

Indra's wrath

- ॐ Narada informs Indra that sacrifice had been stopped
- ॐ Indra became angry,
- ॐ He vented his anger upon the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana, who were headed by Nanda Mahārāja, although Indra knew perfectly well that Kṛṣṇa was personally protecting them.
- ॐ As the director of different kinds of clouds, Indra called for the Sāmvartaka.

Description is an amalgamation of those found in Srimad Bhagavatam (Krishna Book) and Garga Samhita (Canto 3, Chapter 3)

- ॐ *This cloud is invited when there is a need to devastate the whole cosmic manifestation. The Sāmvartaka was ordered by Indra to go over Vṛndāvana and inundate the whole area with an extensive flood. Demonically, Indra thought himself to be the all-powerful supreme personality. When demons become very powerful, they defy the supreme controller, the Personality of Godhead. Indra, though not a demon, was puffed up by his material position, and he wanted to challenge the supreme controller. He thought himself, at least for the time being, as powerful as Kṛṣṇa.*
- ॐ Indra said, “Just see the impudence of the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana! They are simply inhabitants of the forest, but being infatuated with their friend Kṛṣṇa, who is nothing but an ordinary human being, they have dared to defy the demigods.”
- ॐ *Kṛṣṇa has declared in the Bhagavad-gītā that the worshipers of the demigods are not very intelligent. He has also declared that one has to give up all kinds of worship and simply concentrate on Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Kṛṣṇa's invoking the anger of Indra and later on chastising him is a clear indication to His devotees that those who are engaged in Kṛṣṇa consciousness have no need to worship any demigod, even if it is found that the demigod has become angry. Kṛṣṇa gives His devotees all protection, and they should completely depend on His mercy.*
- ॐ Indra cursed the action of the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana and said, “By defying the authority of the demigods, the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana will suffer in material existence.
- ॐ Having neglected the sacrifice to the demigods, they cannot cross over the impediments of the ocean of material existence.”
- ॐ Indra further declared, “These cowherd men in Vṛndāvana have neglected my authority on the advice of this talkative boy who is known as Kṛṣṇa.
- ॐ He is nothing but a child, and by believing this child, they have enraged me.”
- ॐ Thus he ordered the Sāmvartaka cloud to go and destroy the prosperity of Vṛndāvana.
- ॐ “The men of Vṛndāvana,” said Indra, “have become too puffed up over their material opulence and are overconfident due to the presence of their tiny friend, Kṛṣṇa.
- ॐ He is simply talkative, childish and unaware of the complete cosmic situation, although He is thinking Himself very advanced in knowledge.
- ॐ Because they have taken Kṛṣṇa so seriously, they must be punished. They should be destroyed with their cows.”

- ॐ In this way Indra ordered the Sāṁvartaka cloud to go to Vṛndāvana and inundate the place.
- ॐ *It is indicated here that in the villages or outside the towns, the inhabitants must depend on the cows for their prosperity. When the cows are destroyed, the people are destitute of all kinds of opulences.*
- ॐ When King Indra ordered the Sāṁvartaka and companion clouds to go to Vṛndāvana, the clouds were afraid of doing this mischief.
- ॐ But King Indra assured them, “You go ahead, and I will also go, riding on my elephant, accompanied by great storms. And I shall apply all my strength to punishing the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana.”
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- ॐ Ordered by King Indra, all the dangerous clouds appeared above Vṛndāvana and began to pour water incessantly, with all their strength and power.
- ॐ There was constant lightning and thunder,
- ॐ The clouds thundered with anger.
- ॐ They were many wonderful colors,
- ॐ some black,
- ॐ some yellow,
- ॐ some green
- ॐ some the color of an indragopa insect,
- ॐ some the color of camphor,
- ॐ and some the color of blue lotuses
- ॐ Furious, they showered raindrops as big as elephants
- ॐ and thunderbolts as big as elephants' trunks.
- ॐ Big as mountain peaks, millions of rocks fell.
- ॐ The wind threw away many trees and houses.
- ॐ The rain seemed to fall like piercing sharp arrows.
- ॐ the earth was filled with ferocious, terrifying, and devastating sounds of thunder.
- ॐ The entire universe, with the seven planetary systems and the expanses of outer space, echoed with the sounds of thunder.
- ॐ The elephants holding the directions trembled.
- ॐ The stars fell to the circle of the earth.
- ॐ By pouring water as thick as pillars, without cessation, the clouds gradually filled all the lands in Vṛndāvana with water,
- ॐ and there was no visible distinction between higher and lower land.
- ॐ The situation was very dangerous, especially for the animals.
- ॐ The rainfall was accompanied by great winds, and every living creature in Vṛndāvana began to tremble from the severe cold.

