

Prayers by Devahuti

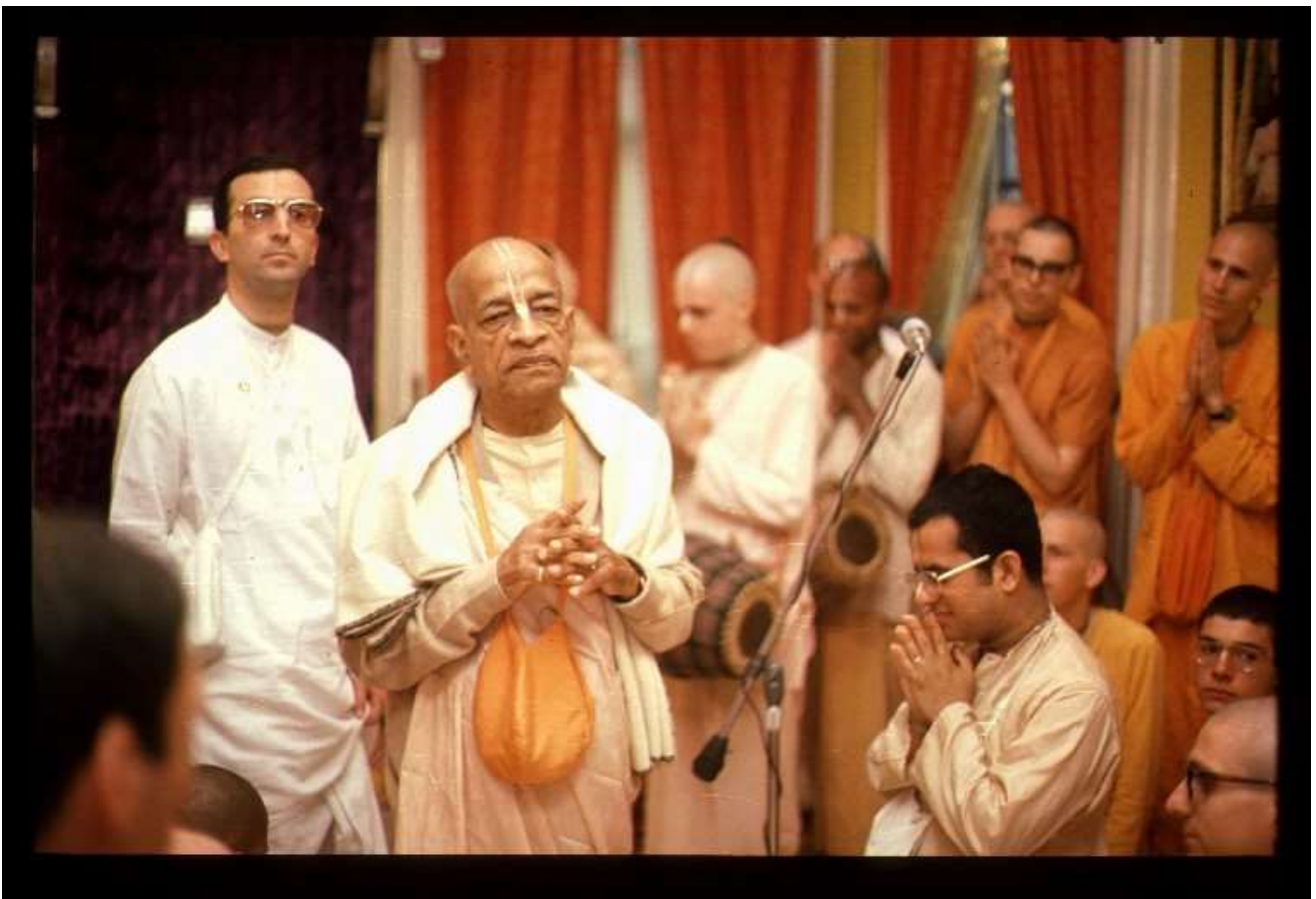
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STORY TIME :

Devahuti Devi gives birth to Lord Kapiladev

As commanded by Lord Brahmā, the great sage - Kardama Muni practiced penance on the bank of the river Sarasvatī for a period of ten thousand years.

Then, in the Satya-yuga, the lotus-eyed Supreme Personality of Godhead, being pleased, showed Himself to that Kardama Muni and displayed His transcendental form. Kardama Muni saw the Supreme Personality of Godhead, in His eternal form, effulgent like the sun.



The Lord was dressed up in yellow silk and gold ornaments, He held His conch, disc and mace in three of His hands and a white lily in the fourth. He glanced about in a happy, smiling mood. When Kardama Muni actually realized the Supreme Personality of Godhead in person, he was greatly satisfied because his desire was fulfilled. He fell on the ground with his head bowed to offer obeisances unto the lotus feet of the Lord. His heart naturally full of love of God, with folded hands he satisfied the Lord with prayers.

Then the Supreme Lord said,

“The Emperor Svāyambhuva Manu, the son of Lord Brahmā, who is well known for his righteous acts and rules over the earth with its seven oceans. will come here day after tomorrow, with his queen, Śatarūpā, wishing to see you. He has a grown-up daughter whose eyes are black. She is ready for

marriage, and she has good character and all good qualities. She is also searching for a good husband. My dear sir, her parents will come to see you, who are exactly suitable for her, just to deliver their daughter as your wife. She will soon be yours and will serve you to your heart's content. She will give birth to nine daughters. O great sage, I shall manifest My own plenary portion through your wife, Devahūti, along with your nine daughters, and I shall instruct her in the system of philosophy. With your heart cleansed by properly carrying out My command, resigning to Me the fruits of all your acts, you will finally attain to Me.”

