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

॥ ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥

#### Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!

#### श्रीमद्भागवतं - सप्तमस्कन्धः

#### SREEMADH BHAAGAWATHAM - SAPTHAMASKANDDHAH MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)

॥ सप्तमस्कन्धः ∥

#### SAPTHAMASKANDDHAH (CANTO SEVEN)

॥ दशमोऽध्यायः - १० ॥

### DHESAMOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER TEN)

YuddhishttiraNaaradhaSamvaadhe ThripuraVijaya [Prehlaadha Charitham – ThripuraDhehanam] (In The Conversation of Yuddhishttira and Dhevarshi Naaradha The Destruction or Burning of Thripura or Successful Conquering of Thripura {by Siva} – [Continuation of the Story of Prehlaadha – Burning and Destruction of Thripura])

[In this chapter we can read about the most scholarly spiritual knowledge of Prehlaadha. Prehlaadha clearly knew that any benedictions would be impediments in the devotional path. One of the interesting arguments of Prehlaadha is that if One accepts any reward or benediction for his devotional service then it would be like doing a business. Meaning he offers devotional service in exchange for some reward like a trade. But at the same time, he could not refuse the offer from Vishnu Bhagawaan. Though he was born in the Asura Kula, he wished to attain Aathma Saakshaathkaaram or Transcendental Realization. Therefore, he requested a boon to wash off the sins of his father who by birth and throughout life was a staunch atheist. Vishnu Bhagawaan not only granted that boon but also confirmed that because of the birth of Prehlaadha in that dynasty twenty-one generations of his forefathers are cleared of all their sins and liberated from material miseries. The episode will continue with worship of Brahmadheva and other Dhevaas and Rishees and others to NaraSimha Moorththy. Naaradha has described the previous birth and next two births Hiranyakasipu and Hiranyaaksha, previous birth as Jaya and Vijaya and future births as Raavana and Kumbhakarnna and Dhendhavakthra and Sisupaala. During describing the glories of Vishnu Bhagawaan, Naaradha incidentally mentioned about saving the reputation of Mahaadheva by Vishnu Bhagawaan. Then, in response to the inquiry of Yuddhishttira, he narrated the story of Thripuraas also. Please continue to read for details...]

नारद उवाच

#### Naaradha Uvaacha (Naaradha Maharshi Said):

भक्तियोगस्य तत्सर्वमन्तरायतयार्भकः । मन्यमानो हृषीकेशं स्मयमान उवाच ह ॥ १॥

1

Bhakthiyogasya that sarvvamantharaayathayaarbhakah Manymaano Hrisheekesam smayamaana uvaacha ha.

Though Prehlaadha was a very young boy, when he heard of the boons and benedictions offered by NaraSimha Moorththy or Bhagawan Hrisheekesa, he was very clear that any such benedictions are goings to be impediments or obstacles for smooth movements in Bhakthi-Yoga or Devotional-Path. Therefore, he smilingly and very softly spoke to Bhagawan Hrisheekesa:

प्रह्लाद उवाच

### Prehlaadha Uvaacha (Prehlaadha Kumaara Said):

मा मां प्रलोभयोत्पत्त्याऽऽसक्तङ्कामेषु तैर्वरैः । तत्सङ्गभीतो निर्विण्णो मुमुक्षुस्त्वामुपाश्रितः ॥ २॥

2

"Maa maam prelobhayothpaththyaaaasaktham kaameshu thairvarih Thathsanggabheetho nirvvinno mumukshusthvaamupaasrithah."

"Oh, Bhagawan Lord Sree NaraSimha Moorththe! Oh, Hrisheekesa Bhagawan! By my birth in the Asura Kula, I am an atheist. I am naturally attached to material enjoyment. Please do not. Please do not allure and entice me with offerings of benedictions which would lead me into the path of materialism with material enjoyments. Therefore, please do not entice me by offering lusty and illusory material boons. I am afraid of my material conditions. I want to be liberated from the miseries of material life. I am abandoning all my material desires with sole interest in seeking protection at Your lotus feet as I wish to be liberated from material life and attain Aathmasaakshaathkaaram and salvation."

> भृत्यलक्षणजिज्ञासुर्भक्तं कामेष्वचोदयत् । भवान् संसारबीजेषु हृदयग्रन्थिषु प्रभो ॥ ३॥

> > 3

"Bhrithyhlekshanajijnjaasurbhaktham kaameshvachodhayath Bhawaan samsaarabeejeshu hridhayagrentthishu Prebho!"

"When I analyze, I think, Your, these types of allurements with lusty and desirous material benedictions is to test the seed of materialism merged within Your devotee, me. [See what Prehlaadha means here is that he is being a material person, Bhagawaan Vishnu wanted to test him and see how genuine and strongly rooted are his determination to move into the path of devotion for advanced spiritual attainment.] Therefore, I consider this as an indicative or litmus test to measure my interest in the path of devotion."

नान्यथा तेऽखिलगुरो घटेत करुणात्मनः । यस्त आशिष आशास्ते न स भृत्यः स वै वणिक् ॥ ४॥

4

"Naanyatthaa theakhilaguro, ghatetha karunaathmanah Yestha Aasisha aasaasthe na sa bhrithyah sav ai vanik."

"Oh, the Lord of the Universe! Oh, JegadhGuro or Universal Preceptor! This does not match and fit that a true devotee of You is desirous of lusty material benedictions. You are the embodiment of mercy and compassion. Those devotees who offer devotional services at Your lotus feet for fulfillment of lusty material desires are not Your true devotees. They are only like some businessmen who trade commodities for a profit. Similarly, if someone worships You in exchange of fulfilling material desires then he is also only a businessman who is exchanging worship or service for material gains in the form of benedictions."

> आशासानो न वै भृत्यः स्वामिन्याशिष आत्मनः । न स्वामी भृत्यतः स्वाम्यमिच्छन् यो राति चाशिषः ॥ ५॥

> > 5

"Aasaasaano nav ai bhrithyah svaaminyaasisha aathmanah Na Swaamee bhrithyathah Swaamimichcchan yo raathi chaasishah."

"The master who wishes to compensate or reward the servant with material gains for his services and the servant who wishes or desires to be rewarded for his services from the master are both doing a business because the servant is exchanging his services for benedictions. Therefore, if I take or accept any benediction from You then I would be doing a business with You. Does the servant or a devotee expect a reward or benediction from his Master? Similarly, does the Master reward his servant to maintain the Master-Servant relationship? If so, they both are doing some business and that is certain."

### अहं त्वकामस्त्वद्भक्तस्त्वं च स्वाम्यनपाश्रयः । नान्यथेहावयोरर्थो राजसेवकयोरिव ॥ ६॥

6

#### "Aham thvakaamasthvadhbhakthasthvam cha svaamyanapaasrayah Naanyatthehaavayorarthttho raajasevakayoriva."

"Oh, Bhagawan! I am Your devoted servant who does not wish to get any reward or benediction from You. And You, Oh, Bhagawan NaraSimha Moorththe! You have nothing to gain from me. You do not want anything from me. You do not want anything from anyone. You are the most Exalted Lord. I am a poor pauper. Between us, there is absolutely no use from me to You. Therefore, our relationship is not like that of a servant and his master, the King where the King needs the service from his servant and then the servant needs the reward from his Master as that is his livelihood."

