

## **SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM**

### **AADHI PARVVAM**

#### **24. Sauparnnam - Sooryante UgraRoopam (24. About Suparnnan or Garudan – The most Powerful and Dreadful Form of Sun)**

Having heard and complied with the worship of Garudan reduced his dreadful form of extreme energy, splendor, and effulgence. As being caught and tormented by Raahu, the angry Sun emitted the most impetuous and dreadful rays of effulgence and splendor capable of burning the whole universe. As being commanded by Brahmadheva, Arunan the Charioteer of Sun, standing as a preventive screen and saves the universe.

#### **Soothan Said:**

Thus, having heard the worship and prayers of Dhevaas and Dhevarshees, Garudan prepared to reduce his dreadful splendor and effulgence of his material body. 1

#### **Suparnnan or Garudan Said:**

You and the world do not have to be fearful or scared of seeing this huge and mountainous body with such powerful energy, effulgence, and splendor. I am going to withdraw this form. 2

#### **Soothan Said:**

The Kaamagan or the wish-fulfiller, the king of the bird who is capable to acquire power, valor, and might according to his wish and who is the best and bravest of all birds carrying Aruna, his brother, on his back from his father's house to the other shore of the ocean to his mother's house and placed Aruna with high splendor at the eastern region when Sooryan or Sun resolved to burn the world with his dreadful and impetuous splendor, energy, and effulgence. 3-5

#### **Ruru Said:**

Why did Soorya or Sun-god resolve to burn the world? 5

What wrong was done to him, Sooryan, by the Dhevaas to make him so angry and wild? 6

**Pramathi Paranju (Pramathi Said):**

When Rahu was drinking Amritham or Nectar along with the Dhevaas during Amritha Matthanam, Sooryan and Chandhran pointed that out to the Dhevaas. And from that time onwards Raahu kept revenge of enmity against Sooryan and Chandhran. And because of the affliction of the planet Raahu against Sooryan to swallow him when he gets the opportunity made Sooryan became so wildly wrathful. 6-7

Sooryan Thought: "This enmity of Raahu created revenge of anger on me because I worked for the benefit and for the sake of Dhevaas. The benefit was for all, but its dire consequence is for me alone or I am the lone sufferer or sustainer. When I am in danger there is no one to help me or save me, no Dhevaas. See what they are doing when I am being swallowed by the serpent Raahu, the Dhevaas are simply looking on without taking any preventive measures. Therefore, this destruction of the world is a lesson for their inaction." With that firm determination Sooryan went to the Astha-Giri or to the West-Mountain where Sooryan reaches at Sun-set. 8-10

Standing there at Astha-Giri, Bhaskaran or Sooryan started burning the whole world. Then the Viparshees or Brahmarshees went to the Dhevaas and spoke to them: 11

"By the middle of night today, the entire world will be burned to ashes and destroyed from the most fearsome and terrifying heat waves radiated by the Sooryan." 12

Thereafter, the entire group of Dhevarshees went and reported to Brahmadheva and asked him: "Why are we feeling so thirsty? What is the reason for that? There is no Sooryan to be seen but the heat is too much and very thirsty. At this rate when the Sun rises what would be our condition and how could we stand it or how could we survive? What untoward things are going to happen to the world?" 13-14

### **Pithaamahan or Brahmadhevan Said:**

Inan or Sooryan is going to rise with the intention of burning out the whole world. There is already a predestined remedy to stop that from happening.

Kasyapa has a son who is extremely intelligent and very famous called Aruna or Arunan who was highly effulgent and brilliant. He was huge with a mountainous body. Let him stand in front of Sooryan and block him. Let

him manage charioteer-ship of Sooryan and reduce or diminish the effulgence and brilliance of Sooryan. Like that Dhevaas and world will hail and be happy. 15-18

### **Pramathi Said:**

As destined by fate and commanded by Brahmadheva, Arunan covered Sooryan as an orbit circumference for the Sun and the Sun rose next morning with that cover. 18-19

Thus, I have explained to you why Sooryan became angry and how or why Arunan became the charioteer of Sooryan and answered the questions a while ago. 19-20

**So ends this section.**