

Sudarśana, the Vidyādhara, is liberated

Description is found
Srimad Bhagavatam
(Krishna Book)

- ॐ Once upon a time, the cowherd men of Vṛndāvana, headed by Nanda Mahārāja, desired to go to Ambikāvana to observe the Śiva-rātri ceremony.
- ॐ The rāsa-līlā was performed during the autumn, and after that the next big ceremony is Holi, or the Dolāyātrā ceremony.
- ॐ Between the Dolāyātrā ceremony and the rāsa-līlā ceremony there is an important ceremony called Śiva-rātri, which is especially observed by the Śaivites, or devotees of Lord Śiva.
- ॐ Sometimes the Vaiṣṇavas also observe this ceremony because they accept Lord Śiva as the foremost Vaiṣṇava.
- ॐ But the function of Śiva-rātri is not observed very regularly by the bhaktas, or devotees of Kṛṣṇa.
- ॐ Under the circumstances, Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam states that Nanda Mahārāja and the other cowherd men “once upon a time desired.”
- ॐ This means that they were not regularly observing the Śiva-rātri function but that once upon a time they wanted to go to Ambikāvana out of curiosity.
- ॐ Ambikāvana is somewhere in Gujarat Province, and it is said to be situated on the river Sarasvatī.
- ॐ Yet we do not find any Sarasvatī River in Gujarat Province, although there is a river named Savarmatī.
- ॐ They very devotedly began to worship the deity of Lord Śiva and Ambikā.
- ॐ After taking a bath, they worshiped the deities and then distributed charity in the holy places.
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- ॐ The cowherd men, headed by Nanda Mahārāja, spent that night on the bank of the Sarasvatī.
- ॐ They fasted all day and drank a little water at night. But while they were taking rest, a great serpent from the nearby forest appeared before them and hungrily began to swallow up Nanda Mahārāja.
- ॐ Nanda cried out helplessly, “My dear son, Kṛṣṇa, please come and save me from this danger! This serpent is swallowing me!”
- ॐ When Nanda Mahārāja cried for help, all the cowherd men got up and saw what was happening.
- ॐ They immediately took up burning logs and began to beat the snake to kill it.
- ॐ But in spite of being beaten with burning logs, the serpent was not about to give up swallowing Nanda Mahārāja.
- ॐ At that time Kṛṣṇa appeared on the scene and touched the serpent with His lotus feet.

- ॐ Immediately upon being touched by the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, the serpent shed its reptilian body and appeared as a very beautiful demigod named Vidyādhara.
- ॐ His bodily features were so beautiful that he appeared to be worshipable.
- ॐ There was a luster and effulgence emanating from his body, and he was garlanded with a gold necklace.
- ॐ He offered obeisances to Lord Kṛṣṇa and stood before Him with great humility.
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- ॐ Kṛṣṇa then asked the demigod, “You appear to be a very nice demigod and to be favored by the goddess of fortune.
- ॐ How is it that you performed such abominable activities that you got the body of a serpent?”
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- ॐ The demigod then began to narrate the story of his previous life.
- ॐ “My dear Lord,” he said, “in my previous life I was named Vidyādhara and was known all over the world for my beauty.
- ॐ Because I was a celebrated personality, I used to travel all over in my airplane.
- ॐ While traveling, I saw a great sage named Aṅgirā.
- ॐ He was very ugly, and because I was very proud of my beauty, I laughed at him.
- ॐ Due to this sinful act, I was condemned by the great sage to assume the form of a serpent.”
- ॐ “Because I was very proud of the exquisite beauty of my body,” he said, “I derided the ugly features of the great sage Aṅgirā.
- ॐ He cursed me for my sin, and I became a snake.
- ॐ Now I consider that this curse by the sage was not at all a curse; it was a great benediction for me.
- ॐ Had he not cursed me, I would not have assumed the body of a serpent and would not have been kicked by Your lotus feet and thus freed from all material contamination.”
- ॐ “My dear Lord,” Vidyādhara continued, “now, since I think I have become freed from all kinds of sinful activities, I am asking Your permission to return to my abode, the heavenly planets.”
- ॐ Vidyādhara, awaiting Kṛṣṇa’s permission to return to the heavenly planets, said, “Now, because I have been touched by Your lotus feet, I am relieved of all kinds of material pangs.
- ॐ You are the most powerful of all mystics.
- ॐ You are the original Supreme Personality of Godhead.
- ॐ You are the master of all devotees.
- ॐ You are the proprietor of all planetary systems, and therefore I am asking Your permission.