> यदि रासीश मे कामान् वरांस्त्वं वरदर्षभ । कामानां हृद्यसंरोहं भवतस्तु वृणे वरम् ॥ ७॥

> > 7

"Yedhi Raaseesa! Me kaamaan varaamsthvam varadharshabha. Kaamaanaam hridhyasamroham Bhawathasthu vrine varam."

"Hey, Bhagawan! You are the most exalted Provider of Benedictions. If You are going to compensate me with benedictions, then please provide me necessary benediction so that no material desires or no lusty material needs would ever be produced or generated in my mind and heart. That means please give me the benediction for not having any material requirements for me. Let no material desires and material wishes and material requirements ever sprout in my mind and heart. Please give me benediction for that."

> इन्द्रियाणि मनः प्राण आत्मा धर्मो धृतिर्मतिः । ह्रीः श्रीस्तेजः स्मृतिः सत्यं यस्य नश्यन्ति जन्मना ॥ ८॥

"Indhriyaani manah praana aathmaa ddharmmo ddhrithirmmathih Hreeh sreesthejah smrithih sathyam yesya nasyanthi jenmanaa."

"As soon as material lusty desire sprouts in the mind and heart the functions of life, mind, senses, Ddharmma or moral righteousness, religion, intelligence, shyness, memory, opulence, strength, truthfulness, discretionary power and spirituality would be destroyed and vanquished. There is no doubt about it."

> विमुञ्चति यदा कामान् मानवो मनसि स्थितान् । तर्ह्येव पुण्डरीकाक्ष भगवत्त्वाय कल्पते ॥ ९॥

> > 9

"Vimunjchathi yedhaa kaamaanmaanavo manasi stthithaan Tharhyeva Pundareekaaksha! Bhagawaththvaaya kalpathe."

"Oh, NriSimha Bhagawan! Oh, Pundareekaaksha! When One uproots and destroys all material desires and needs then at the same moment he will become pure, virtuous, divine and godly and will attain Aathmasaakshaathkaaram by merging within the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan. He would be able to get rid of the illusory feeling of duality and will understand that he and The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan are One and the same."

> ओं नमो भगवते तुभ्यं पुरुषाय महात्मने । हरयेऽद्भुतसिंहाय ब्रह्मणे परमात्मने ॥ १०॥

> > 10

"Namo Bhagawathe Thubhyam Purushaaya Mahaathmane HarayeadhbhuthaSimhaaya Brehmane Paramaathmane."

"Oh, NaraSimha Moorththe! You are Hari. You are Purusha meaning the Supreme Personality. You are Mahaathma meaning the most Exalted, the

most Noble and Supreme Most Soul. You are Brahma meaning the Cosmic Form or the Embodiment of All Forms. You are now in the most Wonderful Form of Man and Lion combined. You are the personification of Blissful Happiness. You are Paramaathma meaning the Supreme Soul and Soul of all Souls. Oh, the Effulgence of Paramaathma! I worship, pray, offer devotional services and obeisance and prostrate You."

नृसिंह उवाच

#### NriSimha Uvaacha (Bhagawan NriSimha Moorththy Said):

नैकान्तिनो मे मयि जात्विहाशिष आशासतेऽमुत्र च ये भवद्विधाः । अथापि मन्वन्तरमेतदत्र दैत्येश्वराणामनुभुङुक्ष्व भोगान् ॥ ११॥

11

Naikaanthino me mayi jaathvihaasisha Aasaasatheamuthra cha ye Bhawadhviddhaah Atthaapi Manvantharamethadhathra Dheithyesvaraanaamanubhungkshva bhogaan.

Oh, Prehlaadha Kumaara! A true devotee like you, one who has concentrated his mind and heart and conscience fully and meditatively within Me would never desire for any material pleasures, enjoyments and opulence either in this life or in the next and either in this world or in the other. Though you do not wish to avail any material pleasures, enjoyments and opulence I want you to enjoy all types of material opulence throughout this whole Manvanthara or the duration of this Manu and live happily. That is what I want to grant you.

> कथा मदीया जुषमाणः प्रियास्त्व-मावेश्य मामात्मनि सन्तमेकम् । सर्वेषु भूतेष्वधियज्ञमीशं यजस्व योगेन च कर्म हिन्वन् ॥ १२॥

Katthaa madheeyaa jushamaanah priyaasthva-Maavesya maamaathmani santhamekam Sarvveshu bhootheshvaddhiyejnjamEesam Yejasva Yogena cha karmma hinvan.

Hey, Prehlaadha Kumaara! It is immaterial whether you live in the material world or spiritual world. You should always listen and chant the glorifying stories about me. You, always concentratedly absorb in your mind and heart within Me, Who is the Soul and Life of everything and Who is residing within everything and Who is the sole and final authority of the offerings of Yaagaas and Yejnjaas and Who is the Sole Singular Supreme Personality and Who is the Lord and Supreme Authority of everything and abandon the core material activities by practicing Yoga of Meditation and Devotion. That is the best Yaaga you should perform. [What Lord Vishnu Bhagawaan says here is that it doesn't matter whether you live in a material world or not if you follow His instructions and think of Him and offer devotional services to him always then that would liberate him from all material miseries.]

भोगेन पुण्यं कुशलेन पापं कलेवरं कालजवेन हित्वा । कीर्तिं विशुद्धां सुरलोकगीतां विताय मामेष्यसि मुक्तबन्धः ॥ १३॥

13

Bhogena punyam kusalena paapam Kalebaram kaalajevena hithvaa Keerththim visudhddhaam suralokageethaam Vithaaya maameshyasi mukthabenddhah.

My dear Prehlaadha Kumaara, while you are in this material world you will exhaust all reactions of pious activity by feeling happiness and enjoying life is the result of pious activity in this material world, and by acting piously you will neutralize your impious activity. Time is the most powerful factor in this material world. Because of the powerful factor of time, you will give up your material body or when the Time is up you will die. But the glories of your virtuous and pious activities will be sung and proclaimed in the upper planetary systems and being fully freed or liberated from the bondage of material world you will attain Aathmasaakshaathkaaram or Transcendental Realization and thus you will merge within Me in My abode of the Vaikuntta Loka.

य एतत्कीर्तयेन्मह्यं त्वया गीतमिदं नरः । त्वां च मां च स्मरन् काले कर्मबन्धात्प्रमुच्यते ॥ १४॥

14

Ya ethath keerththayenmahyam thvayaa geethamidham narah Thvaam cha maam cha smaran kaale karmmabenddhaath premuchyathe.

One who worships Me by chanting the same devotional composition, created by you, daily in the morning or remembering your activities and My activities would be liberated from the bondage of material world and in due course of time he would be uplifted to advanced spirituality.

प्रह्लाद उवाच

#### Prehlaadha Uvaacha (Prehlaadha Kumaara Said):

वरं वरय एतत्ते वरदेशान्महेश्वर । यदनिन्दत्पिता मे त्वामविद्वांस्तेज ऐश्वरम् ॥ १५॥

15

Varam varaya ethath the varadhesaanMaheswara! Yedhanindhath pithaa me thvaamavidhvaamstheja aisvaram.