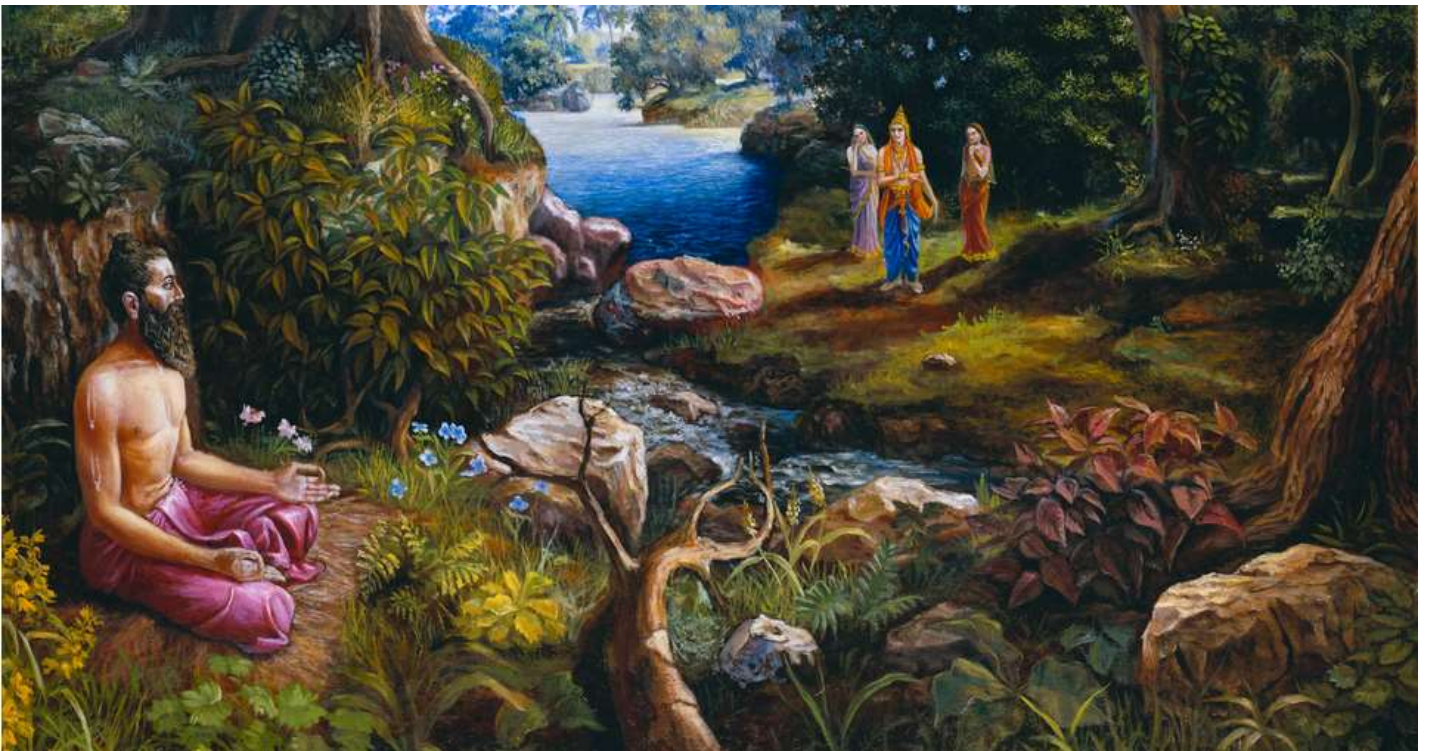
Thus having spoken to Kardama Muni, the Lord, departed from that lake called Bindu-sarovara, which was encircled by the river Sarasvatī.



Did you know ??

When the Lord left by the pathway leading to Vaikuṅṭha the hymns of Sāma Veda were vibrated by the flapping wings of the Lord's carrier, Garuda and Kardama Muni stood listening to it

Then, after the departure of the Lord, the worshipful sage Kardama stayed on the bank of Bindu-sarovara, awaiting the time of which the Lord had spoken. Svāyambhuva Manu, with his wife, mounted his chariot, which was decorated with golden ornaments. Placing his daughter on it with them, he began traveling all over the earth. They reached the hermitage of the sage, who had just completed his vows of austerity on the very day foretold by the Lord.



The shore of the Lake “Bindu-sarovara” was adorned by flowering trees such as kadamba, campaka, aśoka, karañja, bakula, āsana, kunda, mandāra, kuṭaja and young mango trees. The air was filled with the pleasing notes of kāraṇḍava ducks, plavas, swans, ospreys, waterfowl, cranes, cakravākas and cakoras.

Entering that most sacred spot with his daughter and going near the sage, the first monarch, Svāyambhuva Manu, saw the sage sitting in his hermitage. His body shone most brilliantly; though he had engaged in austere penance for a long time, the sage was tall, his eyes were large, like the petals of a lotus, and he had matted locks on his head. He was clad in rags. Seeing that the monarch had come to his hermitage and was bowing before him, the sage greeted him with benediction and received him with due honor. After receiving the sage’s attention, the King sat down and was silent. Recalling the instructions of the Lord, Kardama glorified the King and asked the purpose for which he had come there.

Svāyambhuva Manu replied:



The Supreme Lord created the brāhmaṇas, who are full of austerity, knowledge and mystic power. Then for the protection of the brāhmaṇas, the thousand-legged Supreme Being created us, the kṣatriyas, from His thousand arms. Hence the brāhmaṇas are said to be His heart and the kṣatriyas His arms. That is why the brāhmaṇas and kṣatriyas protect each other.



My daughter is the sister of Priyavrata and Uttānapāda. She is seeking a suitable husband in terms of age, character and good qualities.

Therefore please accept her, O chief of the brāhmaṇas, for I offer her with faith and she is in every respect fit to be your wife and take charge of your household duties.

The great sage replied:

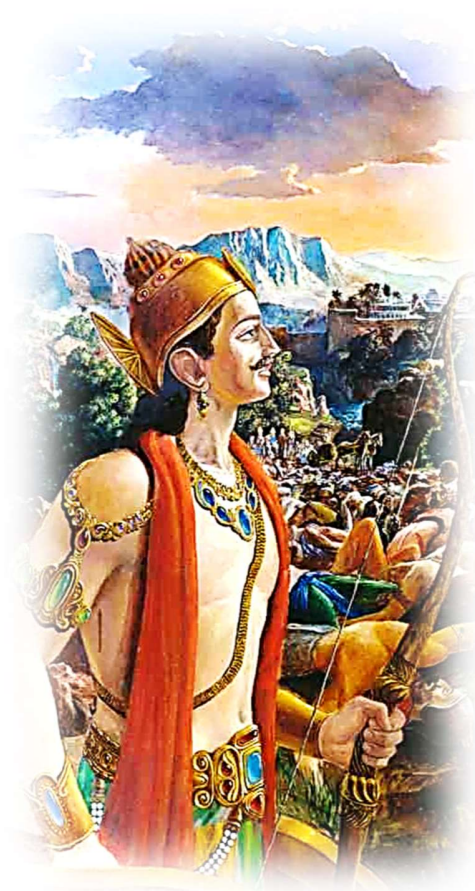
Certainly ! our marriage according to the Vedic system can take place.