- ॐ Wishing to save themselves, the gopas and their families, with the children in front, ran to Nanda's palace.
- ॐ Terrified, the people of Vraja bowed down before the two Supreme Lords, Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma, surrendered to Them, and took shelter of Them.
- ॐ Unable to find any other source of deliverance, they all approached Govinda to take shelter at His lotus feet.
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- ॐ The cows especially, being much aggrieved from the heavy rain, bowed down their heads, and taking their calves underneath their bodies, they approached the Supreme Personality of Godhead to take shelter of His lotus feet.
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- ॐ The gopas said: Balarāma! Balarāma!
- ॐ O mighty-armed! Kṛṣṇa!
- ॐ Kṛṣṇa! O master of Vraja!
- ॐ Save, save Your people from these calamities brought by Indra!
- ॐ By Your word we stopped the indra-yajña and offered a festival for Govardhana Hill.
- ॐ Now Indra is angry.
- ॐ What should we do?
- ॐ Please tell us!

Krishna protects His devotees

- ॐ The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Don't be afraid.
- ॐ With your dependents go to Govardhana Hill.
- ॐ He accepted our worship.
- ॐ He will protect us.
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- ॐ Upon hearing their prayer, Kṛṣṇa could understand that Indra, being bereft of his sacrificial honor, was pouring down rain that was accompanied by heavy pieces of ice and strong winds, although all this was out of season.
- ॐ Kṛṣṇa understood that this was a deliberate exhibition of anger by Indra.
- ॐ He therefore concluded, “This demigod who thinks himself supreme has shown his great power, but I shall answer him according to My position, and I shall teach him that he is not autonomous in managing universal affairs.
- ॐ I am the Supreme Lord over all, and I shall thus take away his false prestige, which has risen from his power.
- ॐ The demigods are My devotees, and therefore it is not possible for them to forget My supremacy, but somehow or other he has become puffed up with material power and thus is now maddened.

- ॐ I shall act in such a way as to relieve him of this false prestige.
- ॐ I shall give protection to My pure devotees in Vṛndāvana, who are at present completely dependent on My mercy and whom I have taken completely under My protection.
- ॐ I must save them by My mystic power.”
- ॐ Thinking in this way, Lord Kṛṣṇa immediately picked up Govardhana Hill with one hand, exactly as a child picks up a mushroom from the ground.
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- ॐ Lord Kṛṣṇa then addressed His devotees, “My dear brothers, My dear father, My dear inhabitants of Vṛndāvana, you can now safely enter under the umbrella of Govardhana Hill, which I have just lifted.
- ॐ Do not be afraid of the hill and think that it will fall from My hand.
- ॐ You have been too much afflicted from the heavy rain and strong wind; therefore I have lifted this hill, which will protect you exactly like a huge umbrella.
- ॐ I think this is a proper arrangement to relieve you of your immediate distress.
- ॐ Be happy along with your animals underneath this great umbrella.”
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- ॐ Being assured by Lord Kṛṣṇa, all the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana entered beneath the great hill along with their property and animals, and they all appeared to be safe.
- ॐ when Kṛṣṇa asked, Balarāma and all the boys His age steadied the the hill with their sticks.
- ॐ Seeing a great flood of water coming, in His mind Lord Kṛṣṇa ordered Lord Śeṣa and the Sudarśana-cakra to come under the hill.
- ॐ Brilliant as ten million suns, the Sudarśana-cakra hovered above the hill and drank up the falling streams of water as Agastya Muni drank up the ocean.
- ॐ Coiling Himself around the hill, Śeṣa stopped the incoming flood as a shoreline stops the waters of an ocean.
- ॐ The inhabitants of Vṛndāvana and their animals remained there for one week without being disturbed by hunger, thirst or any other discomforts.
- ॐ They were simply astonished to see how Kṛṣṇa was holding up the mountain with the little finger of His left hand.
- ॐ For seven days Lord Kṛṣṇa steadily held Govardhana Hill.
- ॐ As if they had become cakora birds, the stunned gopas gazed at Lord Kṛṣṇacandra
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- ॐ Mounting his maddened elephant Airāvata, and accompanied by his armies, furious Indra went to the circle of Vraja.
- ॐ Wishing to destroy Nanda's village, Indra threw his thunderbolt from far away.
- ॐ Kṛṣṇa suddenly paralyzed both the thunderbolt and the arm that threw it.

