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Om Shree Krishnaaya Param Brahmane Namah!

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Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!

श्रीमद्भागवतं - सप्तमस्कन्धः

SREEMADH BHAAGAWATHAM - SAPTHAMASKANDDHAH MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)

॥ सप्तमस्कन्धः ॥

SAPTHAMASKANDDHAH (CANTO SEVEN)

॥ प्रथमोऽध्यायः - १ ॥

PRETTHAMOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER ONE)

PrehlaadhaCharithOpakremam [Jeya Vijaya Poorvva Jenma Niroopanam] (Commencement of Story of Prehlaadha [Description of the Past Births of Jeya {Hiranyakasipu} and Vijaya {Hiranyaaksha}])

[In this chapter we can read the response of Suka to the inquiry of Pareekshith: why Lord Vishnu killed Dheithyaas for the sake of Indhra or Dhevaas or why Lord Vishnu shows favoritism to Dhevaas and hatred to Asuraas. The general concept of Lord Vishnu is that He is impartial to everyone. Suka's response was the story told by Naaradha to Ddharmmaputhra at the time of Raajasooya. In the Raajasooya, Lord Krishna killed Sisupaala. Ddharmmaputhra noticed that the effulgence of life energy of Sisupaala merged with Lord Krishna. Ddharmmaputhra asked the guestion, though Sisupaala was the enemy of Lord Krishna or Vishnu, how come he was able to merge with Vishnu Bhagawaan at death. Naaradha explained about different types of Bhakthi and Sisupaala and other Asuraas who attained Moksha Padham due to Vidhvesha Bhakthi. And then he explained, originally Sisupaala and Dhenthavakthra were gatekeepers of Lord Vishnu at Vaikuntta. They were cursed by Sanathkumaaraas and were born first as Hiranyakasipu and Hiranyaaksha and then as Raavana and Kumbhakarnna and lastly as Sisupaala and Dhenthavakthra. Sisupaala and Dhenthavakthra were killed by Lord Krishna and they both merged with Krishna. Please continue to read for more details...1

राजोवाच

RaajOvaacha (Raaja or King Pareekshith Said):

समः प्रियः सुहृद्ब्रह्मन् भूतानां भगवान् स्वयम् । इन्द्रस्यार्थे कथं दैत्यानवधीद्विषमो यथा ॥ १॥

1

Samah priyah suhridh, Brahman, bhoothaanaam Bhagawaan svayam Indhrasyaarthtthe Kattham dheithyaanavaddheedhvishame yetthaa.

Hey, the scholastic Brahmarshe! Lord Sree Hari who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the well-wisher and friend of all the entities of the universe. He looks at each entity and element with equanimity and equipoise. He is a friend of everyone. He has no enemies, and He doesn't have enmity towards anyone. Then, why

or how come that He has shown partiality and favoritism to Indhra by joining his side and killing the Asuraas or demons.

न ह्यस्यार्थः सुरगणैः साक्षान्निःश्रेयसात्मनः । नैवासुरेभ्यो विद्वेषो नोद्वेगश्चागुणस्य हि ॥ २॥

2

Na hyasyaarthtthah Suragenaih saakshaannihsreyasaathmanah Naivaasurebhyo vidhvesho nodhvegaschaagunasya hi.

There is nothing that Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan wanted to get done by Dhevaas or rather He doesn't need any favors from Dhevaas. He is the personification of blissful happiness. He is without any and beyond all the Gunaas or the material modes of nature and of senses. He doesn't have any reason for any hatred or enmity with Dhaanavaas or Asuraas. He is not afraid of anyone and of course the Dhaanavaas.

इति नः सुमहाभाग नारायणगुणान् प्रति । संशयः सुमहान् जातस्तद्भवांश्छेत्तुमर्हति ॥ ३॥

3

Ithi nah, sumahaabhaaga, Naaraayanagunaan prethi Samsayah sumahaanjjaathasthadhBhawaan ccheththumarhathi.

Oh, the most exalted Brahmarshe! Thus, we are all very doubtful now why Naaraayana or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is impartial has become partial. When we think seriously and studiously, who else, other than you, are available in this universe to explain it to us with logical arguments and theoretical principles. [There is none.]

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):

साधु पृष्टं महाराज हरेश्चरितमद्भुतम्।

यद्भागवतमाहात्म्यं भगवद्भक्तिवर्धनम् ॥ ४॥

4

Saaddhu prishtam, Mahaaraaja, Harescharithamadhbhutham Yedh Bhaagawathamaahaathmyam Bhagawathbhakthivardhddhanam.

> गीयते परमं पुण्यमृषिभिर्नारदादिभिः। नत्वा कृष्णाय मुनये कथयिष्ये हरेः कथाम्॥ ५॥

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Geeyathe paramam punyamrishibhirnNaaradhaadhibhih Nathvaa Krishnaaya Munaye katthayishye Hare katthaam.