> विद्धामर्षाशयः साक्षात्सर्वलोकगुरुं प्रभुम् । भ्रातृहेति मृषादृष्टिस्त्वद्भक्ते मयि चाघवान् ॥ १६॥

> > 16

Vidhddhaamarshaasayah saakshaath Sarvvalokagurum Prebhum Braathrihethi mrishaadhrishtisthvadhbhakthe mayi chaaghavaan.

तस्मात्पिता मे पूयेत दुरन्ताद्दुस्तरादघात् ।

17

Thasmaath pithaa me pooyetha dhuranthaadhdhustharaadhaghaath Poothastheapaanggasamdhrishtasthadhaa kripanavathsala!

Oh, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Oh, NaraSimha Moorththe! You are the Master and Provider of benedictions. I am humbly going to request and accept just one benediction from You. Being ignorant of Your supremacy and Your total and complete authority over the entire Cosmic System and with the mere false notion that You are the killer of his brother, my father despised and insulted and accused You. He was unnecessarily angry at You. He has directly blasphemed Your Lordship. [As far as Hiranyakasipu was concerned Vishnu in the Form of Varaaha was the killer of his twin younger brother. So, he was his enemy. And he wanted to kill Vishnu.] And because I respected and worshiped and glorified You he tormented and afflicted me and wanted to kill me. I, being a devotee of You, his violence and cruelties against me are evil and sinful actions. He must suffer a lot for his sinful actions against Your devotee. May I humbly request you to grant me the benediction to excuse and exclude and exempt my father from the sufferings of all his despicable and violent sinful actions against You and Your devotees. Please waive him from the result of all his cruel and sinful violent actions. Oh, Bhagawan! You are the Protector and Supporter and Sheller of the sufferers. You are the shelter for the poor and suffering Ones. I know that all his sins have been washed off and he got purified just by Your glance at him just before You killed him. Please excuse me also because my request was ignoring the fact that he has already been purified by Your glance and removed of all his sins. [See what Prehlaadha means here is that Hiranyakasipu has already been elevated to a higher world after eliminating all the impacts of his sinful actions as soon Lord Vishnu Bhagawaan just glanced at him. Therefore, there is no need for any special request for that.]

#### श्रीभगवानुवाच

SreeBhagawaanUvaacha (The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan Said):

# त्रिःसप्तभिः पिता पूतः पितृभिः सह तेऽनघ । यत्साधोऽस्य गृहे जातो भवान् वै कुलपावनः ॥ १८॥

18

ThrihSapthabhih pithaa poothah pithribhih saha theanagha! Yeth saaddhoasya grihe jaatho bhawaanvai kulapaavanah.

Oh, Prehlaadha Kumaara! You have the most saintly personality. You are completely sinless and very pure. Please listen and understand. Not only your father but also Twenty-One generations backwards of his forefathers of his dynasty have been purified because you were born in this family. Because you are born in this family the entire dynasty has been purified.

यत्र यत्र च मद्भक्ताः प्रशान्ताः समदर्शिनः । साधवः समुदाचारास्ते पूयन्त्यपि कीकटाः ॥ १९॥

19

Yethra yethra cha madhbhakthaah presaanthaah samadhersinah Saaddhavah samudhaachaaraasthe pooyanthyapi keekataah.

Whenever and wherever, there are peaceful and equipoised devotees of Me who are well-behaved and decorated with high qualities and living in those places and their dynasties will be purified even if condemned.

> सर्वात्मना न हिंसन्ति भूतग्रामेषु किञ्चन । उच्चावचेषु दैत्येन्द्र मद्भावेन गतस्पृहाः ॥ २०॥

> > 20

Sarvvaathmanaa na himsanthi bhoothagraameshu kinjchana Uchchaavacheshu Dheithyendhra! Madhbhaavena gethasprihaah.

As My devotee would see everything as equal with no distinctions as they see themselves as well as Me and any other entities as the same or as they would see Me in them as well as in everything else, they will not see the class difference of high-class and low-class and they will not harm or hurt or disturb anyone or anything.

### भवन्ति पुरुषा लोके मद्भक्तास्त्वामनुव्रताः । भवान् मे खलु भक्तानां सर्वेषां प्रतिरूपधृक् ॥ २१॥

21

Bhavanthi purusha loke Madhbhakthaasthvaamanuvrathaah BhavaanMe khalu bhakthaanaam sarvveshaam prethiroopaddhrik.

In this universe, all those who follow you would become My staunch devotees. You would be an ideal model for all My devotees, meaning, My devotees would spread words that they should be like Prehlaadha. There is no doubt about it.

> कुरु त्वं प्रेतकृत्यानि पितुः पूतस्य सर्वशः । मदङ्गस्पर्शनेनाङ्ग लोकान् यास्यति सुप्रजाः ॥ २२॥

> > 22

Kuru thvam prethakaaryaani Pithuh poothasya sarvvasah Madhanggasparsanenaangga likaanyaasyathi suprejaah.

My dear child, your father, Dheithyendhra Hiranyakasipu, has already been purified just by the touch of my body. [See Hiranyakasipu has been kept on the lap and his intestines have been plucked out by his hands and blood was sucked by the tongue of NriSimha.] Nonetheless, you perform all the Sraadhddha Karmmaas, meaning the ritualistic ceremonies, to be performed after death in accordance with Vedhic rites. He is privileged and deserves to have all Sraadhddha Karmmaas because he had been blessed with such a noble and pious son like you. He will reach the holy planet meant for the most purified and virtuous souls.

> पित्र्यं च स्थानमातिष्ठ यथोक्तं ब्रह्मवादिभिः । मय्यावेश्य मनस्तात कुरु कर्माणि मत्परः ॥ २३॥

Pithryam cha stthaanamaathishtta yetthoktham Brahmavaadhibhih Mayiyaavesya manasthaatha kuru karmmaani mathparah.

Oh, My dear child! After performing the ritualistic ceremonies for your father, you take charge of the kingdom of your father as supreme authority of Dheithyaas and Asuraas and Dhaanavaas and decorate that coveted and most exalted position by concentrating your mind and heart on Me and as My representative for Me. Let all your actions be in accordance with the Brahmajnjaana or transcendental knowledge acquired by you.

नारद उवाच

### Naaradha Uvaacha (Dhevarshi Naaradha Said):

प्रह्लादोऽपि तथा चक्रे पितुर्यत्साम्परायिकम् । यथाऽऽह भगवान् राजन्नभिषिक्तो द्विजोत्तमैः ॥ २४॥

24

Prehlaadhoapi thatthaa chakre pithuryethsaamparaayikam Yetthaaaaha Bhagawaan Raajannabhishiktho Dhvijoththamaihh

Hey, Yuddhishttira Mahaaraajan! Thereafter, as instructed by NriSimha Moorththy, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, with the help of most exalted Braahmanaas, Prehlaadha performed all ritualistic ceremonies and then enthroned and crowned as King and Supreme Authority of Dheithyaas, Asuraas, Dhaanavaas and Maanavaas or Manushyaas.

