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śrī-bṛhaspatir uvāca ata ūrdhvaṁ mahar-loko rājate karmabhiḥ śubhaiḥ prāpyo mahadbhir yo naśyet trai-lokya-pralaye 'pi na

Śrī Bṛhaspati said: Above this realm (ata ūrdhvam) shines the world called Maharloka (mahar-lokah rājate), attainable (pṛāpyah) through the best of pious works (śubhaiḥ karmabhiḥ). Even when the three worlds are annihilated (trai-lokya-pralaye api), that world is not destroyed (yah mahadbhir na naśyet).

As difficult as it is for ordinary mortals to enter heaven, the requirements for entering Maharloka are even more stringent.

An aspirant must complete ritual sacrifices and yoga meditation of a lofty standard, uncorrupted by lower motives.

Only then might he be accepted for elevation to Maharloka, which survives the dissolution of the three worlds Bhūr, Bhuvar, and Svar.

Because most of the residents of Maharloka are candidates for liberation, the planet exists as long as that of Lord Brahmā.



As the happiness of Indra (yathā hi aindrikam sukham) is considered millions of times greater than that of a ruler on earth (sāmrājyāt koți-guņitam), the happiness of a Prajāpati (prājāpatyam sukham) is millions of times greater than Indra's (tat-koți-guņitam matam). The sages living on Maharloka are the Prajāpatis, the original forefathers of the population of the universe.

They are the first authorities on the Vedic path of karma.





tenāmī sevitās tatra nivasanti mahā-sukhaiķ yajñeśvaram prabhum sākṣāt pūjayantaķ pade pade

Endowed with such happiness (tena), the Prajāpatis (amī) live on Maharloka (tatra nivasanti) enjoying (sevitāh) the greatest pleasures (mahā-sukhaiḥ) and directly worshiping (pūjayantaḥ) in various places (pade pade) the Lord of sacrifice (yajñeśvaraṁ), who is there in person as their master (prabhuṁ sākṣāt). The Prajāpatis leave Maharloka only occasionally, when they have a specific reason to visit other planets.

For worshiping the Supreme Lord with wonderful sacrifices, the Prajāpatis have much better resources than even those available on Svargaloka.