Your interest in knowing the stories of the Lord Sree Hari who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is most appreciable and admirable. Naaradha and other great Rishees have told these stories in detail and have referred many times that by listening to the stories one would be able to immensely increase dedicated and pure devotion to Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. I will worship and prostrate my father, Vyaasa, and describe those stories of Lord Sree Vishnu Bhagawaan to you.

निर्गुणोऽपि ह्यजोऽव्यक्तो भगवान् प्रकृतेः परः । स्वमायागुणमाविश्य बाध्यबाधकतां गतः ॥ ६॥

6

Nirgunoapi hyejoavyektho Bhagawaan prekritheh parah Svamaayaagunamaavisya baaddhyabaaddhakathaam gethah.

He is beyond and untouched by the power of illusion. He is away from the nature of the universe. He is unborn and hence birth-less and immortal and eternal and hence death-less. He is transcendental to material qualities and Nirgguna or Gunaheena. He doesn't have a material body and hence He is materially non-existent. Because there is no material body He is not subjected to attachments or friendship or hatred. Due to material non-existence, He is Avyektha. He is Eeswara or supreme

protector of the universe. He is the creator of the Maaya or Illusion and creator of the universe. Therefore, with his potency, whenever needed, he accepts His Maaya and appears in material form and would act like an ordinary material being or as a human being accepting duties and obligations. When He assumes that material form, He will punish those who are punishable.

सत्त्वं रजस्तम इति प्रकृतेर्नात्मनो गुणाः । न तेषां युगपद्राजन् ह्वास उल्लास एव वा ॥ ७॥

7

Saththvam rejasthama ithi prekrithernnaathmano gunaah Na theshaam yugapadhraajan hraasa ullaas eva vaa.

The three Gunaas or material modes of nature are Sathvam = virtue or goodness, Rejas = passion and Thamas = ignorance do not affect the soul, but only the body. That means they do not touch the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Oh, the most devoted Pareekshith Mahaaraajan! Please understand that these Gunaas cannot act increasingly or decreasingly at the same time at a given time. [This is just like the basic law of conservation of energy states that the total energy of an isolated system remains constant which means energy can neither be created nor destroyed it can only be transformed from one energy to another. Similarly, the total Gunaas will always be the same. The only thing is that, say, when Sathva is increased either Rejas or Thamas will be reduced to balance and or when Rejas is increased Sathva and Thamas will be reduced to balance the total Gunaas.]

जयकाले तु सत्त्वस्य देवर्षीन् रजसोऽसुरान् । तमसो यक्षरक्षांसि तत्कालानुगुणोऽभजत् ॥ ८॥

8

Jeyakaale thu saththvasya Dhevarsheen rejasoAsuraan Thamaso YekshaRekshaamsi thathkaalaanugunoabhajath.

When Sathva Guna is increased we say that the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is on the side of or helping the

Rishees and Dhevaas and Braahmanaas and when Rejo-Guna or Rejas is higher we say that the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is on the side of or helping Asuraas, Kshethriyaas and Vaisyaas and Thamo-Guna or Thamas is more we say that the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is on the side of or helping Yekshaas, Rekshaas, Soodhraas, Chandaalaas and so on.

ज्योतिरादिरिवाभाति सङ्घातान्न विविच्यते । विदन्त्यात्मानमात्मस्थं मथित्वा कवयोऽन्ततः ॥ ९॥

9

Jyothiraadhirivaabhaathi sangghaathaanna vivichyathe Vidhanthyaathmaanamaathmasttham matthithvaa kavayoanthathah.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is all pervading. That means He is within each entity and element of the universe and within the whole Universe itself. It is just like how the fire stays within the fire-wood or like the sky within a pot. By looking at them nobody can recognize or distinguish the presence or existence of fire in firewood or sky in the pot. The great scholars with advanced knowledge of transcendentalism with deep thinking and meticulous analysis can realize the presence or existence of the soul or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan within the material body.

यदा सिसृक्षुः पुर आत्मनः परो रजः सृजत्येष पृथक् स्वमायया। सत्त्वं विचित्रासु रिरंसुरीश्वरः शयिष्यमाणस्तम ईरयत्यसौ॥ १०॥

10

Yedhaa siSreekshyh pura aathmanah paro Rejah Sreejathyesha pritthak svamaayayaa Saththvam vichithraasu riramsurEeswarah Sayishyamaanasthama eerayathyasau.

The Supreme Personality of God who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan creates different types of bodies and assigns specific type of body form to each living entity according to its character and nature of fruitive actions and activates all types of material qualities of nature in different measures. He enters each body and influences the qualities of creation, maintenance and annihilation using Rejo-Guna for creation, Sathva-Guna for maintenance and Thamo-Guna for annihilation.