- ॐ Terrified, Indra fled with the demigods and sāmwartaka clouds as if he were an elephant wounded by a lion.
- ॐ Seeing the extraordinary mystic power of Kṛṣṇa, Indra, the King of heaven, was thunderstruck and baffled in his determination.
- ॐ He immediately called for all the clouds and asked them to desist.
- ॐ When the sky became completely cleared of all clouds and there was sunrise again, the strong wind stopped.
- ॐ and the streams carried very little water.
- ॐ The ground dried up, the sky became clear, and the animals and birds became happy.
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- ॐ At that time Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, known now as the lifter of Govardhana Hill, said, “My dear cowherd men, now you can leave and take your wives, children, cows and valuables, because everything is ended.
- ॐ The inundation has gone down, along with the swelling waters of the river.”
- ॐ All the men loaded their valuables on carts and slowly left with their cows and other paraphernalia.
- ॐ Then Kṛṣṇa, the lifter of Govardhana Hill, said to His friends, "Go out."
- ॐ They said to Him, "You go first. We will hold the hill with our own strength."
- ॐ Then Lord Kṛṣṇa, the lifter of Govardhana Hill, shifted half of the hill's weight to the talkative gopa boys.
- ॐ That burden made the gopa boys fall, devastated, to the ground.
- ॐ With one hand Kṛṣṇa picked them all up.
- ॐ After they had cleared out everything, Lord Kṛṣṇa very slowly replaced Govardhana Hill in exactly the same position it had been before.
- ॐ When everything was done, all the inhabitants of Vṛndāvana approached Kṛṣṇa with feelings of love and embraced Him with great ecstasy.
- ॐ The gopīs, being naturally very affectionate to Kṛṣṇa, began to offer Him yogurt mixed with their tears, and they poured incessant blessings upon Him.
- ॐ Mother Yaśodā, mother Rohiṇī, Nanda and Balarāma, who is the strongest of the strong, embraced Kṛṣṇa one after another and, from spontaneous feelings of affection, blessed Him over and over again.
- ॐ In the heavens, different demigods from different planetary systems, such as Siddhaloka, Gandharvaloka and Cāraṇaloka, also began to show their complete satisfaction.
- ॐ They poured showers of flowers on the surface of the earth and sounded different conchshells.
- ॐ There was beating of drums, and being inspired by godly feelings, residents of Gandharvaloka began to play on their tambouras to please the Lord.

- ॐ The gopas and gopīs, now understanding that Nanda's son Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, worshiped Him, showered Him with unbroken grains of rice, offered Him many foods made with milk and yogurt, and humbly bowed down before Him.
- ॐ Then Nanda, Yaśodā, Rohiṇī, and the gopa elders headed by Sannanda, embraced Kṛṣṇa, gave Him great wealth, and, filled with kindness and love, spoke many benedictions blessing Him.
- ॐ Singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments, the people of Vraja approached Lord Kṛṣṇa and worshiped Him.
- ॐ In this way all their desires were fulfilled.
- ॐ Then the jubilant demigods showered beautiful flowers grown in the beautiful Nandana gardens, and the Gandharvas and Siddhas in the higher planets sang the glories of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the lifter of Govardhana Hill.
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- ॐ After this incident, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, surrounded by His dear friends and the animals, returned to His home.
- ॐ As usual, the gopīs began to chant the glorious pastimes of Lord Kṛṣṇa with great feeling, for they were chanting from the heart.