After having known the decision of the Queen, as well as that of Devahūti, the Emperor most gladly gave his daughter to the sage.

Empress Śatarūpā lovingly gave most valuable presents, suitable for the occasion, such as jewelry, clothes and household articles, in dowry to the bride and bridegroom. Thus relieved of his responsibility by handing over his daughter to a suitable man, Svāyambhuva Manu, his mind agitated by feelings of separation, embraced his affectionate daughter with both his arms. The Emperor was unable to bear the separation of his daughter. Therefore tears poured from his eyes again and again, drenching his daughter’s head as he cried, “My dear daughter!”

After asking and obtaining the great sage's permission to leave, the monarch mounted his chariot with his wife and started for his capital.

Who is Svayambhuva Manu ?



The Emperor - Svayambhuva Manu was Krishna conscious for all the 24 hours in a day. Wonderful pure devoted Brahmanas surround his bed every morning and chant Vedic hymns - the glories of the lord each morning to wake him up. And when he would arise he would take a bath. He had a beautiful temple room at his palace; he would worship the deity of the lord. He would chant the holy names of the lord. He would read and hear the scriptures from the Brahmanas. He would hear Kirtan and would distribute charity to the Brahmanas. Thus he would begin his responsibilities to his family and to his state and in this way he was always engaged in the service of the Lord. He would only take Krishna prasada from his temple. And when it was time for resting, again there would be wonderful Kirtan and Bhajans. Then when he laid down to rest, the Brahmanas would be gathered around him chanting the glories of the Lord.

This was his daily schedule ! Being such a great king he was always devoted to the Supreme Lord !!

Who is Devahuti ?

Devahuti was the daughter of the first great emperor, Svayambhuva Manu who was the leader of all humanity. She lived with such royalty and opulence. She was a great devotee of the Lord and properly followed her father as he utilized everything in the loving service of the Lord. And when the time came for her to marry, she understood that the purpose of this human life is only for self realization. It is never meant for sense gratification.



Think

Devahuti was so pious; she was so pure in heart, so gentle and so beautiful, she was so chaste and so humble. When the demigods of the higher planets would see the beauty of Devahuti from their airplanes, they would faint and fall to the ground. So certainly Svayambhuva Manu could have selected anyone he so desired to be the husband of his daughter. Many great kings and princes, even demigods who would have loved to have

married devahuti. But among everyone he chose kardama muni who had no money, no home, living in the forest performing severe tapasya; would be fasting, but he was a great rishi always meditating on the supreme Lord's lotus feet.

After marriage.....

Devahuti lived a very simple life, Assisting her husband meant living in the forest, wearing practically nothing but the barks of trees and doing tapasya. And sometime her husband **would not eat or drink anything** !! for days and weeks because he was so absorbed in his Samadhi. And devahuti being a chaste and faithful wife, she would never take any food or drink until after her husband. So gradually her beautiful body which was full of light and full of such inconceivable opulences, it became very thin . Her wonderful silken hair became matted. Her beautiful eyes lost their luster. Still she was willing to sacrifice anything, because she considered her husband to be the representative of the supreme Lord Sri Krishna in her life. But it was her natural inclination, as a young lady that she wanted a child. And Kardama muni after seeing that for so many years she has been enduring so many hardships living in the jungles for him; he decided "I should bestow upon her a beautiful son."

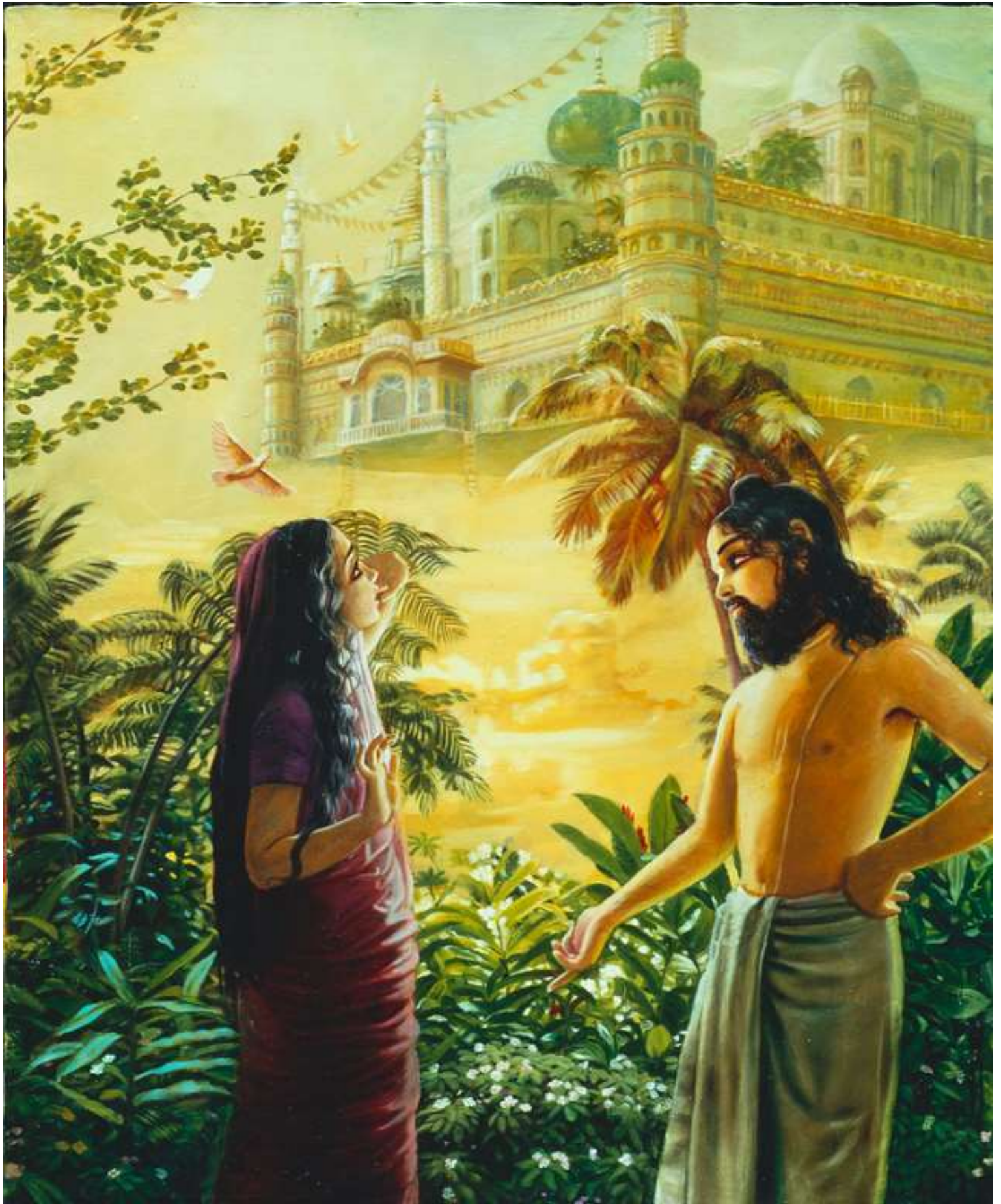
But the condition of living in the forest was so pious and so austere that the particular function that is required to have a son simply was not possible under those circumstances.