कालं चरन्तं सृजतीश आश्रयं प्रधानपुम्भ्यां नरदेव सत्यकृत् । य एष राजन्नपि काल ईशिता सत्त्वं सुरानीकमिवैधयत्यतः । तत्प्रत्यनीकानसुरान् सुरप्रियो रजस्तमस्कान् प्रमिणोत्युरुश्रवाः ॥ ११॥

11

Kaalam charantham Sreejatheesa aasrayam Preddhaanpumbhyaam naradheva sathyakrith Ya esha rajannapi kaala eesithaa Saththvam suraaneekamivaiddhayathyathah Thathprethyaneekaanasuraan surapriyo Rejasthamaskaan preminothyurusrevaah

The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Lord and Controller of material and spiritual energies and everything and that is why He is called as Samastheswara. He is the creator of Cosmos. He is the creator of Time. Then He adjusts the Time factor to allow the material energy and the living entity to act within the Time limits. He manifests all these according to His wishes and imaginations but makes us believe that these are all the activities of material nature. He imposes time limits for material nature also. When He increases Sathva-Guna he makes the universe, meaning the living entities of the universe — specifically the human being, think that the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is great, and His glories are super, and He becomes favorites of Dhevaas and Rishees and creator of pure and virtuous people. When Rejo-Guna and Thamo-Guna are increased we think he is the annihilator.

अत्रैवोदाहृतः पूर्वमितिहासः सुरर्षिणा।

प्रीत्या महाक्रतौ राजन् पृच्छतेऽजातशत्रवे ॥ १२॥

12

Athraivodhaahrithah poorvvamithihaasah Surarshinaa Preethyaa mahaakrethau, Raajan, prichcchatheajaathasathrave.

Hey, Mahaaraajan! In order to prove that Lord Sree Hari or Naaraayana Swaamy who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is totally impartial even when He kills an Asura or demon I am going to describe a story which was very happily narrated by Naaradha, the best of the Dhevarshees, to Ajaathasathru [this words means that one whose enemy has yet to be born or enemy-less] or Yuddhishttira or Ddharmmaputhra or Ddharmmaraaja as a response to his queries during most renowned Raajasooya sacrificial ceremony. This story is a very good example to clear all your doubts in this regard.

दृष्ट्वा महाद्भुतं राजा राजसूये महाक्रतौ । वासुदेवे भगवति सायुज्यं चेदिभूभुजः ॥ १३॥

13

Dhrishtvaa mahaadhbhutham Raajaa Raajasooye mahaakrethau Vaasudheve Bhagawathi saayoojyam Chedhibhoopajah

तत्रासीनं सुरऋषिं राजा पाण्डुसुतः क्रतौ । पप्रच्छ विस्मितमना मुनीनां शृण्वतामिदम् ॥ १४॥

14

Thathraaseenam surarshim raajaa Paandusuthah krethau Paprechccha vismithamanaa Muneenaam srinvathaamidham.

Hey, the best of all the Emperors on the earth! When Ddharmmaraaja witnessed the divine sight of the effulgence of life energy of Sisupaala Dheithya, the Asura or Raakshasa or demon, being merged with the effulgence of Vaishnava Thejas or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who killed him during the Raajasooya Yaaga, he was unbelievably wonder struck. He immediately prostrated Dhevarshi

Naaradha, son of Brahmadheva, who was sitting there in the most exalted seat in the assembly and very respectfully and humbly inquired to him:

युधिष्ठिर उवाच

Yuddhishttira Uvaacha (Yuddhishttira Said):

अहो अत्यद्भुतं ह्येतद्दुर्लभैकान्तिनामपि । वासुदेवे परे तत्त्वे प्राप्तिश्चैद्यस्य विद्विषः ॥ १५॥

15

Aho! Athyadhbhutham hyethadhdhurllebhaikaanthinaamapi Vaasudheve pare thaththve praapthischaidhyasya vidhvishah.

एतद्वेदितुमिच्छामः सर्व एव वयं मुने । भगवन्निन्दया वेनो द्विजैस्तमसि पातितः ॥ १६॥

16

Ethadhvedhithumichcchaamah Sarvva eva vayam Mune! Bhagawannindhayaa Veno dhvijaisthamasi paathithah.

Amazing! Most amazing! Achyutha Swaamy or Lord Sree Vaasudheva or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan is the Form of Brahma or Parabrahma. Even to those who are steadfast devotees of Achyutha Swaamy would not normally get the opportunity to attain Brahma Saayoojya or Aathma Saakshaathkaaram or Transcendental Realization and merge with Achyutha Swaamy or Vaasudheva Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and merge with Him. Sisupaala is most despicable and despises the devotees of Vaasudheva or Lord Krishna Bhagawaan or Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Sisupaala hated and despised Lord Sree Vaasudheva Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and was born an enemy and sworn enemy. Hey, Maamune! We are very enthusiastically interested to know why Sisupaala was able to merge with the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan despite him being the enemy and despised Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree

Krishna Bhagawaan. Whereas we know that Vena fell into horrible hell because he blasphemed and despised the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. [Vena's story has been already explained earlier in chapter fourteen of canto four.] Please explain to us.