- ॐ You may accept me as fully surrendered unto You.
- ॐ I know very well that persons who are constantly engaged in chanting Your holy name attain release from all sinful reactions, and certainly persons who are fortunate enough to be personally touched by Your lotus feet are freed.
- ॐ Therefore I am sure that I am now relieved of the curse of the brāhmaṇa simply by seeing You and being touched by Your lotus feet.”
- ॐ In this way, Vidyādhara got permission from Lord Kṛṣṇa to return to his home in the higher planetary system.
- ॐ After receiving this permission, he circumambulated the Lord and offered his respectful obeisances unto Him, and then he returned to his heavenly planet.
- ॐ Thus Nanda Mahārāja was relieved of the imminent danger of being devoured by the snake.
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- ॐ The cowherd men, who had come to execute the ritualistic function of worshiping Lord Śiva and Ambikā, finished their business and prepared to return to Vṛndāvana.
- ॐ While returning, they recalled the wonderful activities of Kṛṣṇa.
- ॐ By relating the incident of Vidyādhara’s deliverance, they became more attached to Kṛṣṇa.
- ॐ They had come to worship Lord Śiva and Ambikā, but the result was that they became more and more attached to Kṛṣṇa.

Śaṅkhacūḍa

- ॐ After this incident, on a very pleasant night Kṛṣṇa and His elder brother, Balarāma, who are inconceivably powerful, went into the forest of Vṛndāvana.
- ॐ They were accompanied by the damsels of Vrajabhūmi, and They began to enjoy their company.
- ॐ The young damsels of Vraja were very nicely dressed and anointed with pulp of sandalwood and decorated with flowers.
- ॐ The moon was shining in the sky, surrounded by glittering stars.
- ॐ The breeze was blowing, bearing the aroma of mallikā flowers, and the bumblebees were mad after the aroma.
- ॐ Taking advantage of the pleasing atmosphere, Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma began to sing very melodiously.
- ॐ The damsels became so absorbed in Their rhythmical song that they almost forgot themselves; their hair loosened, their clothes slackened, and their garlands began to fall to the ground.
- ॐ At that time, while Kṛṣṇa, Balarāma and the damsels were so much absorbed, almost in madness, a demoniac associate of Kuvera (the treasurer of the heavenly planets) appeared on the scene.

- ॐ The demon's name was Śaṅkhacūḍa because on his head there was a valuable jewel resembling a conchshell.
- ॐ Just as the two sons of Kuvera had been puffed up over their wealth and opulence and did not care for Nārada Muni's presence, this Śaṅkhacūḍa was also puffed up over material opulence.
- ॐ He thought that Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma were two ordinary cowherd boys enjoying the company of many beautiful girls.
- ॐ Śaṅkhacūḍa also thought that since he belonged to the rich community of Kuvera, he, not Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma, should enjoy the company of so many beautiful girls.
- ॐ He therefore decided to take charge of them.
- ॐ He appeared before Kṛṣṇa, Balarāma and the damsels of Vraja and began to lead the girls away to the north.
- ॐ He commanded them as if he were their proprietor and husband, despite the presence of Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma.
- ॐ Being forcibly taken away by Śaṅkhacūḍa, the damsels of Vraja called out the names of Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma for protection.
- ॐ The two brothers immediately began to follow them, taking up big logs of śāla wood in Their hands.
- ॐ “Don't be afraid, don't be afraid,” They called to the gopīs.
- ॐ “We are coming at once to chastise this demon.”
- ॐ Very quickly They reached Śaṅkhacūḍa.
- ॐ Thinking the brothers too powerful, Śaṅkhacūḍa left the company of the gopīs and ran in fear for his life.
- ॐ But Kṛṣṇa would not let him go.
- ॐ He entrusted the gopīs to the care of Balarāma and followed Śaṅkhacūḍa wherever he fled.
- ॐ Kṛṣṇa wanted to take the valuable jewel resembling a conchshell from the head of the demon.
- ॐ After following him a very short distance, Kṛṣṇa caught him, struck his head with His fist and killed him.
- ॐ He then took the valuable jewel and returned.
- ॐ In the presence of all the damsels of Vraja, He presented the valuable jewel to His elder brother, Balarāma.

