

# Hari Parshad Pr | Dive deeper into Damodarashtakam

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Topic - ***Dive deeper into Damodarashtakam***

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Notes

- One of the most important of these ceremonial functions is called Ūrja-vrata. Ūrja-vrata is observed in the month of Kārttika (October-November); especially in Vndāvana, there is a specific program for temple worship of the Lord in His Dāmodara form. "Dāmodara" refers to Kṛṇa's being bound with rope by His mother, Yaśodā. It is said that just as Lord Dāmodara is very dear to His devotees, so the month known as Dāmodara or Kārttika is also very dear to them. - NOD Chapter 12
- We must understand the glories of damodar.
- Acharyas explain the meaning of the term "Damodar" means. In amarakosh (1.1.18) they explain about damodar that daam means rope and udhar means belly and damodar and daam udhare yasya which means Rope is on whose belly
- Damodar meaning also found in vishnu sahasranam #367 and generally if a person comments on 3 literatures like upanishads, BG, and vedanta sutra then he will be called as jagat guru. And
- vidhyabhushan commented in all these 3 literature. And he is known as jagatguru
- Baldev vidhyabhushan says yashodaya jananaya damna udhara nibbadatvad damodar -
- ***sa ca tenaiva namnatra krsna vai dama bandhanat - harivamsha says that every krsna got the name of damodar due to being bound using a rope round his belly. In vrindavan, all the gopis sang of this name and pastimes everywhere***
- Once damodar has been rescued still krsna should call as damodar because He has been liberated? Yes, He should still be called as damodar as we learned from previous acharyas that all the pastimes going on in some or other material universe. So these pastimes of damodar is going in some parts of universe right now also.
- ***Adisankaracharya gives the meaning of damodar - damadi sadhnena udhara ukrsta matir ya taya gamyate iti damodarah***
  - Dama - self control
  - adisadhna - by other means
  - udhara ukrsta matir - one gets udara mati or broad or refined intelligence
  - ya taya gamyate - personality who understood in such an intelligence, He is called damodarah iti damodarah
- ***Damad damodarah vibhuh - MB udhyog parvah, 70.8***
  - Because Krsna attainable by the self-control and how does damudhar turned into daamodar? Nimbarkacharya says prshodaraditvat sadhu
  - Some terms are accepted as given by vyasadev Even though derivation of such term may not be logical but still vyasadev has given it so, we accept it as sadhu. Sadhu means we accept it as genuine explanation
- ***Adi sankracharya says - by spiritual practices i.e spiritual control or dama, brilliant udhara or intelligence is attained and he who is realized by such brilliant intelligence is named as Damodara***
- ***MB says due to attainable by self-control, he known as damodar***
- Yashodaya damna udhare badhah iti va damodara-
- Dadarsha calpa dantasyam in brahmapurana says that Krsna showed His smiling face decorated with small teeth as He was standing between two arjuna trees. Since, He was bound