> प्रसादसुमुखं दृष्ट्वा ब्रह्मा नरहरिं हरिम् । स्तुत्वा वाग्भिः पवित्राभिः प्राह देवादिभिर्वृतः ॥ २५॥

> > 25

Presaadhasumukham dhrishtvaa Brahmaa NaraHarim Harim Sthuthvaa vaagbhih pavithraabhih praaha Dhevaadhibhirvrithah.

Having seen NaraHari, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, with pleasant and bright-faced and calm, Brahmadheva surrounded by all other Dhevaas and Rishees started worshipping NaraHari, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, with pure and divine and glorifying words:

ब्रह्मोवाच

### BrahmOvaacha (Brahmadheva Said or Worshipped):

## देवदेवाखिलाध्यक्ष भूतभावन पूर्वज । दिष्ट्या ते निहतः पापो लोकसन्तापनोऽसुरः ॥ २६॥

26

DhevaDhevaaAkhilaAddhyksha! Bhoothabhaavana! Poorvvaja! Dhistyaa the nihathah paapo lokasanthaapanoAsurah.

Oh, DhevaDheva or God of gods! Oh, SamasthaAdhddhyaksha or The Presider of All and Everything or The Proprietor of the Universe! Oh, Bhootha-Bhaavana or Creator of all Elements! Oh, Poorvvaja or the First and the Original Person! Because of our good fortune and auspiciousness, You have killed the most sinful and fearful Dheithyendhra Hiranyakasipu and provided happiness and wellness to us.

> योऽसौ लब्धवरो मत्तो न वध्यो मम सृष्टिभिः । तपोयोगबलोन्नद्धः समस्तनिगमानहन् ॥ २७॥

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Yoasau lebddhavaro maththo na vaddhyo mama srishtibhih Thapoyogabelonnadhddhah samasthanigemaanahan.

Due to the strength and power acquired by very severe mystic Yogaas and austerities, the Dheithya Raaja Hiranyakasipu received from me the benedictions that he could not be killed by any living being within my creations. [All living beings of the universe are created by Brahma. Therefore, this benediction in simple language means that nobody, Dhevaas, Asuraas, animals or any other species of the universe, can kill Hiranyakasipu.] With the might of that powerful benediction, Hiranyakasipu not only destroyed the whole Vedhic culture prevailed in the universe but also killed or destroyed or conquered the whole universe and its entities without any mercy and compassion.

दिष्ट्यास्य तनयः साधुर्महाभागवतोऽर्भकः । त्वया विमोचितो मृत्योर्दिष्ट्या त्वां समितोऽधुना ॥ २८॥

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Dhishtaasya thanayah SaaddhurmMahaaBhaagawathoarbhakah Thvayaavimochitho mrithyordhdhishtyaa thvaam samithoaddhunaa.

Although his son Prehlaadha Kumaara is a small child, he is MahaaBhaagawatha or the most exalted and noblest devotee of You. By great fortune, Prehlaadha Mahaaraaja has been released from death by Your mercy and compassion to Your devotees. Oh, KripaaVaariddhe or Ocean of Mercy and Compassion! Oh, AarththaBenddho or the Protector and Savior of down-trodden sufferers! Now he is fully under protection by Your Lotus Feet.

> एतद्वपुस्ते भगवन् ध्यायतः प्रयतात्मनः । सर्वतो गोप्नृ सन्त्रासान्मृत्योरपि जिघांसतः ॥ २९॥

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Ethadhvapusthe Bhagawan ddhyaayathah preyathaathmanah Sarvvatho gopthri samthraasaanmrithyorapi jighaamsathah.

Oh, Bhagawan! Oh, NaraHari! Oh, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! This form of NriSimha or NaraSimha or NaraHari is the Divinest Form. Anyone who carefully thinks of in their conscience and assimilates and maintains this Divinest Form of NaraSimha in their mind would be removed of all the material fears from their mind and they would be released from death forever. [That means anyone who thinks concentratedly in mind and maintains in heart the Form of NaraSimha would be deathless.]

नृसिंह उवाच

NriSimha Uvaacha (Bhagawan Sree NaraSimha Moorththy Said):

## मैवं वरोऽसुराणां ते प्रदेयः पद्मसम्भव । वरः क्रूरनिसर्गाणामहीनाममृतं यथा ॥ ३०॥

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Maivam varoasuraanaam the predheyah Padhmasambhava! Varah krooranisarggaanaamaheenaamamritham yetthaa.

Hey, Padhmasambhava or Brahmadheva! You should not give such benedictions like this to the demonic and evil Asuraas who are by nature ferocious, jealous and vile. This is like feeding milk to a poisonous snake or cobra. This is not just unwise but stupid and careless. Therefore, I warn you not to give such Varaas to any Asura.

नारद उवाच

### Naaradha Uvaacha (Dhevarshi Naaradha Said):

इत्युक्त्वा भगवान् राजंस्तत्रैवान्तर्दधे हरिः । अदृश्यः सर्वभूतानां पूजितः परमेष्ठिना ॥ ३१॥

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Ithyukthvaa Bhagawaan raajamsthathraivaanthardhdheddhe Harih Adhrisyah sarvvabhoothaanaam poojithah Parameshttinaa.

Oh, Mahaaraaja Yuddhishttira! NaraSimha Moorththy who is The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is not visible to the ordinary people of the universe disappeared from there after speaking like that and being worshipped by Brahmadheva.

> ततः सम्पूज्य शिरसा ववन्दे परमेष्ठिनम् । भवं प्रजापतीन् देवान् प्रह्लादो भगवत्कलाः ॥ ३२॥

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Thathah sampoojya sirasaa vavandhe Parmeshttinam

Bhavam Prejaapatheen Dhevaan Prehlaadho Bhagawathkalaah.

After the disappearance of NriSimha Moorththy, Prehlaadha Mahaaraaja worshipped and offered obeisance and adored all Prejaapathees, Dhevaas, Mahaadheva and all others who assembled there and prostrated them with devotion and respect.

ततः काव्यादिभिः सार्धं मुनिभिः कमलासनः । दैत्यानां दानवानां च प्रह्लादमकरोत्पतिम् ॥ ३३॥

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Thathah Kaavyaadhibhih saardhddham Munibhih Kamalaasanah Dheithyaanaam Dhaanavaanaam cha Prehlaadhamakaroth pathim.

Along with Sukra, the Asura Guru, and other Munees and Rishees, Brahmadheva enthroned and adorned Prehlaadha Mahaaraaja as the King and Supreme Authority of Dheithyaas, Dhaanavaas, Asuraas and Raakshasaas of the universe.

> प्रतिनन्द्य ततो देवाः प्रयुज्य परमाशिषः । स्वधामानि ययू राजन् ब्रह्माद्याः प्रतिपूजिताः ॥ ३४॥

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Prethinandhya thatho Dhevaah preyujya paramaasishah Svaddhaamaani yeyoo Raajan Brahmaadhyaah prethipoojithaah.

Thereafter, Brahmadheva, Siva and other Dhevaas and all Celestial bodies blessed and offered lavish benedictions and returned to their abodes with attainment of divine satisfaction that they all have done the noblest and most virtuous and divine deeds in their life. [Blessing Prehlaadha is the divinest deed of One's life.]