Sankacuda

- ॐ Sankacuda was a foolwer of Kuvera
- ॐ In club fighting he had no equal on earth
- ॐ Narada tells him of Kamsa's strength
- ॐ Taking club weighing 100k bhāras Sank leaves for Mathurā

Description is found in Garga Samhita (Canto 2, chapter 23) - Which places this as occurring during vasant rasa

- ॐ Meets Kāmsa
- ॐ Bows
- ॐ O conqueror of the 3 worlds, please engage in club duel with me.
- ॐ I you win I will be your servant
- ॐ If I win v/v
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- ॐ Kam: so be it
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- ॐ Terrible duel
- ॐ Caṭcaṭā sounds were like thunder of black clouds
- ॐ Two fighters were glorious
- ॐ Like two wrestlers fighting
- ॐ Two dancers dancing
- ॐ Two regal elephants
- ॐ Two long limbed lions
- ॐ Sparks flew from clubs
- ॐ Clubs broken to pieces
- ॐ Kam punch Sank
- ॐ Sank punch Kam
- ॐ Fought hand to hand for 27 days
- ॐ Neither weakened
- ॐ Both were amazed
- ॐ Kam grabs Sank & throws 800 mile into sky
- ॐ When Sank fell was somewhat disturbed
- ॐ Sank grab Kam and throws 80k mile into sky
- ॐ When Kam fell was somewhat disturbed
- ॐ Kam grab Sank and throw to ground
- ॐ Sank grab Kam and throw to ground
- ॐ Earth trembled
- ॐ Garga Muni arrives
- ॐ Sank & Kam offer obeisances
- ॐ
- ॐ GM to Kam: O King of kings, don't continue this fight
- ॐ It has no meaning
- ॐ Sank is your equal
- ॐ Blows of your fists made Airavata faint

- ॐ His knees now touch the ground
- ॐ Other demons have died from your punches
- ॐ But Sank has not even fallen
- ॐ Plz hear the reason
- ॐ As the SPG is destined to kill you, so he will kill Sank
- ॐ He, like you, is very strong due to Siva's blessings
- ॐ You should make friends with him
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- ॐ GM to Sank: And O king of the Yakṣas, you should make friends with w/ Kam
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- ॐ Sank and Kam become friends
- ॐ Sank invite Kam to his home
- ॐ On the road that night they heard the beautiful singing of the rasa dance
- ॐ Following the sounds of the karatalas they came to the rasa dance circle
- ॐ Saw R & K
- ॐ K had left arm around R
- ॐ Left foot was playfully tilted
- ॐ Held a flute
- ॐ Had handsome, gentle smile
- ॐ Eyebrows that bewildered many Cupids
- ॐ Was master of Vraja & Vraja's girls
- ॐ Served with 10 mil camaras & parasols
- ॐ Sank thought K was fragile, therefore decided to kidnap one of the gopis
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- ॐ Sank was black
- ॐ Tall as palm trees
- ॐ Had tiger's face w/ lolling tongue
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- ॐ When Sank came he caused a great commotion
- ॐ When gopis saw cried: Alas! Alas!
- ॐ Fearless & tortured by lust Sank takes Śatacandrānā gopī
- ॐ Runs to the North
- ॐ SC: "K! K!"
- ॐ K chases
- ॐ Sank becomes fearful
- ॐ Leaves SC behind

- ॐ K chases carrying Śāla tree
- ॐ Sank uproots Śāla tree eager to fight
- ॐ K throws tree at Sank
- ॐ Sank falls to ground as if struck by hurricane
- ॐ Sank gets up
- ॐ Punches K
- ॐ Roars
- ॐ K grabs Sank
- ॐ Whirls around
- ॐ Throws to ground
- ॐ Fighting caused earth to shake
- ॐ K punches Sank & severs his head
- ॐ K takes jewel from crown.
- ॐ Effulgence leaves Sank's body merges with Śrīdhama
- ॐ K returns to rāsa circle
- ॐ Gives jewel to Śatacandrānā
- ॐ Continues rāsa dance