दमघोषसुतः पाप आरभ्य कलभाषणात्। सम्प्रत्यमर्षी गोविन्दे दन्तवक्त्रश्च दुर्मतिः॥ १७॥

17

Dhemaghoshasuthah paapa aarabhya kalabhaashanaath Samprathyamarshee Govindhe Dhenthavakthrascha dhurmmathih

To attain Brahma Saakshaathkaaram is most difficult. Even the staunchest and most steadfast devotees of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan may find it difficult to attain that opportunity. Both Sisupaala, the son of Dhemaghosha, and Dhenthavakthra are evil and sinful Asuraas or Raakshasaas and were not only that they were not devotees of Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan but also, they were hateful enemies. In that case how they were able to merge with Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan?

शपतोरसकृद्विष्णुं यद्ब्रह्म परमव्ययम् । श्वित्रो न जातो जिह्वायां नान्धं विविशतस्तमः ॥ १८॥

18

SapathorasakridhVishnum yedhBrahma paramavyeyam Svithro na jaatho jihvaayaam naanddham vivisathusthamah.

कथं तस्मिन् भगवति दुरवग्राहधामनि । पश्यतां सर्वलोकानां लयमीयतुरञ्जसा ॥ १९॥

19

Kattham thasmin Bhagawathi dhuravagraahaddhaamani

Pasyathaam sarvvalokaanaam leyameeyathuranjjasaa.

एतद्भाम्यति मे बुद्धिर्दीपार्चिरिव वायुना । ब्रूह्येतदद्भुततमं भगवांस्तत्र कारणम् ॥ २०॥

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Ethadh bhraamyathi me budhddhirdhdheepaarchchiriva vaayunaa Broohyethadhadhbhuthathamam Bhagawaamsthathra kaaranam.

From the very beginning of childhood, even when they were unable to speak properly and clearly, Sisupaala and Dhendhavakthra started blaspheming and despising Lord Mukundha or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with unparliamentary abusive languages with envy and they continued to do so until their death. But their tongues were never attacked by leprosy and blisters and continued to live healthy lives until death with no difficulties. They never fell into hell. Our mind and intelligence are agitated and disturbed with such non-traditional and non-conventional occurrences just like how the flames are disturbed by wind. We are really surprised by such happenings. Such things are terribly upsetting. Alas! Oh, the best of the Dhevarshees! Please explain to us the reason for and the cause of it and the underlying lesson from such things.

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):

राज्ञस्तद्वच आकर्ण्य नारदो भगवानृषिः । तुष्टः प्राह तमाभाष्य शृण्वत्यास्तत्सदः कथाः ॥ २१॥

21

Raajnjasthadhvacha aakarnya Naaradho Bhagawaanrishih Thushtah praaha thamaabhaashya Sreenvathyaasthathsadhah katthaah.

Hearing the inquiries of Ddharmmaraaja like that, the most scholastic and most pious Dhevarshi Naaradha was very pleased and started narrating

the story very loudly so that all those who were in the assembly could hear him clearly.

नारद उवाच

Naaradha Uvaacha (Dhevarshi Naaradha Said):

निन्दनस्तवसत्कारन्यक्कारार्थं कलेवरम् । प्रधानपरयो राजन्नविवेकेन कल्पितम् ॥ २२॥

22

Nindhanasthavasath kaaranyakkaaraarthttham kalebaram Preddhaanparayo Raajannavivekena kalpitham.

Those who believe that the material body is life or soul or those who do not understand that material body is not soul, or life are fools and they always consider blasphemy or despise and praise or glorification, chastisement and respect are experienced by the material body because of ignorance. [What it means is that the material body without a conditioned soul or the life energy is dead or lifeless and cannot experience or affect any qualities of material modes of nature.]

हिंसा तदभिमानेन दण्डपारुष्ययोर्यथा। वैषम्यमिह भूतानां ममाहमिति पार्थिव ॥ २३॥

23

Himsaa thadhabhimaanena dhendapaarushyayoryetthaa Vaishamyamiha bhoothaanaam mamahamithi Paarthtthiva.

Oh, my dear king, Yuddhishttira! The conditioned soul with bodily conception of life is bound to think and believe that the body is the self and everything in relation to the body or everything that affects the body is to be of the 'self' or the soul. Because of this wrong conception or misconception of life it feels that the conditioned soul of the living entities is subjected to the dualities like chastisement and praise.