> एवं तौ पार्षदौ विष्णोः पुत्रत्वं प्रापितौ दितेः । हृदि स्थितेन हरिणा वैरभावेन तौ हतौ ॥ ३५॥

Evam Thau Paarshadhau Vishnoh puthrathvam praapithau Dhitheh Hridhi stthithena Harinaa vairibhaavena thau hithau.

Hey, Yuddhishttira! This is the story how those Associates, Jaya and Vijaya, of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan were born as Hiranyakasipu and Hiranyaaksha into Asura Kula as the sons of Dhithi. Though they were Asuraas, they were also thinking of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan always with full concentration as their enemy. That is Vairaagya Bhakthi or the inimical form of devotion. Thus, they were killed by The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and with steadfast inimical devotion they were liberated and merged into The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who was in their mind always.

> पुनश्च विप्रशापेन राक्षसौ तौ बभूवतुः । कुम्भकर्णदशग्रीवौ हतौ तौ रामविक्रमैः ॥ ३६॥

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Punascha Viprasaapena Raakshasau thau bebhoovathuh KumbhakarnnaDhesagreevau hathau thau Raamavikremaih.

Due to the power of the curse of Braahmanaas [here the sons of Brahmadheva, Sanathkumaaraas] they were born into the Asura or Raakshasa Kula again. And the second time they were born as Raavana and Kumbhakarnna. Raavana and Kumbhakarnna were killed by Sree Raama, another incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

> शयानौ युधि निर्भिन्नहृदयौ रामसायकैः । तच्चित्तौ जहतुर्देहं यथा प्राक्तनजन्मनि ॥ ३७॥

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Sayaanu yuddhi nirbhinnahridhayau Raamasaayakaih Thachchiththau jehathurdhdheham yetthaa praakthanajenmani. Pierced by the sharp arrows of Sree Raamachandhra Swaamy both Kumbhakarnna and Raavana lay on the ground and left their bodies. At that time also, their minds were fully absorbed in the thoughts of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with Vairaagya Bhakthi like Hiranyaaksha and Hiranyakasipu of their previous life. Thus, this time also their minds were in The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan at the time of death and throughout the life.

> ताविहाथ पुनर्जातौ शिशुपालकरूषजौ । हरौ वैरानुबन्धेन पश्यतस्ते समीयतुः ॥ ३८॥

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THaavihaattha punarjjathau Sisupaalakarooshajau Harau vairaanubenddhena pasyathasthe sameeyathuh.

Both were again born in Asura Kula, a third time, as Sisupaala and Dhendhavakthra or Karooshaja. Again, they were killed by Bhagawaan Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan while you were watching. [Sisupaala and Dhenthavakthra were killed by Sree Krishna or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan. Sisupaala was killed at Yaaga-Saala of Raajasooya conducted by Yuddhishttira. That's what Naaradha refers to here as while you were watching. This was the third and last birth of Jaya and Vijaya in the Asura Kula. After that they became Jaya and Vijaya as the Paarshadhaas of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.]

> एनः पूर्वकृतं यत्तद्राजानः कृष्णवैरिणः । जहुस्त्वन्ते तदात्मानः कीटः पेशस्कृतो यथा ॥ ३९॥

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Enah poorvvakritham yeththadhraajaanah Krishnavairinah Jehusthvanthe thadhaathmaanah keetah pesaskritho yetthaa.

Hey, Yuddhishttira! Besides, them there are many other Asuraas and Non-Asuraas and Kings who were able to wash of all their sins by fixing their

mind and conscience with Vairaagya Bhakthi on The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and attain Vaikuntta Padham or Vishnu Padham or the abode of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. It is just like how a worm captured by the black drone or hornet, or a wasp always thinks about the drone that it is going to be killed by the drone or wasp at any time and ultimately the worm will turn into a drone or wasp. [A wasp never reproduces by the association of male and female and by laying eggs or by delivering. Its reproduction is through its prey. This is undisputed.]

> यथा यथा भगवतो भक्त्या परमयाभिदा । नृपाश्चैद्यादयः सात्म्यं हरेस्तच्चिन्तया ययुः ॥ ४०॥

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Yetthaa yetthaa Bhagwatho bhakthyaa paramayaabhidhaa Nripaaschaidhyaadhayah saathmyam Haresthachchinthayaa yeyuh.

Pure devotees incessantly worship and offer devotional services to The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan by fixing their mind and heart within Him and because of their steadfast devotion, ultimately, they will be liberated from material life and merge within The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan or receive the same body of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. This is called Saaroopya-Mukthi meaning obtaining the same Form. In the same way, Sisupaala and Dhendhavakthra also merged within Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan as they were also constantly thinking of Him as their enemy. In their mind also, there was nothing other than how to kill Him. So, they also attained Saaroopya-Mukthi. [Please see the reference to the worm captured by the wasp.]

> आख्यातं सर्वमेतत्ते यन्मां त्वं परिपृष्टवान् । दमघोषसुतादीनां हरेः सात्म्यमपि द्विषाम् ॥ ४१॥

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Aakhyaatham sarvvamethath the yenmaam thvam pariprishtavaan Dhemaghoshasuthaadheenaam Hareh saathmyamapi dhvishaam.

Hey, Yuddhishttira or Ddharmmaraaja! Thus, I have illustratively and clearly answered your question how Chedhi Bhoopa or the King of Chedhi kingdom, namely Sisupaala and other Asura Kings were able to merge within The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan or unify with the Form of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan or how they were able to attain Bhagawath Saaroopyam.

> एषा ब्रह्मण्यदेवस्य कृष्णस्य च महात्मनः । अवतारकथा पुण्या वधो यत्रादिदैत्ययोः ॥ ४२॥

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Eshaa BrahmanyaDhevasya Krishnasya cha Mahaathmanah Avathaarakatthaa punyaa vaddho yethraadhidhethyayoh.

This purest and divinest story of the NriSimha Avathaara or Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is most affectionate and favorable to Braahmanaas, as Man-Lion is very renowned and highly popular. Those who listen to this would automatically increase pure devotion in their mind and would become steadfast devotees of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. How the Aadhi-Dheithyaas or the First Asura Kings were killed by the incarnations of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan has been narrated in detail in these stories.

> प्रह्लादस्यानुचरितं महाभागवतस्य च । भक्तिर्ज्ञानं विरक्तिश्च याथात्म्यं चास्य वै हरेः ॥ ४३॥

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Prehlaadhasyaanucharitham Mahaabhaagawathasya cha Bhakthirjnjaanam virakthischa yaatthaathmyam chaasya vai Hareh.

In this story it is clearly and vividly and decoratively described the characteristics of Prehlaadha who is the great exalted devotee of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and

his supreme Vedhic knowledge and about his Nishkaama Bhakthi meaning the desireless devotion and Bhoga Virakthi meaning detachment with luxuries and comforts of material contamination and his thorough knowledge of the Real Form, Power and Qualities of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

### सर्गस्थित्यप्ययेशस्य गुणकर्मानुवर्णनम् । परावरेषां स्थानानां कालेन व्यत्ययो महान् ॥ ४४॥

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#### Sarggastthithyapyayesasya gunakarmmaanuvarnnanam Paraavareshaam stthaanaanaam kaalena vyethyayo Mahaan.