So by his **tremendous powers** he created a

fantastic mansion.

In this mansion there was no wood or plastic or cement or plaster. It was all made of gold and silver and beautiful, beautiful jewels, diamonds and rubies and emeralds, everything was only this. And there were wonderful parks with all auspicious flower bearing and fruit bearing trees and only auspicious birds like swans and peacocks and parrots. And he also created by his mystic power thousands and thousands of beautiful maid servants and attendants who were all wearing the most luxurious silken garments and wonderful jewelleryes and who all had such young and beautiful features. And they were all completely obedient to lovingly execute any order asked to them. It was like a heavenly planet. But there was something was unique about this heavenly abode. Is, it was like an airplane. It could fly !!





Kardama Muni personally addressed his wife as follows, “My dear Devahūti. First bathe in Lake Bindu-sarovara, created by Lord Viṣṇu Himself, which can grant all the desires of a human being, and then mount this airplane.

The lotus-eyed Devahūti accepted the order of her husband. Because of her dirty dress and the locks of matted hair on her head, she did not look very attractive. However, She dove into the lake, which contained the sacred waters of the Sarasvatī. In a house inside the lake she saw one thousand girls, all in the prime of youth and fragrant like lotuses. Seeing her, the damsels suddenly rose and said with folded hands, “We are your maidservants. Tell us what we can do for you.” The girls, being very respectful to Devahūti, brought her forth, and after bathing her with valuable oils and ointments, they gave her fine, new, spotless cloth to cover her body. They then decorated her with very excellent and valuable jewels, which shone brightly. Next they offered her food containing all good qualities, and a sweet drink called āsavam.

Then in a mirror she beheld her own reflection. Her body was completely freed from all dirt, and she was adorned with a garland. Dressed in clean robes and decorated with auspicious marks of tilaka, she was served very respectfully by the maids. Her entire body, including her head, was completely bathed, and she was decorated all over with ornaments.



When she thought of her great husband, the best of the sages, Kardama Muni, who was very dear to her, she, along with all the maidservants, at once appeared where he was.

She was amazed to find herself surrounded by a thousand maids in the presence of her husband and to witness his yogic power. The sage could see that Devahūti had washed herself clean and was shining. She had regained her own original beauty as the daughter of a prince. Dressed in excellent robes,

In the aerial mansion, Kardama Muni with his consort shone as charmingly as the moon in the midst of the stars in the sky. In that aerial mansion he traveled to the pleasure valleys of Mount Meru, which were rendered all the more beautiful by cool, gentle, fragrant breeze. He traveled in that way through the various planets, as the air passes uncontrolled in every direction. Coursing through the air in that great and splendid aerial mansion, which could fly at his will, he surpassed even the demigods.

What is difficult to achieve for determined men who have taken refuge of the Supreme Personality of Godhead's lotus feet? His feet are the source of sacred rivers like the Ganges, which put an end to the dangers of mundane life.

After showing his wife the globe of the universe and its different arrangements, full of many wonders, the great yogī Kardama Muni returned to his own hermitage.

Immediately afterward, on the same day, Devahūti gave birth to nine female children, all charming in every limb and fragrant with the scent of the red lotus flower.

Devahūti was fully faithful and respectful toward the direction of her husband, Kardama, who was one of the Prajāpatis, or generators of human beings in the universe. O great sage, she thus began to worship the master of the universe, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is situated in everyone's heart.

After many, many years, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Madhusūdana, the killer of the demon Madhu, having entered the semen of Kardama, appeared in Devahūti just as fire comes from wood in a sacrifice.

At the time of His descent on earth, demigods in the form of raining clouds sounded musical instruments in the sky. The celestial musicians, the Gandharvas, sang the glories of the Lord, while celestial dancing girls known as Apsarās danced in joyful ecstasy.

At the time of the Lord's appearance, the demigods flying freely in the sky showered flowers. All the directions, all the waters and everyone's mind became very satisfied.

Kardama muni offered prayers & took permission from Lord Kapila muni & left home. Left Devahuti in the care of Kapila Muni.



Later, Kapila Muni instructed Devahuti in sankhya philosophy & after hearing many verses from Kapila Muni .

Devahuti understood everything, felt satisfied and to express her appreciation, she offered obeisances to Kapila Muni & started reciting following prayers :

Śrīmad Bhagavatam 3.33.2

देवहूतिरुवाच
अथाप्यजोऽन्तःसलिले शयानं
भूतेन्द्रियार्थात्ममयं वपुस्ते ।
गुणप्रवाहं सदशेषबीजं
दध्यौ स्वयं यज्जठराब्जजातः ॥ २ ॥

devahūtir uvāca
athāpy ajo 'ntaḥ-salile śayānaṁ
bhūtendriyārthātma-mayaṁ vapus te
guṇa-pravāhaṁ sad-aśeṣa-bījaṁ
dadhyau svayaṁ yaj-jatharābja-jātaḥ

Synonyms

devahūtiḥ uvāca — Devahūti said; *atha api* — moreover; *ajah* — Lord Brahmā; *antaḥ-salile* — in the water; *śayānam* — lying; *bhūta* — the material elements; *indriya* — the senses; *artha* — the sense objects; *ātma* — the mind; *mayam* — pervaded by; *vapuh* — body; *te* — Your; *guṇa-pravāham* — the source of the stream of the three modes of material nature; *sat* — manifest; *aśeṣa* — of all; *bījam* — the seed; *dadhyau* — meditated upon; *svayam* — himself; *yaj* — of whom; *jathara* — from the abdomen; *abja* — from the lotus flower; *jātaḥ* — born.