Sankacuda's history

- ॐ Bahulaśva inquires why sparks from Agha & others entered K's body, but Śaṅkhacūḍa entered Śrīdhāma
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- ॐ In Goloka
- ॐ R, Śrī, Virajā, & Bhū were 4 wives of K
- ॐ Of them R most dear to SPG
- ॐ One day in secluded forest K enjoy pastimes with Virajā
- ॐ From friends mouth R hear that K had enjoyed with V
- ॐ R became filled with jealous anger
- ॐ Ascend chariot made of jewels, gold and pearls
- ॐ Decorated with 10 million flags and grand domes
- ॐ Clutching a stick
- ॐ Accompanied by billion gopi friends
- ॐ R rushed to see K
- ॐ Seeing Śrīdāmā guarding entrance by K's order R rebukes with many words
- ॐ R eager to enter
- ॐ R and friends hit Śrīdāmā with sticks

Description is found
in Garga Samhita
(Canto 2, chapter 26)

- ॐ Hearing the commotion K disappeared
- ॐ Out of fear of R, Virajā transformed self into river that flowed 80 million miles around Goloka
- ॐ Encircled Goloka as ocean encircles a continent
- ॐ Glorious as if decorated with flowers and jewels decorate with a crown
- ॐ Looking at the forest and river (Virajā) & thinking K had gone R returns to her own forest grove
- ॐ Virajā transforms from river to girl dressed in glittering garments
- ॐ K enjoyed rasa dance w/ V in forest by Virajā river
- ॐ By K's pwer 7 sons were born to V
- ॐ w/ childhood games decorated that forest
- ॐ one day the boys quarreled
- ॐ Hit by elders, the youngest fled to his mata's lap
- ॐ As V hugged and consoled son K disappeared
- ॐ Grieving over losing K, V cursed her son:
- ॐ Fool that separates me from K, become water!
- ॐ The people will never drink your water.
- ॐ To her older sons:
- ॐ Quarrelsome children, go to earth
- ॐ You will become bodies of water, each in his own place
- ॐ You will not meet
- ॐ Only at the time of cosmic devastation will you meet
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- ॐ Thus they went to earth
- ॐ Lived in ruts left by the wheels of Priyavrata's chariot
- ॐ Became the oceans of salt water, sugar cane juice, liquor, ghee, milk and fresh water
- ॐ Dead and impassable
- ॐ 1st 800k across each next one 2x size previous
- ॐ After sons departed V was filled love for them
- ॐ But was unhappy at separation
- ॐ K approached V & gives benediction
- ॐ You will never be separated from me
- ॐ Still with your own power you will always protect your sons
- ॐ K was aware the R was suffering in separation
- ॐ Goes with Śrīdāmā to her forest
- ॐ R sees K & becomes filled with jealous anger

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ॐ R: O K, go where your love is

ॐ V has become a river

ॐ You become a river also

ॐ Why do you want to say with me in this forest

ॐ K goes to V's forest

ॐ Then K's friend Śrīdāmā angrily speaks to R:

ॐ Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead.

ॐ He is the master of countless universes.

ॐ He is the master of Goloka.

ॐ He has many millions of transcendental potencies.

ॐ He can do whatever He likes.

ॐ He is greater than the greatest.

ॐ O Rādhā, please don't, don't criticize Him.

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ॐ R: O fool, you praise your father and criticize Me, your mother.

ॐ Fool, leave Goloka and become a demon!

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ॐ Śrīdāmā: O beautiful one, even though Lord Kṛṣṇa was kind to You, still You were angry and jealous.

ॐ Therefore You will go to the earth and for a hundred years be separated from Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the original Supreme Personality of Godhead.

ॐ Of this there is no doubt.

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ॐ R & Ś were anxious after curses

ॐ K understands

ॐ Appears

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ॐ K: O Rādhā, I have the power to negate My own words and throw them far away,

ॐ but I do not have the power to negate and throw away the words of My devotees.

ॐ O beautiful one, don't lament.

ॐ O Rādhā, please hear the blessing I give to You:

ॐ After many months, when the period of Our separation is over, You will see Me again.

ॐ At the time of the Varāha-kalpa, I will go with You to the earth to relieve the earth's burden and allow the devotees to see Me.

ॐ O Śrīdāmā, hear My words.

ॐ By a partial expansion of yourself you will become a demon.

ॐ During the Vaivasvata-manvantara you will fight with Me.

ॐ You will then die by My hand.

ॐ Of this there is no doubt.

ॐ By My blessings You will again attain the form you had before.

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ॐ Thus Śrīdāmā took birth among the Yakṣas in the home of Sudhana