यन्निबद्धोऽभिमानोऽयं तद्वधात्प्राणिनां वधः ।

तथा न यस्य कैवल्यादभिमानोऽखिलात्मनः । परस्य दमकर्तुर्हि हिंसा केनास्य कल्प्यते ॥ २४॥

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Yennibedhddhoabhimaanoayam thadhvaddhaath praaninaam vaddhah Thathaa na yesya kaivalyaadhabhimaanoakhilaathmanah Parasya dhemakarththurhi himsaa kenaasya kalpyathe.

Because of this misconception of the attachment of the body and conditioned soul the self is considered as body and the destruction, or the death of the body is considered as death of the soul or life. That is why we think when the body is dead the soul or the life is dead. The soul or the life is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. He is the ultimate and supreme or omni-controller of everything from the minutest of the minute atom to the universe of infinity. He is the Supreme Soul and the Soul of all the souls of all living entities. He is ego-less. He does not think, or He does not possess any pride that He is the soul of all the entities. Nobody can even think of hurting or destroying or even to make a small scratch on Him. He is solitary and single. There is no one else as the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

तस्माद्वैरानुबन्धेन निवैरेण भयेन वा। स्नेहात्कामेन वा युञ्ज्यात्कथञ्चिन्नेक्षते पृथक्॥ २५॥

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Thasmaadhvairaanubenddhena nirvvairena bhayena vaa Snehaath kaamena vaa yunjjyaath katthanjchinnekshathe pritthak.

Therefore, either by hatred or by enmity or by anger or by fear or by love and affection or by desire or by non-hatred or by dedication or by devotion or by any means one can and should try to merge with Sauri or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. [This means if an Asura considers Lord Vishnu as his enemy then always maintain that thought without having any other thoughts in mind that Lord Vishnu is the enemy. The point is that Lord Vishnu is always in mind and

thoughts without having anything else so that he can merge with Lord Vishnu and that is called Vidhvesha Bhakthi.]

यथा वैरानुबन्धेन मर्त्यस्तन्मयतामियात्। न तथा भक्तियोगेन इति मे निश्चिता मतिः॥ २६॥

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Yetthaa vairaanubenddhena marththyasthanmayathaamiyaath Na thatthaa bhakthiyogena ithi me nischithaa mathih.

No other path is as easy as the path of Vidhvesha Bhakthi to attain Saayoojya and merge with the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan as the one with Vidhvesha Bhakthi, he will have nothing other than Lord Vishnu in his mind. It is a law of nature that we will always remember our enemies, but we may not remember our friends. A devotee may offer devotional services to Lord Vishnu or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with love, affection and or lusty desire. Therefore, his mind may be agitated by many other lusty desires and thoughts also. That is why Vidhvesha Bhakthi is relatively easier to attain Soul-Realization and merge with Lord Vishnu to Sneha Bhakthi.

कीटः पेशस्कृता रुद्धः कुड्यायां तमनुस्मरन् । संरम्भभययोगेन विन्दते तत्सरूपताम् ॥ २७॥

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Keetah pesaskrithaa rudhddhah kudyaayaam thamanusmaran Samrembhayayogena vindhathe thathsvaroopathaam.

The worm or the grass-worm confined in the hole of a wall by the wasp, or the hornet would always be thinking of the wasp in utter fear and anger that it would be killed and eaten by the wasp at any time and eventually it would become, or it would be converted into a wasp or ultimately it would take the form of a wasp or will be merged into or as a wasp. [This is an amazing mythical fact that the worm captivated by the wasp will be turned into a wasp.]

एवं कृष्णे भगवति मायामनुज ईश्वरे । वैरेण पूतपाप्मानस्तमापुरनुचिन्तया ॥ २८॥

28

Evam Krishne Bhagawathi maayaamanuja Eesware Vairena poothappapmaanasthamaapuranuchinthayaa.

Similarly, with the constant Vidhvesha Bhakthi with anger and enmity and hatred Sisupaala and many other Raakshasaas have merged into Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is creator and controller of Maaya or Illusory Power who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan after destroying all their material interests other than thinking of Lord Krishna Bhagawaan and washing out all their sins and getting liberated from material entrapments. [What a great and clear logical explanation!]

कामाद्वेषाद्भयात्स्रेहाद्यथा भक्त्येश्वरे मनः । आवेश्य तदघं हित्वा बहवस्तद्गतिं गताः ॥ २९॥

29

Kaamaadhdhveshaadhbhayaath snehaadhyettthaa bhakthyEsware manah Aavesya thadhagham hithvaa behavasthadhgethim gethaah.

I shall give you examples of stories of many people those who attained Saayoojya or Moksha with hatred, love, anger, lusty desires or by offering self-less devotional services concentrating their mind and heart at the lotus feet of Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan and getting destroyed and released of all the results of their sinful fruitive activities.