Translation

Devahūti said: Brahmā is said to be unborn because he takes birth from the lotus flower which grows from Your abdomen while You lie in the ocean at the bottom of the universe. But even Brahmā simply meditated upon You, whose body is the source of unlimited universes.

Lessons :

1) Lord Krishna is the seed of all creation

All of us take birth because of our mother and father. But Brahmā, being the first living creature within this universe, was born directly from the lotus which emanates from the navel of the Supreme Personality of Godhead who is known as Garbhodakashāyī Viṣṇu – (the Vishnu form lying down in the ocean at the bottom of the universe.) Although Brahmā was directly born from You, he still has to perform many years of meditation.



2) The Lord's transcendental body is not made up of material elements

The body of Lord Vishnu is the source of all other living entities, as well as the material nature. Our body is material but the Supreme Lord's body is always spiritual. Even though the Lord is the source of all matter, He Himself is beyond matter

“You are the background (source) of all created energy. But Your being born from my abdomen is certainly wonderful because although You are the source of all creation, You have so kindly taken birth as my child. That is most wonderful !! Your body is the source of all the universe, and still You put Your body within the abdomen of a common woman like me. To me, that is most astonishing.”



ŚB 3.33.3

स एव विश्वस्य भवान्विधत्ते
गुणप्रवाहेण विभक्तवीर्यः ।
सर्गाद्यनीहोऽवितथाभिसन्धिर्
आत्मेश्वरोऽतर्क्यसहस्रशक्तिः ॥ ३ ॥
sa eva viśvasya bhavān vidhatte
guṇa-pravāheṇa vibhakta-vīryaḥ
sargādy anīho 'vitathābhisandhir
ātmeśvaro 'tarkya-sahasra-śaktiḥ

Synonyms

sah — that very person; *eva* — certainly; *viśvasya* — of the universe; *bhavān* — You; *vidhatte* — carry on; *guṇa-pravāheṇa* — by the interaction of the modes; *vibhakta* — divided; *vīryaḥ* — Your energies; *sarga-ādi* — the creation and so on; *anīhah* — the nondoer; *avitatha* — not futile; *abhisandhiḥ* — Your determination; *ātma-īśvarah* — the Lord of all living entities; *atarkya* — inconceivable; *sahasra* — thousands; *śaktiḥ* — possessing energies.

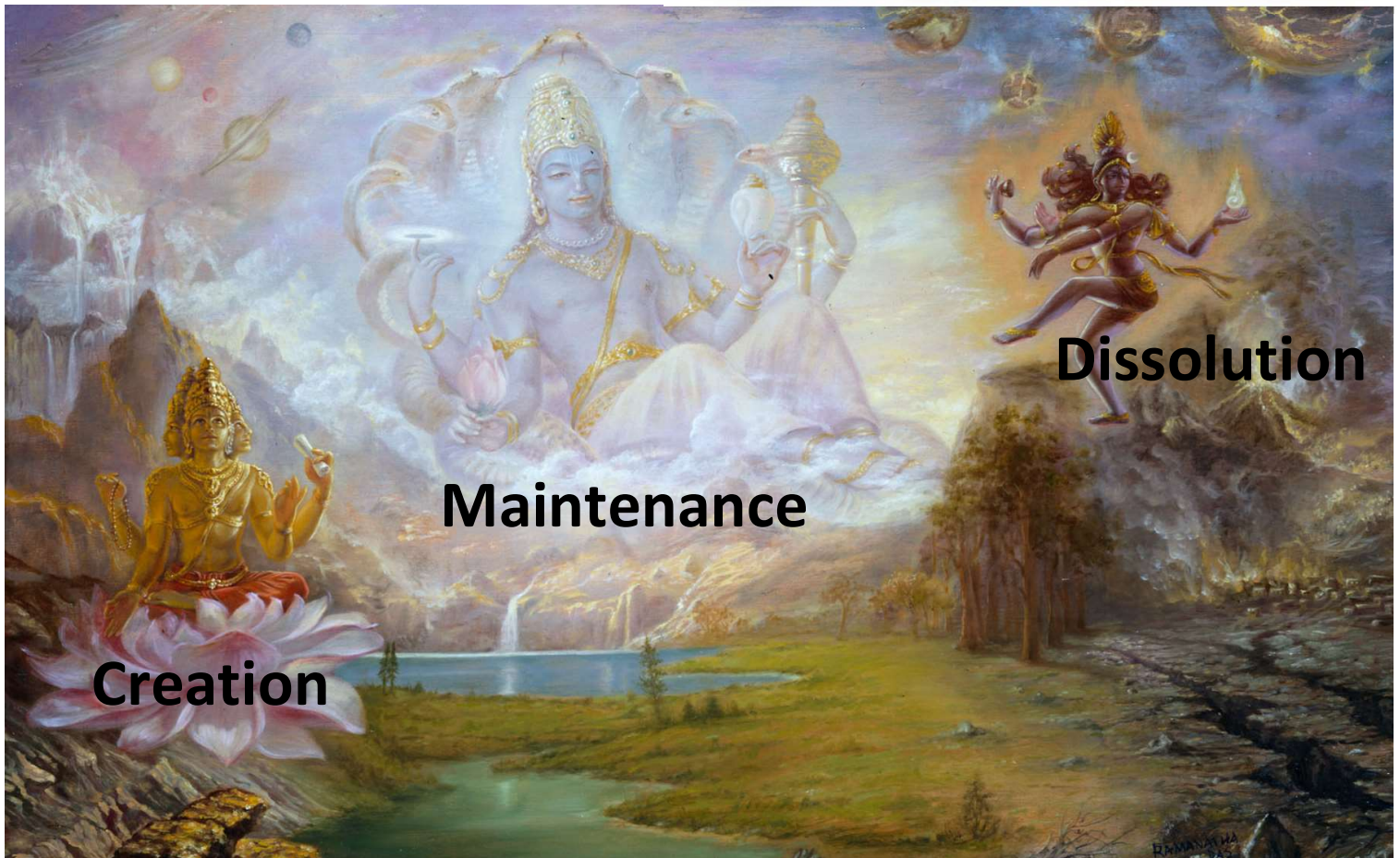
Translation

My dear Lord, although personally You have nothing to do, You have distributed Your energies in the interactions of the material modes of nature, and for that reason the creation, maintenance and dissolution of the cosmic manifestation take place. My dear Lord, You are self-determined and are the Supreme Personality of Godhead for all living entities. For them You created this material manifestation, and although You are one, Your diverse energies can act multifariously. This is inconceivable to us.

