram svarochishaa
Viddhamanthi.

Beneath Resaathala is the planet called Paathaala. Paathaala is also known as Naagaloka where many primordial Naagaas or Aasurik or demonic serpent masterly leaders like Vaasuki, Sangkha, Kulika, Mahaasangha, Svetha, Ddhananjaya, Ddhritharaashtra, Sangkhchooda, Kambale, Asvathara, Dhevadheththa and other hooded serpents reside. Vaasuki was the chief of them. All the Naagaas are full of anger and cruelty. Some of these serpents have Five hoods, some Seven, some Ten, some Hundred and others Thousand. The darkness of Paathala being completely removed and brightened all over by the effulgent brilliance of gems carried on the hoods of these serpents.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां
पञ्चमस्कन्धे राहवादिस्थितिबिलस्वर्गमर्यादानिरूपणं
नाम चतुर्विंशोऽध्यायः ॥ २४॥

Ithi Sreemadh Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam
Samhithaayaam
Panjchamaskanddhe RaahvaadhiStthithiBilaSvarggaMaryaadhaa
Niroopanam Naama [Addholoka Varnnanam Naama]
ChathurVimsathiThamoAddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Twenty Fourth Chapter Named as Review and Narration of the Planets Systems of Raahu Kethu and Subterranean Heavenly Planets [Description of Underworlds] Of the Fifth Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and the Greatest Mythology Known as Sreemadh Bhaagawatham.

Om Shree Krishnaaya Param Brahmane Namah!
Om Namoh Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!
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