Hey Raajan! In this story it is clearly explained that The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Lord and Controller of the Cosmic Systems. The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the cause and effect and the controller of Creation and Maintenance and Protection and Dissolution of the Cosmos. He is the Controller of Nature. He is the cause and controller of the position of Dhevaas and the actions of all the entities and elements of the universe. He is the sole controller of Time and the Course of Time. During the course of Time, He assigns higher and lower positions like at times Dhevaas being controlled by Asuraas at other times Asuraas may be under the control of Dhevaas and at some time man can become animal and animal can become man and so on and so forth.

> धर्मो भागवतानां च भगवान् येन गम्यते । आख्यानेऽस्मिन् समाम्नातमाध्यात्मिकमशेषतः ॥ ४५॥

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Ddharmmo Bhaagawathaanaam cha Bhagawaanyena gemyathe Aakhyaaneasmin samaamnaathamaaddhyaathmikamaseshathah.

Also, in this story One can see what Bhaagawatha Ddharmma is meaning the Moral and Religious Righteousness and how or by what type of Bhaagawatha Ddharmma or devotional services One can approach The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. The Adhddhyaathma Thaththvam or Spiritual Principles in its entirety has been detailed in this story.

## य एतत्पुण्यमाख्यानं विष्णोर्वीर्योपबृंहितम् । कीर्तयेच्छ्रद्धया श्रुत्वा कर्मपाशैर्विमुच्यते ॥ ४६॥

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Ya ethath punyamaakhyaanam Vishnorveeryopabrimhitham Keerththayechcchredhddhayaa sruthvaa karmmapaasairvimuchyathe.

This story is very Pure and Virtuous. This story is the divinest and most exalted. In this story the Valor, Strength, Power and Supremacy in all the Fields of Lord Hari or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan have been clearly narrated. One who listens or chants or narrates this story with full concentration and devotion would be able to cut off all his attachments with material obligations and bondages and be able to liberate from the material world and attain transcendental advancement.

> एतद्य आदिपुरुषस्य मृगेन्द्रलीलां दैत्येन्द्रयूथपवधं प्रयतः पठेत । दैत्यात्मजस्य च सतां प्रवरस्य पुण्यं श्रुत्वानुभावमकुतोभयमेति लोकम् ॥ ४७॥

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Ethadhya Aadhipurushasya Mrigendhraleelaam Dhethyendhrayootthapavaddham preyathah pattetha Dheithyaathmajasya cha sathaam prevarasya punyam Sruthvaanubhaavamakuthobhayamethi lokam.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is the Aadhi Purusha meaning First and Original Supreme Personality. We can see the playful deeds of Aadhi-Purusha as NriSimha Moorththy or the King Lion or as Man-Lion and how He as a child's play destroyed all Asura Leaders. Also, we can read the innumerous nobilities and greatness and supreme qualities of Prehlaadha, the son of Dheithyendhra Hiranyakasipu. Those who either read or listen or chant or learn the greatness and nobilities of Prehlaadha Kumaara would certainly reach the Spiritual World or Vishnu Padham or Lotus Feet of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan at His abode of Vaikuntta.

> यूयं नृलोके बत भूरिभागा लोकं पुनाना मुनयोऽभियन्ति । येषां गृहानावसतीति साक्षा-द्गूढं परं ब्रह्म मनुष्यलिङ्गम् ॥ ४८॥

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Yooyam nriloke betha bhooribhaagaa Lokam punaanaa Munayoabhiyanthi Yeshaam grihaanaavasatheethi saakshaath Gooddam Param Brahma Manushyalinggam.

Hey, Mahaaraaja Yuddhishttira! You, the Paandavaas, and all those who live on the planet of earth are really very fortunate because The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, in some Secret Form not recognizable by ordinary people, resides in the house of everyone. The great saints and Munees and Rishees know this for sure. That is why they often visit the homes of human beings to purify and holy the world and their own mind. It is very difficult to explain the greatness and nobility and exaltedness of those who live in the human world.

> स वा अयं ब्रह्म महद्विमृग्य-कैवल्यनिर्वाणसुखानुभूतिः । प्रियः सुहृद्वः खलु मातुलेय आत्मार्हणीयो विधिकृद्गुरुश्च ॥ ४९॥

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Sa vaa ayam Brahma mahadhvimrigya-Kaivalyanirvvaanasukhaanubhoothih Priyah suhridhvah khalu maathuleya Aathmaarhaneeyo viddhikridh guruscha. Oh, the Indhra of Earth or Lord or Emperor of the World or Yuddhishttira! The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan Who is Para Brahma or Cosmic Form is always being sought after and trying to understand and recognize by the great Rishees and Sanyaasees and Munees and Dhevaas with their Vedhic knowledge is the One staying with you and protecting you. You are always under His observation. He is Your friend. He is your relative. You are all very dearest to Him. He is your Aachaarya of Preceptor and Advisor and Instructor and Coach. He is your soul. He deserves to be worshiped by you and you always worship Him. He is the son of your uncle, or He is your cousin. He is your associate and sometimes He even acts as your servant. He is the fulfiller of your desires and needs. He is someone who will and Who is acting as anything for you at any time. He is always with you.

> न यस्य साक्षाद्भवपद्मजादिभी रूपं धिया वस्तुतयोपवर्णितम् । मौनेन भक्त्योपशमेन पूजितः प्रसीदतामेष स सात्वतां पतिः ॥ ५०॥

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Na yesya saakshaadhBhawaPadhmajaadhibhee Roopam ddhiyaa vasthuthayopavarnnitham Maunena bhakthyopasamena poojithah Preseedhathaamesha sa saathvathaam pathih.

Aja or Brahmadheva and Sambhu or Mahaadheva always meditating upon and thinking in their mind and intelligence the Form of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Despite that they are not yet competent to explain fully or analyze in their mind perfectly the Form of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. We, the Munees and Rishees, silently and devotedly and by controlling our senses are worshiping that Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan always. He is very kind and compassionate to His devotees. He is the Embodiment of Purity of Mind. Let that Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who incarnated now in the Form of NriSimha bless and grace us all!

### स एष भगवान् राजन् व्यतनोद्विहतं यशः । पुरा रुद्रस्य देवस्य मयेनानन्तमायिना ॥ ५१॥

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Sa esha Bhagawaan, Raajan, vyethanodhvihatham yesah Puraa Rudhrasya Dhevasya mayenaAnanthamaayinaa.

Maya, the Dhaanava or Asura or Dheithya Architect like Visvakarmma to Dhevaas, was the most technical and tricky Dhaanava who was the master of Maaya Preyoga or the Mystic Yoga of Illusion and technical knowledge and skill. He was an expert of Maayaa Preyoga. With his Maayaa Preyoga once he has completely vanquished the reputation and nobility and fame of Rudhra Bhagawaan or Mahaadheva. NaraSimha Moorththy or Jenaardhdhana Bhagawaan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan recovered and retained the reputation, nobility and fame of Rudhrabhagawaan and saved him. [The story will be explained below.]