Lesson

Have you ever seen Lord Krishna under hyper-stress by doing all the work of creating, maintaining and destroying the worlds ? – NO !

Lord Krishna – the Supreme Personality of Godhead, doesn't sit and work the whole day. He is always enjoying His pastimes and everything is done by His different energies.



ŚB 3.33.4

स त्वं भृतो मे जठरेण नाथ
कथं नु यस्योदर एतदासीत् ।
विश्वं युगान्ते वटपत्र एकः
शेते स्म माया-शिशुरङ्घ्रिपानः ॥ ४ ॥

*sa tvam̐ bhṛto me jaṭhareṇa nātha
katham̐ nu yasyodara etad āsīt
viśvam̐ yugānte vaṭa-patra ekaḥ
śete sma māyā-śiśur aṅghri-pānaḥ*

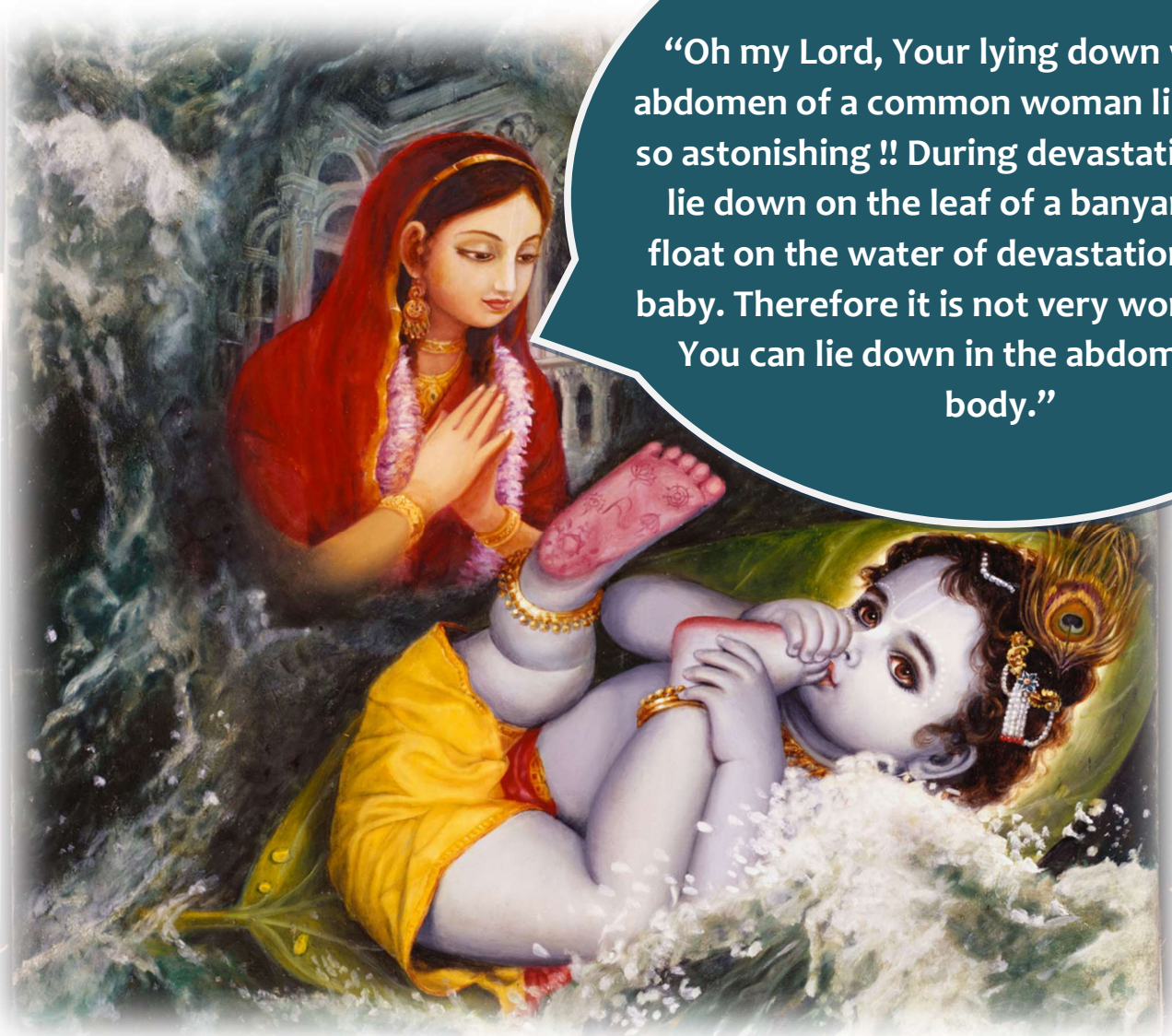
Synonyms

sah — that very person; *tvam* — You; *bhṛtaḥ* — took birth; *me jaṭhareṇa* — by my abdomen; *nātha* — O my Lord; *katham* — how; *nu* — then; *yasya* — of whom; *udare* — in the belly; *etat* — this; *āsīt* — did rest; *viśvam* — universe; *yuga-ante* — at the end of the millennium; *vaṭa-patre* — on the leaf of a banyan tree; *ekaḥ* — alone; *śete sma* — You lay down; *māyā* — possessing inconceivable powers; *śiśuḥ* — a baby; *aṅghri* — Your toe; *pānaḥ* — licking.

Translation

As the Supreme Personality of Godhead, You have taken birth from my abdomen. O my Lord, how is that possible for the supreme one, who has in His belly all the cosmic manifestation? The answer is that it is possible, for at the end of the millennium You lie down on a leaf of a banyan tree, and just like a small baby, You lick the toe of Your lotus foot.

Lesson



“Oh my Lord, Your lying down within the abdomen of a common woman like me is not so astonishing !! During devastation, You can lie down on the leaf of a banyan tree and float on the water of devastation as a small baby. Therefore it is not very wonderful that You can lie down in the abdomen of my body.”



Did you know ??

Why is baby Lord Krishna tasting His toes ?

Because Since all the great sages and devotees apply all energy and all activities in the service of the lotus feet of the Lord, there must be some transcendental pleasure in the toes of His lotus feet. The Lord licks His toe to taste the nectar for which the devotees always aspire.