using rope around His belly, He became known as Damodar

- **Adi sankaracharya says damani loka namani -**
  - **daam means all the plentary system are within the udhara, belly and for this reason He is known as Damodar**
- **Sri Satyasandha tirtha writes about damodar -**
  - dhamnyante asminn iti damah = pralaya
  - Damasyedam damam layadikam = all activities of final destruction of universe known as Daam
  - tac ca udam ca damodam - after destruction of universe only water remains and that water known as udam
  - tasmin ramate = Lord who sports in water known as damodar
- **Dama indriyanigraha - daam refers** to self control and saintly souls have great degree of daama and when such great souls offers water known as uda of abultion, he takes delight in such waters. Therefore, he known as damodara
- Dadaditi da dana silas tebhya amodaram rati dadaditi damodarah
  - Those who gives charity are denoted as da and happiness means amoda which is bestowed refers to ra on such charitable people by him. Therefore, he known as da + amoda + ra = damodara
- **Dyati khandati iti da = daitiyas or demons**
- **Tebhyam dukham rati** = unhappiness(amoda) is bestowed on such demons by him. Therefore he known as da + ammoda + ra = damodar
- **Ud utkrstah ah narayano yesam te uda jiva sangah** = Since their superior is Narayana as (ud) therefore, ud-a refers to the living entities. Those who have daama and at the sametime uda (living entities) known as dama + uda = damoda. He who takes delight in such surrendered living entities is damoda + ra = damodar
- Just as Lord is unlimited, similarly, His name is also unlimited and within each name there are so deep meaning and this meaning given by our previous acharayas
- The best meaning of damodar given by our baldev vidhyabhushan is that yashodaya jananaya damna udhara nibbadatvad damodar which is sweetest and we can meditate on this
- **How to understand damodarashtakam -**
  - Srila jiva goswami is the was devote worshipper of Radha Damodar
  - Jiva goswami says not only damodarastakam but also any text of ashtakam we wish to understand in detail then we need to analyze in 6 aspects of that.  
Upadkramopasamharav - to analyse its beginning and conclusion  
abhayaso - to see what is repeated in the text  
apurvata - to see what is unique in the text  
phalam - to see what the result of studying in the text  
Arthavado - to see what is glorified in the text  
upapati ca - to analyze any logic or reasoning in the text
- **Upadkrama upasamharav** - to analyse its beginning and conclusion
  - *Namaishvaram and namo nanta lilaya = it begins from namah and ends with namah which means obeisances and in that we will understand that author satyavrat muni considers himself as a servant of Lord because his quality is in dasyabhaav*
  - Begins with the chase of mother yashoda and concludes at a vision of damodara being bound
  - Are the devotees allowed to focus on subset of the pastimes instead of focusing on entire pastimes? **Jiva goswami said in bhakti sandarbha that devotees can focus on very subset of pastimes if they are attracted to those pastimes and it is called as dhyana**
- **Abhayasa - analyzing those things which is repeated in the text**
  - Namah, damodara, and manasy avirastam
  - After manasy avirastam comes edhy akshi drshyah means come on the pathway in my

eyes

- **apurvata - to see what is unique in the text**
  - tatah priyatama vishno - the dearmost to the Lord among all the gopis is Sri Radhika and She should be worshipped in the presence of Sri Damodara - Haribhaktivilas
  - In karthik maas, especially we worship Radha Damodar but in our society we worship Yashoda and Damodar because the pastimes took place essentially with Yashoda and Damodar but in spiritual world, pastimes happened with Radha Damodar.
  - **Externally, we worships the pastimes of yashoda and damodar but those who are practitioners of madhuryabhava they focused especially on radha damodar**
  - Internally, we are worshipping Radha Damodar and the deity of Jiva Goswami. Although, we show the lamps to yashoda and damodar but in the end we say radha damodar. And internally we worships Radha and Damodar
  - Only in radha damodar temple we will see that Srimati Radharani tied Damodar with Golden Rope and our entire life is to worshipping Srimati Radharani who tied Damodar.
  
- **phalam - to see what the result of studying in the text**
  - Damodarastakam nama stotram damodararchanam - person who wants to attract Damodar should worship Him always by recites damodarashtakam by satyavrat muni
  
- **Arthavado - to see what is glorified in the text**
  - **When we chant the damodarashtakam we must focus on these things - Damodar,**
  - **Yashoda,**
  - **Rope,**
  - **Krsna's belly,**
  - **Radhika and Damodar**
  
- **upapati ca - to analyze any logic or reasoning in the text**
  - na moke graho me 'sti dāmodareha
  - Superior to moksha is to see Sri Sri Radha Damodar first within the heart and then we must see in front of eyes
  - Pastimes of Srimati Radharani tying up Damodar mentions by Krsna das Kaviraj goswami and Jiva goswami says after this pastimes Krsna told Srimati Radharani that I am pleased that you have given me this name as Damodar and in next pastime, I will execute same pastimes but with mother yashoda but for the devotees who are worshipper of Madhuryaras these pastimes will always with Srimati Radharani and Sri Damodara.

Thank you very much  
Hare Krishna