राजोवाच

### RaajOvaacha (Yuddhishttira Mahaaraaja Said):

कस्मिन् कर्मणि देवस्य मयोऽहन् जगदीशितुः । यथा चोपचिता कीर्तिः कृष्णेनानेन कथ्यताम् ॥ ५२॥

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Kasmin karmmani Dhevasya mayoahanjJegadheesithuh Yetthaa chopachithaa keerththih Krishnenaanena katthyathaam.

Hey, Maha Muni Dhevarshi Naaradha! How Maya Dhaanava was able to vanquish the reputation and nobility and fame of Rudhra Bhagawaan? How The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan or Addhokshaja or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan was able regain it and save Rudhra Bhagawaan? Please explain.

नारद उवाच

#### Naaradha Uvaacha (Dhevarshi Naaradha Said):

निर्जिता असुरा देवैर्युध्यनेनोपबृंहितैः । मायिनां परमाचार्यं मयं शरणमाययुः ॥ ५३॥

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Nirjjithaa Asuraa Dhevairyuddhyanenopabrimhithaih Maayinam Paramaachaaryam Mayam saranamaayayuh.

Dhevaas or gods, with the unchallengeable power and strength gained from the merciful affection of Sree Krishna Bhagawaan, were able to defeat the Asuraas. Then, the Asuraas approached their leader Maya Dhaanava who was the master of magical tricks and Maayaa Preyoga for his help.

> स निर्माय पुरस्तिस्रो हैमीरौप्यायसीर्विभुः । दुर्लक्ष्यापायसंयोगा दुर्वितर्क्यपरिच्छदाः ॥ ५४॥

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Sa nirmmaaya purasthisro haimeeraupyaayaseerVibhuh Dhurllekshyaapaayasamyogaa dhurvvitharkkyaparichcchadhaah

Maya Dhaanava constructed or created Muppura meaning three magical cities or palatial houses or residences, one with gold, and one with silver and a third with iron or steel with the power of his Maayaa Preyoga or illusory power and gave to the Asuraas. They resembled airplanes. All the three cities were fully and perfectly equipped with all types of paraphernalia and tools. These cities were not visible to anyone, and nobody can see who goes into the cities or who comes out of the cities. The cities themselves were also freely moving in the sky without being seen by anyone. The cities were so marvelously magical and illusory.

ताभिस्तेऽसुरसेनान्यो लोकांस्त्रीन् सेश्वरान्नृप । स्मरन्तो नाशयाञ्चक्रुः पूर्ववैरमलक्षिताः ॥ ५५॥ ThaabhishtheAsurasenaanyo lokaamsthreen sEswaraan Nripa! Smarantho naasayaanjchakruh poorvvavairamalekshithaah.

Hey, King Yuddhishttira! Because of these three dwellings the commanding leaders of Asuraas remained invisible to the Dhevaas. Taking the advantage of this opportunity, the Asuraas remembering the former enmity, started vanquishing and destroying all the three worlds, the upper planet or the Heaven, the middle planet or the Earth and the lower planet or the underworld.

ततस्ते सेश्वरा लोका उपासाद्येश्वरं विभो । त्राहि नस्तावकान् देव विनष्टांस्त्रिपुरालयैः ॥ ५६॥

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Thathasthe Sesvaraa lokaa upaasaadhyEswaram Vibhoh! "Thraahi nasthaavakaan Dheva vinashtaamsThripuraalayaih"

Then, all the Dhevaas along with Ashta Dhikpaalaas approached Sree Rudhra Bhagawaan and pleaded: "Hey, DhevaDheva or the Leader of the gods! Oh, Lord! Due to the illusory and magical power of the Muppura or Muppuraas we are doomed and destroyed. Please save and protect these helpless servants and followers of You."

> अथानुगृह्य भगवान्मा भैष्टेति सुरान् विभुः । शरं धनुषि सन्धाय पुरेष्वस्त्रं व्यमुञ्चत ॥ ५७॥

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Atthaanugrihya Bhagawaa"nmaa bhaishte"thi SuraanVibhuh Saram ddhanushi sanddhaaya pureshvasthram vyemunjchatha.

The most powerful Rudhra Bhagawaan consoled them: "Do not be afraid and get rid of your fear. There is a way out to resolve your issues." And thus, speaking he took his bow and arrows in his hand and aimed at the Muppura and shot the arrows targeting the Muppuraas.

> ततोऽग्निवर्णा इषव उत्पेतुः सूर्यमण्डलात् । यथा मयूखसन्दोहा नादृश्यन्त पुरो यतः ॥ ५८॥

Thathoagnivarnnaa ishava uthpethuh Sooryamandalaath Yetthaa mayookhasamdhohaa naadhrisyantha puro yethah.

The arrows released by Sree Mahaadheva or Rudhrabhagawaan appeared like fiery beams emanating from the Sun covering the Muppuraas or the three residential airplanes which could then no longer be able to see due to the dazzling effect of the fiery beams. In other words, the fiery beams engulfed Thripuraas.

> तैः स्पृष्टा व्यसवः सर्वे निपेतुः स्म पुरौकसः । तानानीय महायोगी मयः कूपरसेऽक्षिपत् ॥ ५९॥

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THaih sprishtaa vyesavah sarvve nipethuh sma puraukasah Thaanaaneeya Mahaayogee Mayah koopareseakshipath.

The residents of the three airplanes were killed and fell on the ground when hit by the arrows. Then, Maya Dhaanava who was the master of all tricks or Maayaa Preyoga created a well and put all the dead bodies in the water in that well.

> सिद्धामृतरसस्पृष्टा वज्रसारा महौजसः । उत्तस्थुर्मेघदलना वैद्युता इव वह्नयः ॥ ६०॥

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Sidhddhaamritharesasprishtaa vajjrasaaraa mahaujasah Uththastthoormmeghadhelanaa vaidhyuthaa iva vahnayah.

When the dead bodies of the Asuraas got in touch with Amritha Resa or Juice of Nectar in the well, their bodies became very powerful, strong, vigorous and energetic and became invincible to thunderbolts or sharp arrows. It was like lightnings penetrating clouds.

विलोक्य भग्नसङ्कल्पं विमनस्कं वृषध्वजम् ।

### तदायं भगवान् विष्णुस्तत्रोपायमकल्पयत् ॥ ६१॥

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Vilokya bhagnasankalpam vimanaskam vrishaddhvajam Thadhaayam Bhagawaan Vishnusthothropaayamakalpayath.

Rudhra Bhagawaan was very disappointed to see all his great efforts to destroy Muppuraas and the Asuraas were futile and useless. He was dejected and despondent. Thus, when Rudhra Bhagawaan was sitting under despondency and dejection, Mukundha Bhagawaan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan considered how to stop the nuisance created by Maya Dhaanava and resolve the despondency of Rudhra Bhagawaan.

> वत्स आसीत्तदा ब्रह्मा स्वयं विष्णुरयं हि गौः । प्रविश्य त्रिपुरं काले रसकूपामृतं पपौ ॥ ६२॥

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Vathsa aaseeththadhaa Brahmaa Svayam Vishnurayam hi gauh Previsy Thripuram kale resakoopaamritham papau.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan decided to become a cow and Brahmadheva its calf. And at noon, they entered the Muppura as a cow and calf and drank all the nectar and dried the well.