ŚB 3.33.5

त्वं देहतन्त्रः प्रशमाय पाप्मनां
निदेशभाजां च विभो विभूतये ।
यथावतारास्तव सूकरादयस्
तथायमप्यात्मपथोपलब्धये ॥ ५ ॥

**tvam deha-tantraḥ praśamāya pāpmanām
nideśa-bhājām ca vibho vibhūtaye
yathāvatārās tava sūkarādayas
tathāyam apy ātma-pathopalabdhaye**

Synonyms

tvam — You; *deha* — this body; *tantraḥ* — have assumed; *praśamāya* — for the diminution; *pāpmanām* — of sinful activities; *nideśa-bhājām* — of instructions in devotion; *ca* — and; *vibho* — O my Lord; *vibhūtaye* — for the expansion; *yathā* — as; *avatārāḥ* — incarnations; *tava* — Your; *sūkara-ādayas* — the boar and other forms; *tathā* — so; *ayam* — this incarnation of Kapila; *api* — surely; *ātma-patha* — the path of self-realization; *upalabdhaye* — in order to reveal.

Translation

My dear Lord, You have assumed this body in order to diminish the sinful activities of the fallen and to enrich their knowledge in devotion and liberation. Since these sinful people are dependent on Your direction, by Your own will You assume incarnations as a boar and as other forms. Similarly, You have appeared in order to distribute transcendental knowledge to Your dependents.

Lessons

The Supreme Lord appears in order to

- ✓ Re-establish dharma
- ✓ Destroy demons who are promoting irreligion

The Lord gives us transcendental knowledge (like a wake-up call) so that we turn away from this illusory material world and go back to Him and serve Him eternally.

Activity : A column has the sequence of activities and the B Column has pictures depicting the scened. Fill the correct matching options below

Column A (Description)

- 1) Lord Krishna appears
- 2) Transcendental knowledge
- Wake-up call
- 3) Going back to Lord Krishna
- to serve Him eternally

Column B (Scene)

a)



b)



c)



Answers : 1) - ____ 2) - ____ 3) - ____

Lord Kapiladeva (son of mother Devahuti) appeared on the surface of the earth to give transcendental knowledge to the misguided conditioned souls.



ŚB 3.33.6

यन्नामधेयश्रवणानुकीर्तनाद्
यत्प्रह्वणाद्यत्स्मरणादपि क्वचित् ।
श्वदोऽपि सद्यः सवनाय कल्पते
कुतः पुनस्ते भगवन्नु दर्शनात् ॥ ६ ॥

**yan-nāmadheya-śravaṇānukīrtanād
yat-prahvaṇād yat-smaraṇād api kvacit
śvādo 'pi sadyaḥ savanāya kalpate
kutaḥ punas te bhagavan nu darśanāt**

Synonyms

yat — of whom (the Supreme Personality of Godhead); *nāmadheya* — the name; *śravaṇa* — hearing; *anukīrtanāt* — by chanting; *yat* — to whom; *prahvaṇāt* — by offering obeisances; *yat* — whom; *smaranāt* — by remembering; *api* — even; *kvacit* — at any time; *śva-adah* — a dog-eater; *api* — even; *sadyah* — immediately; *savanāya* — for performing Vedic sacrifices; *kalpate* — becomes eligible; *kutaḥ* — what to speak of; *punah* — again; *te* — You; *bhagavan* — O Supreme Personality of Godhead; *nu* — then; *darśanāt* — by seeing face to face.

Translation

To say nothing of the spiritual advancement of persons who see the Supreme Person face to face, even a person born in a family of dog-eaters immediately becomes eligible to perform Vedic sacrifices if he once utters the holy name of the Supreme Personality of Godhead or chants about Him, hears about His pastimes, offers Him obeisances or even remembers Him.

Lesson



Real Spiritual Advancement

Supreme Destination – Lord Krishna



All kinds of religions and even various Vedic processes & rituals are like the staircase.

Chanting and Hearing about the Supreme Lord Krishna directly is like an “Elevator”

When the elevator is working properly any person would prefer to reach the destination by using the elevator. And here, in this example the staircase needs many purificatory processes , but the elevator is open for one and all. So here, Mother Devahuti is saying that even a person born in a family of dog-eaters immediately becomes eligible to perform Vedic sacrifices if he once utters the holy name of the Supreme Personality of Godhead or chants about Him, hears about His pastimes, offers Him obeisances or even remembers Him.

So if one becomes spiritually advanced just by uttering the holy name of the Supreme Lord once or hearing about him. What to speak about the ones who are able to see the Lord face to face.



And what to speak of great devotees like mother Devahuti who has understood the descent of the Lord !!!



ŚB 3.33.7

अहो बत श्वपचोऽतो गरीयान्
यज्जिह्वाग्रे वर्तते नाम तुभ्यम् ।
तेपुस्तपस्ते जुहुवुः सस्नुरार्या
ब्रह्मानूचुर्नाम गृणन्ति ये ते ॥ ७ ॥

**aho bata śva-paco 'to garīyān
yaj-jihvāgre vartate nāma tubhyam
tepus tapas te juhuvuḥ sasnur āryā
brahmānūcur nāma gṛṇanti ye te**

Synonyms

aho bata — oh, how glorious; *śva-pacah* — a dog-eater; *atah* — hence; *garīyān* — worshipable; *yat* — of whom; *jihvā-agre* — on the tip of the tongue; *vartate* — is; *nāma* — the holy name; *tubhyam* — unto You; *tepuh tapah* — practiced austerities; *te* — they; *juhuvuh* — executed fire sacrifices; *sasnuh* — took bath in the sacred rivers; *āryāh* — Āryans; *brahma anūcuh* — studied the *Vedas*; *nāma* — the holy name; *grnanti* — accept; *ye* — they who; *te* — Your.