गोप्यः कामाद्भयात्कंसो द्वेषाच्चैद्यादयो नृपाः । सम्बन्धादवृष्णयः स्नेहाद्ययं भक्त्या वयं विभो ॥ ३०॥

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Gopyah kaamaadh, bhayaah Kamso, dhveshaachChaidhyaadhayo Nripaah Sambenddhaadh Vrishnayah, snehaadhyooyam, bhakthyaa vayam Vibho. My dear king Yuddhishttira! The Gopees meaning the ladies of shepherd families of Vrindhaavan attained Saayoojya by lusty desires. Kamsa attained Saayoojya by fear. Anger and hatred were the paths followed by Sisupaala, Dhenthavakthra, etc. to attain Saayoojya. Vaishnavaas attained Moksha by family or dynastic linkage and relation. With exalted love and divine affinity, you, Yuddhishttira, and other kings would attain Aathma Saakshaathkaaram. Great seers like me, Naaradha, would attain the lotus feet of Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and attain salvation and ultimately merge with Him by dedicated and steadfast and staunch devotion.

कतमोऽपि न वेनः स्यात्पञ्चानां पुरुषं प्रति । तस्मात्केनाप्युपायेन मनः कृष्णे निवेशयेत् ॥ ३१॥

31

Kathamoapi na Venah syaath panjchaanaam purusham prethi Thasmaath kenaapyupaayena manah Krishne nivesayath.

But please note that Vena does not belong to any of the above five categories. Being so devilish and cruel he did not concentrate his mind on Remaajaani, meaning the consort of Rema or Lakshmi Dhevi, who is Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Because of that he fell into the most horrible hell. Therefore, it is most essential by one or other means one must try to concentrate his mind, heart and conscience on Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

मातृष्वसेयो वश्चैद्यो दन्तवक्त्रश्च पाण्डव । पार्षदप्रवरौ विष्णोर्विप्रशापात्पदाच्च्युतौ ॥ ३२॥

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Maathrishvaseyo vasChaidhyo Dhenthavakthrascha Paandava! Paarshadhaprevarau Vishnorviprasaapaath padhaAchyuthau.

Oh, the purest and most pious and the best of the Paandavaas! Sisupaala and Dhenthavakthra are the sons of your maternal aunt or your mother's sister. They were the best of the Associates and were the Guards of the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Due to the curse of Braahmanaas, Sanathkumaaraas, they fell from that most exalted and divine position and were born in the Asura Yoni.

युधिष्ठिर उवाच

Yuddhishttira Uvaacha (Yuddhishttira Said):

कीदृशः कस्य वा शापो हरिदासाभिमर्शनः । अश्रद्धेय इवाभाति हरेरेकान्तिनां भवः ॥ ३३॥

33

Keedhrisah kasya vaa saapo Haridhaasaabhimarsanah Asredhddheya ivaabhaathi Harerekaanthinaam bhavah.

Hey, Mahaamune! Why the primary most servants, the materially liberated souls as Vishnu Bhakthaas, of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan in Vaikuntta were inflicted with curse? Who cursed and what was the reason? It is unbelievable that such steadfast and staunch devotees of the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan could be affected with curses and entrapped into material miseries.

देहेन्द्रियासुहीनानां वैकुण्ठपुरवासिनाम् । देहसम्बन्धसम्बद्धमेतदाख्यातुमर्हसि ॥ ३४॥

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Dhehendhriyaasuheenaanaam Vaikunttapuravaasinaam Dhehasambendhddhamedhadhaakhyaathumarhasi.

The bodies of inhabitants of Vaikuntta are completely transcendental. One would get the opportunity to visit Vaikuntta must have attained Aathma Saakshaathkaaram after getting liberated from material world. They are not affected by nature of material senses. Therefore, kindly explain to us

that how the Associates of Prime Personality who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan were cursed to descend to material bodies like ordinary persons?

नारद उवाच

Naaradha Uvaacha (Dhevarshi Naaradha Said):

एकदा ब्रह्मणः पुत्रा विष्णोर्लोकं यदृच्छया । सनन्दनादयो जग्मुश्चरन्तो भुवनत्रयम् ॥ ३५॥

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Ekadhaa Brahmanah puthraa Vishnorllokam yedhrichcchayaa Sanandhanaadhayo jegmuscharantho bhuvanathreyam.

Once when Sanathkumaaraas, the sons of Brahmadheva, were wandering all over the three worlds, they casually (without taking any appointment or without giving any notice) happily visited Vaikuntta Loka.

पञ्चषड्ढायनार्भाभाः पूर्वेषामपि पूर्वजाः । दिग्वाससः शिशून् मत्वा द्वाःस्थौ तान् प्रत्यषेधताम् ॥ ३६॥

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Panjchashaddaayanaarbhaabhaah poorvveshaamapi poorvvajaah Dhigvaasasah sisoon mathvaa dhvvaahstthau thaan prethyasheddhathaam.