तेऽसुरा ह्यपि पश्यन्तो न न्यषेधन् विमोहिताः । तद्विज्ञाय महायोगी रसपालानिदं जगौ ॥ ६३॥

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Theasuraa hyapi pasyantho na nyesheddhanvimohithaah Thadhvijnjaaya mahaayogee resapaalaanidham jegau.

Though the Asuraas were watching the cow and calf drinking nectar but as they were mesmerized by the Power of Illusion of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan they could not forbid or stop the cow and calf. The great mystic Maya knowing that it was destined or fate or the power of unforeseen Providence he got rid of his sorrow and unhappiness. With that understanding Maya spoke to the grieving guards, Asura warriors, of the well:

## स्वयं विशोकः शोकार्तान् स्मरन् दैवगतिं च ताम् । देवोऽसुरो नरोऽन्यो वा नेश्वरोऽस्तीह कश्चन ॥ ६४॥

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"Svayam visokah sokaarththaan smaran Dhaivagethim cha thaam DhevoAsuro NaroAnyo vaa nEswaroastheeha kaschana."

"When we think we can understand that in this universe neither the Dhevaas nor the Asuraas nor the Humans nor Anyone Else is smart enough and capable of doing anything."

> आत्मनोऽन्यस्य वा दिष्टं दैवेनापोहितुं द्वयोः । अथासौ शक्तिभिः स्वाभिः शम्भोः प्राधनिकं व्यधात् ॥ ६५॥

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"Aathmanoanyasya vaa dhishtam Dhaivenaapohithum dhvayoh Atthaasau sakthibhih svaabhih Sambhoh praadhaanikamvyeddhaath."

"What has been destined by Providence or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan for one-self or for others or for both one-self and for others cannot be undone by anyone at any time from anywhere. Whatever has destined must and will occur or happen. Nobody can deny that, and nobody can avoid that. No one is powerful to resist destiny. Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is protecting Mahesa or Rudhra Bhagawan by providing will and power to His Soul by removing His sorrows and despondency."

> धर्मज्ञानविरक्त्यृद्धितपोविद्याक्रियादिभिः । रथं सूतं ध्वजं वाहान् धनुर्वर्मशरादि यत् ॥ ६६॥

Ddharmmajnjaanavirakthyardhddhithapovidhyaakriyaadhibhih Rettham sootham ddhvajam vaahaanddhanurvvarmma saraadhi yeth.

Dhevarshi Naaradha continued: Hey, Mahaaraaja Yuddhishttira! Thereafter, Lord Sree Hari or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan by His Eternal Potency consisting of Morality, Religion, Knowledge, Discrimination, Renunciation, Opulence, Austerity, Education and Activities equipped Lord Siva or Maheswara or Sree Rudhra Bhagawaan with all the necessary paraphernalia and tools such as a Chariot, a Charioteer, a Flag, a Flag Mast, Horses, Elephants, a Bow, a Shield and arrows.

## सन्नद्धो रथमास्थाय शरं धनुरुपाददे । शरं धनुषि सन्धाय मुहूर्तेऽभिजितीश्वरः ॥ ६७॥

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Sannadhddho rethamaastthaaya saram ddhanurupaadhadhe Saram ddhanushi sanddhaaya muhoorththeabhijithEeswarah

> ददाह तेन दुर्भेद्या हरोऽथ त्रिपुरो नृप । दिवि दुन्दुभयो नेदुर्विमानशतसङ्कुलाः ॥ ६८॥

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Dhedhaaha thena dhurbhedhyaa Haroatttha Thripuro Nripa! Dhivi dhundhubhayo nedhurvimaanasathasankulaah

Thus, when Rudhra Bhagawaan was fully equipped this way, he got ready and sat down on the chariot in the Abhijith Muhoorththa, meaning the most auspicious time to start any activity, with his arrows and bow to fight with the Asuraas. [It is an astrological fact that any activity starting at Abhijith Muhoorththa would be completed successfully and victoriously.] And then Maheswara destroyed Thripuraas or all the Three Cities by shooting arrows of fire and burning the cities without any difficulties. Seeing the jubilant victory of Mahaadheva the Dhevaas came on their airplanes and the sky was filled with them. They jubilantly started beating the drums and kettle drums.

# देवर्षिपितृसिद्धेशा जयेति कुसुमोत्करैः । अवाकिरन् जगुर्हृष्टा ननृतुश्चाप्सरोगणाः ॥ ६९॥

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Dhevarshipithrisidhddhesaa jeyethi kusumothkaraih Avaakiranjjagurhrishtaa nanarithuschaApsarogenaah.

Dhevarshees, Pithroos, Sidhddhaas and other celestial bodies shouted "Victory to Mahaadheva! Victory to Sambhu! Victory to Rudhra Bhagawaan!" and showered flowers upon him. Apsaraas of the heavenly beauties jubilantly sang glorifying songs of Siva and danced happily.

> एवं दग्ध्वा पुरस्तिस्रो भगवान् पुरहा नृप । ब्रह्मादिभिः स्तूयमानः स्वधाम प्रत्यपद्यत ॥ ७०॥

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Evam dhegdhddhvaa purasthisro Bhagawaan purahaa Nripa! Brahmaadhibhih sthooyamaanah svaddhaama prethyapadhyatha.

Brahmadheva and other Dhevaas also appreciatively worshipped Hara or Mahaadheva who burned down the Thripuraas. Thus, being worshipped by Brahmadheva and others Sree Rudhra Bhagawaan returned to his abode of Kailaasa very satisfied.

> एवं विधान्यस्य हरेः स्वमायया विडम्बमानस्य नृलोकमात्मनः । वीर्याणि गीतान्यृषिभिर्जगद्गुरो-र्लोकान् पुनानान्यपरं वदामि किम् ॥ ७१॥

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Evam viddhaanasya Hareh svamaayayaa Vidambamaanasya Nrilokamaathmanah Veeryaani geethaanyRishibhirjjegadhguror-Lokaan punaanaanyaparam vadhaami kim.

Dhevarshi Naaradha continued: Hey, Nripa Sreshtta Yuddhishttira! Lord Sree Hari or Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan has incarnated and appeared as human being many a times, yet He had performed many uncommon wonderful and amazing and glorious pastime deeds by His own eternal potency. By listening to His glorious stories sang and narrated by great Rishees would purify the whole universe. There are many other stories described by scholarly Rishees. If you wish to listen to any of them, please let me know which of those stories or stories you are anxiously interested to listen to now.

### इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां सप्तमस्कन्धे युधिष्ठिरनारदसंवादे त्रिपुरविजयो नाम दशमोऽध्यायः ॥ १०॥

Ithi Sreemadh Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam Samhithgaayaam SapthamaSkanddhe YuddhishttiraNaaradhaSamvaadhe ThripuraVijayo [Prehlaadha Charitham – ThripuraDhehanam] Naama DhesamoAddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Tenth Chapter Named as In The Conversation of Yuddhishttira and Dhevarshi Naaradha The Destruction or Burning of Thripura or Successful Conquering of Thripura {by Siva} – [Continuation of the Story of Prehlaadha – Burning and Destruction of Thripura] 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!