Translation

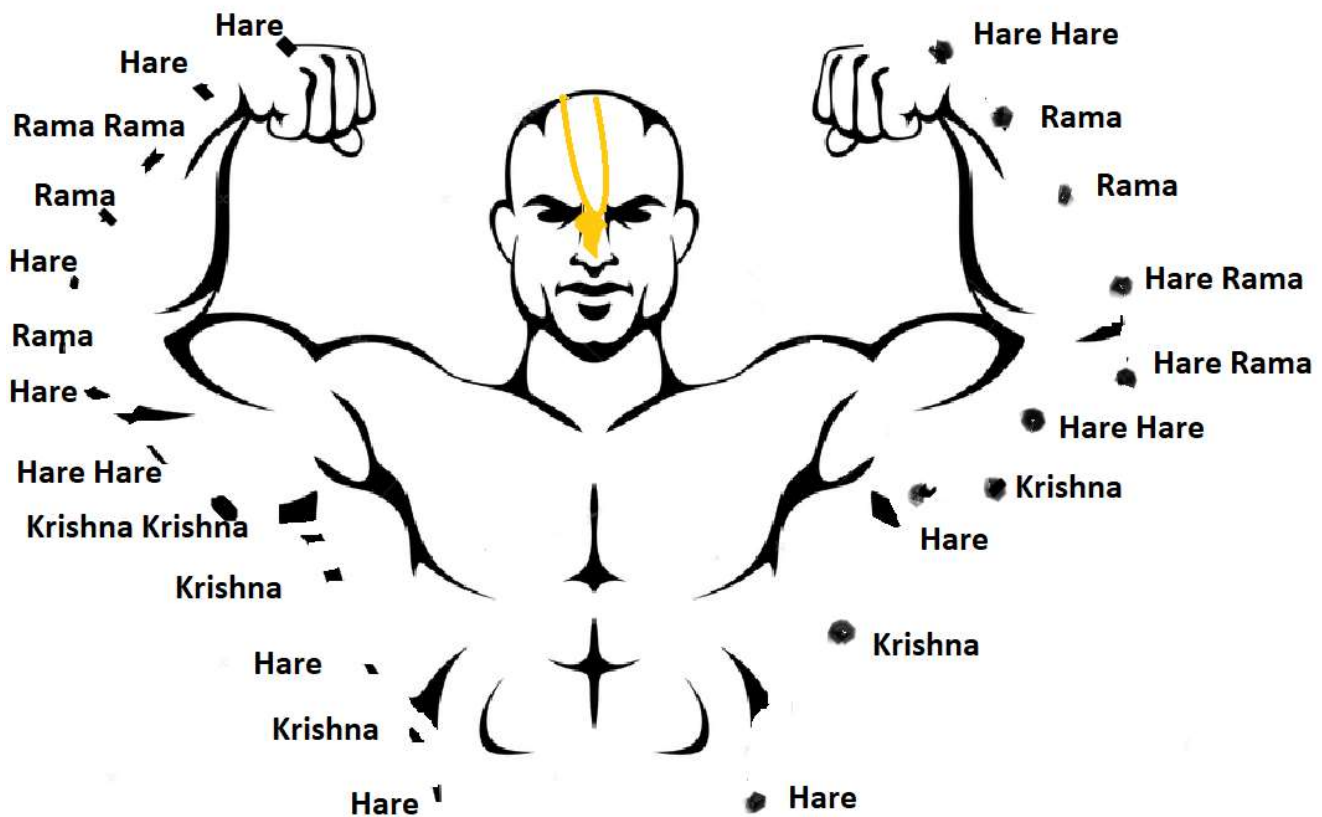
Oh, how glorious are they whose tongues are chanting Your holy name! Even if born in the families of dog-eaters, such persons are worshipable. Persons who chant the holy name of Your Lordship must have executed all kinds of austerities and fire sacrifices and achieved all the good manners of the Āryans. To be chanting the holy name of Your Lordship, they must have bathed at holy places of pilgrimage, studied the Vedas and fulfilled everything required.

Lessons :

In this shloka, Mother Devahuti is glorifying the power of devotional service unto the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and His Holy Name

ACTIVITY :

Draw curve lines to join the words appropriately while chanting Maha-Mantra with faith & devotion. This way you become powerful !!



ŚB 3.33.8

तं त्वामहं ब्रह्म परं पुमांसं
प्रत्यक्स्रोतस्यात्मनि संविभाव्यम् ।
स्वतेजसा ध्वस्तगुणप्रवाहं
वन्दे विष्णुं कपिलं वेदगर्भम् ॥ ८ ॥

taṁ tvām ahaṁ brahma paraṁ pumāṁsaṁ
pratyak-srotasy ātmani saṁvibhāvyam
sva-tejasā dhvasta-guṇa-pravāhaṁ
vande viṣṇuṁ kapilaṁ veda-garbham

Synonyms

taṁ — unto Him; *tvām* — You; *ahaṁ* — I; *brahma* — Brahman; *paraṁ* — supreme; *pumāṁsaṁ* — the Supreme Personality of Godhead; *pratyak-srotasi* — turned inwards; *ātmani* — in the mind; *saṁvibhāvyam* — meditated upon, perceived; *sva-tejasā* — by Your own potency; *dhvasta* — vanished; *guṇa-pravāham* — the influence of the modes of material nature; *vande* — I offer obeisances; *viṣṇuṁ* — unto Lord Viṣṇu; *kapilaṁ* — named Kapila; *veda-garbham* — the repository of the *Vedas*.

Translation

I believe, my Lord, that You are Lord Viṣṇu Himself under the name of Kapila, and You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Supreme Brahman! The saints and sages, being freed from all the disturbances of the senses and mind, meditate upon You, for by Your mercy only can one become free from the clutches of the three modes of material nature. At the time of dissolution, all the Vedas are sustained in You only.

Now Devahūti, the mother of Kapila, summarized her prayers by saying that her divine son - Lord Kapila was none other than Lord Vishnu.

Thus the Supreme Personality of Godhead Kapila, satisfied by the words of His mother, towards whom He was very affectionate, replied with sweet words.

The Supreme Personality of Godhead Kapila, after instructing His beloved mother, took permission from her and left His home, His mission having been fulfilled.

As instructed by her son, Devahūti also began to practice bhakti-yoga in that very āśrama. She practiced samādhi in the house of Kardama Muni, which was so beautifully decorated with flowers that it was considered the flower crown of the river Sarasvatī. By following the principles instructed by Kapila, Devahūti soon became liberated from material bondage and achieved the Supreme Personality of Godhead, without difficulty.

The place where Devahūti achieved her perfection, my dear Vidura, is understood to be a most sacred spot. It is known all over the three worlds as Siddhapada. The material elements of her body have melted into water and are now a flowing river, which is the most sacred of all rivers. Anyone who bathes in that river also attains perfection, and therefore all persons who desire perfection go bathe there.



Did you finish reading the whole book??

Do you want to know how lucky you are ????

The description of the dealings of Kapiladeva and His mother Devahuti is very confidential, and anyone who hears or reads this narration becomes a devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is carried by Garuda, and he thereafter enters into the abode of the Supreme Lord to engage in the transcendental loving service of the Lord.

ACTIVITY : Colour the picture of Lord Kapiladeva





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