Sanathkumaaraas are looking for young boys aged about five or hardly six years old. They are ancestors of all the ancestors. They were naked. They were respected and revered by the whole three worlds. They were the divinest of the divine. But the Associates of Lord Vishnu Bhagawaan and the Guards or the Gatekeepers of Vaikuntta Loka took Sanathkumaaraas as young boys and obstructed or stopped or blocked them from entering inside Vaikuntta.

अशपन् कुपिता एवं युवां वासं न चार्हथः । रजस्तमोभ्यां रहिते पादमूले मधुद्विषः ।

पापिष्ठामासुरीं योनिं बालिशौ यातमाश्वतः ॥ ३७॥

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Asapan kupithaa evam yuvaam vaasam na chaarhatthah Rejasthamobhyaam rehithe paadhamoole Maddhudhvishah Paapishttaamaasureem yonim baalisau yaathamaasvathah.

Sanathkumaaraas could not appreciate the act of the Guards, Jaya and Vijaya, of the divine consort of Bhagawathi Lakshmi Dhevi, the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, who does not possess even bit of Rejo-Guna and Thamo-Guna and who is an embodiment or personification of pure Sathva-Guna. Therefore, they cursed the Guards: "You foolish Gatekeepers! Being agitated by the material qualities of Rejo-Guna or passion and Thamo-Guna or ignorance, you two are unfit or not eligible to offer services and live at the shelter of the lotus feet of Maddhu-Dhvishi or enemy or killer of demon Maddhu who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Therefore, let you two immediately be born in the material world in the sinful Asura Yoni or in the family or dynasty of demons."

एवं शप्तौ स्वभवनात्पतन्तौ तैः कृपालुभिः । प्रोक्तौ पुनर्जन्मभिर्वां त्रिभिर्लोकाय कल्पताम् ॥ ३८॥

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Evam sapthau svabhavanaath pathanthau thaih kripaalubhih Prokthau punarjjenmabhirvaam thribhirlokaaya kalpathaam.

When the most exalted and divinest Sanathkumaaraas witnessed the fall of Jaya and Vijaya from Vaikuntta Loka down to the Asura Loka, they became very compassionate and merciful to them. Then, they blessed them with release of the curse that after three births in the Asura Yoni you two would be able to come back to Vaikuntta Loka and occupy the same position of Gatekeepers in Vaikuntta Loka as the Paarshadhaas or Associates of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

जज्ञाते तौ दितेः पुत्रौ दैत्यदानववन्दितौ । हिरण्यकशिपुर्ज्येष्ठो हिरण्याक्षोऽनुजस्ततः ॥ ३९॥ Jejnjaathe thau Dhitheh puthrau DhethyaDhaanavavandhithau Hiranyakasipurjjyeshtto Hiranyaakshoanujasthathah.

Thus, they were born as Hiranyakasipu and Hiranyaaksha as the sons of Dhithi. Though they were twins Hiranyakasipu was the elder as he was born before his younger brother Hiranyaaksha. All the Dheithyaas and Dhaanavaas and Asuraas and Raakshasaas considered them as the supreme authority of all the three worlds and respected and worshiped them as supreme Gods.

हतो हिरण्यकशिपुर्हरिणा सिंहरूपिणा । हिरण्याक्षो धरोद्धारे बिभ्रता सौकरं वपुः ॥ ४०॥

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Hatho HiranyakasipurHarinaa Simharoopinaa Hiranyaaksho ddharodhddhaare bibhrethaa saukaram vapuh

Hey, Mahaaraaja! Lord Sree Hari or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan incarnated in the form of Narasimha or Man-Lion and killed Hiranyakasipu. Lord Sree Hari or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan took the form of a Varaaha or Boar and killed Hiranyaaksha at the time of uplifting the earth which has fallen into the Ocean of Gerbhodhaka. [These stories have already been explained earlier.]

हिरण्यकशिपुः पुत्रं प्रह्लादं केशवप्रियम् । जिघांसुरकरोन्नाना यातना मृत्युहेतवे ॥ ४१॥

41

Hiranyakasipuh puthram Prehlaadham Kesavapriyam Jighaamsurakaronnaanaayaathanaa mrithyuhethave.

Prehlaadha, the youngest son of Hiranyakasipu, was the best of the devotees of Kesava, the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha

Vishnu Bhagawaan. He was also the favorite of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. [Please understand that when we say the favorite of Lord Vishnu who is impartial what it means in terms of or in relation to the living entities, specifically of Manushyaas and Dhevaas and Asuraas only. Or we consider that he is Vishnu's favorite.] He refused to follow the irreligious and Addhaarmmic Aasuric path. Therefore, his father, Hiranyakasipu tried to kill him in many horrible ways.

सर्वभूतात्मभूतं तं प्रशान्तं समदर्शनम् । भगवत्तेजसा स्पृष्टं नाशक्नोद्धन्तुमुद्यमैः ॥ ४२॥

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Sarvvabhoothaathmabhootham tham presaantham samadhersanam Bhagawaththejasaa sprishtam naasknodhddhanthumudhyamaih.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is always very sober, peaceful, serene, equal and balanced to all the living and non-living and moving and non-moving entities and elements of the universe. Prehlaadha was the steadfast, staunchest and supreme most devotee of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and hence Prehlaadha was always being protected by the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Therefore, Hiranyakasipu could not kill Prehlaadha by any means.

ततस्तौ राक्षसौ जातौ केशिन्यां विश्रवःसुतौ । रावणः कुम्भकर्णश्च सर्वलोकोपतापनौ ॥ ४३॥

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Thathasthau raakshasau jaathau Kesinyaam Visravahsuthau Raavanah Kumbhakarnnascha sarvvalokopathaapanau.

Thereafter, the same Jaya and Vijaya were born as Raavana and Kumbhakarnna as sons of Kesini or Kaikasi, daughter of Sumaali, and the great saint Visravas, son of Pulasthya Muni. They were the most troublesome and most intolerable Raakshasaas of all the three worlds at their time.

तत्रापि राघवो भूत्वा न्यहनच्छापमुक्तये । रामवीर्यं श्रोष्यसि त्वं मार्कण्डेयमुखात्प्रभो ॥ ४४॥

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Thathraapi Raaghavo bhoothvaa nyehanachcchaapamukthaye Raamaveeryam sroshyasi thvam Maarkkandeyamukhaath Prebho.

At that time Mukundha Bhagawaan, the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, incarnated as SreeRaama and killed both Raavana and Kumbhakarnna. The story of SreeRaama will be explained to you in the future by the great Saint Maarkkandeya.

तावेव क्षत्रियौ जातौ मातृष्वस्रात्मजौ तव । अधुना शापनिर्मुक्तौ कृष्णचक्रहतांहसौ ॥ ४५॥

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Thaaveva kshethriyau jaathau maathrushvasraathmajau thava Addhunaa saapanirmmukthau Krishnachakrahathaamhasau.

Sisupaala and Dhenthavakthra were born as the sons of maternal aunt and got killed by Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the incarnation of the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with Sudhersana Chakra are the same Raavana and Kumbhakarnna. Because they were killed by Sudhersana Chakra all their sins were also destroyed and thus they got released of the curses of Sanathkumaaraas and liberated from the miseries of the material world.

वैरानुबन्धतीव्रेण ध्यानेनाच्युतसात्मताम् । नीतौ पुनर्हरेः पार्श्वं जग्मतुर्विष्णुपार्षदौ ॥ ४६॥

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Vairaanubenddhatheevrena ddhyaanenaAchyuthasaathmathaam Neethau punarHareh paarsvam jegmathurvVishnupaarshadhau. Due to severe Vidhvesha Bhakthi or Devotion of Hatred or Inimical Devotion they were always thinking with full concentration only of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan as their enemy and how to conquer or destroy Vishnu. Hey, Mahaaraaja Yuddhishttira! Because they were thinking of Achyutha Swaamy or the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan always with full concentration they merged with Vishnu Bhagawaan and became equal to Vishnu Bhagawaan and attained their position back as Vishnu Paarshadhaas or Associates and Gatekeepers of Vaikuntta.

युधिष्ठिर उवाच

Yuddhishttira Uvaacha (Yuddhishttira or Ddharmmaraaja Said):

विद्वेषो दयिते पुत्रे कथमासीन्महात्मनि । ब्रूहि मे भगवन् येन प्रह्लादस्याच्युतात्मता ॥ ४७॥

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Vidhvesho dheyithe puthre katthamaaseenmahaathmani Broohi me Bhagawanyena PrehlaadhasyaAchyuthaathmathaa.

Hey, Mahaamune, Naaradha! Please tell us why the supreme most and the most powerful Asura, Hiranyakasipu, became inimical with his pure hearted son, Prehlaadha? Also, please explain to us the reason for Prehlaadha, the son of the Asura Chakravarththi, developed staunchest and steadfast devotion on Achyutha Bhagawaan who the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the enemy of all Asuraas.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां सप्तमस्कन्धे प्रह्लादचरितोपक्रमे प्रथमोऽध्यायः (१)

Ithi Sreemadh Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam
Samhithaayaam

SapthamaSkanddhe PrehlaadhaCharithOpakreme PretthamoAddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the First Chapter [Named] as Commencement of Story of Prehlaadha [Description of the Past Births of Jeya {Hiranyakasipu} and

Vijaya {Hiranyaaksha}] Of the Seventh Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and the Greatest Mythology Known as Sreemadh Bhaagawatham.

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