Laghu - Bhāgavatāmŗta

Part-1 The Sweetness of Kṛṣṇa

Chapter-5 Discussion of the Parāvasthā forms

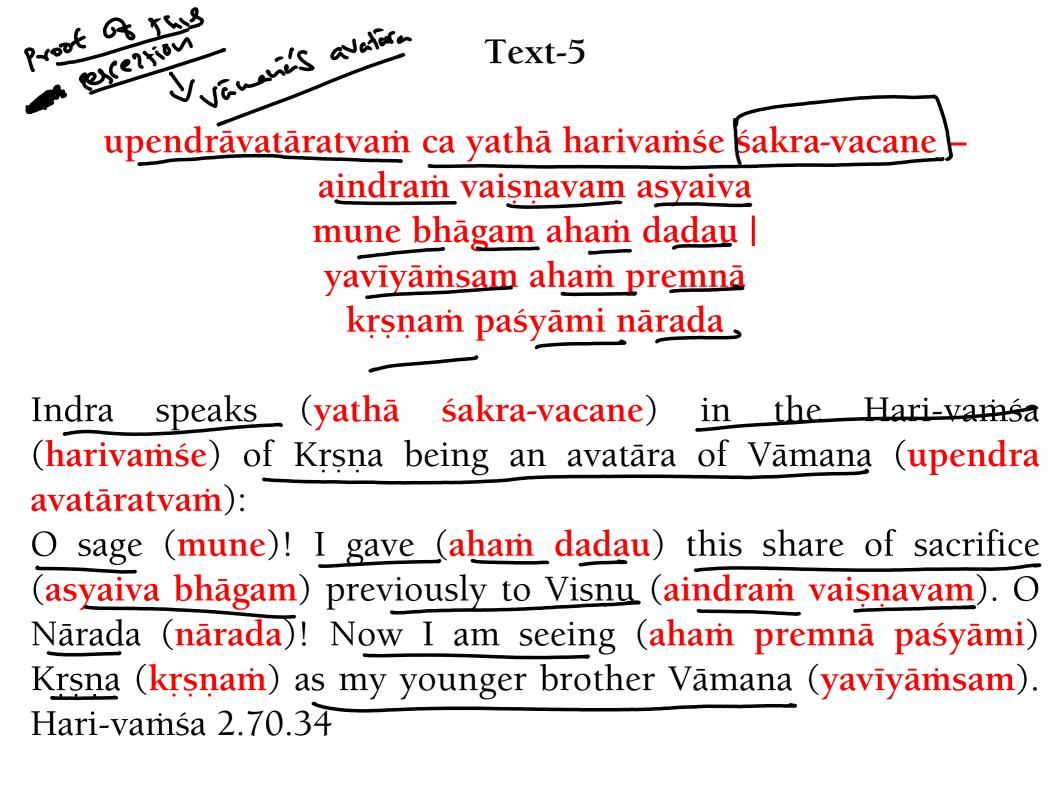
t vrin faulty Parental Text-4 etad-upodbalakam śrī-daśame sampūjya leva-rsi-varyam rsih purāņo nārāyaņo nara-sakho vidhinoditena v<u>ānyābhibhāsya mitayāmrtam ista</u>yā tam prāha prabho bhagavate karavāma he kim A supporting statement is founding the Tenth Canto: After fully worshiping the great sage of the demigods (sampūjya deva-rsi-varvam) according to Vedic injunctions (vidhinā uditena), Lord Krsna, who is Himself the original sage (rsih purāņo)—Nārāyāņa, the friend of Nara (nārāyano nara-sakho) conversed with Nārada (abhibhāşya), and the Lord's measured (mitayā) speech (vāņyā) was as sweet as nectar (amrtam istayā). Finally the Lord asked Nārada (tam prāha), "What may We do for you (karavāma he kim), Our lord and master (prabho bhagavate)?" SB 10.69.16

- The Bhāgavatam supports this (upodbalakam).
- The apparent meaning is clear.

• The actual meaning is as follows.

• Kṛṣṇa who is called Nārāyaṇa because he is the shelter of all principles and elements, and who is called the ancient sage (rsih purānah) because he gave teachings to Brahmā at the beginning of the kalpa, and who is called nara-sakha because he performs pastimes with humans, and who is called deva because he performs pastimes as a ksatriya, after worshipping Nārada according to the rules, spoke to him.

• The rest is clear.



• Having shown the arguments for Kṛṣṇa being a portion of Nārāyaṇa, now the author gives a quotation to show that Kṛṣṇa is a portion of Vāmana.

• This is a statement of Indra, concerning the pārijāta incident.

• Dadau is a first person perfect verb form.

• I <u>have given that portion of sacrifice made by me</u>, <u>Indra, for Vișnu to Krșna</u>.

• As a great favor I have given.

• I do not hate him even though he has acted against me.

• Out of prema I see Kṛṣṇa as Vāmana, as a younger brother.

• Because the pārijāta is a heavenly tree, I should not give it to him because he resides on the earth planet.

t<u>ad etad</u> ub<u>hayatva</u>m <u>na bhavet kṛṣṇe</u> vir<u>odhataḥ</u> | amśatvam hi tayor uktam parāvasthatvam asya tu

It is contradictory (virodhatah) to say that Kṛṣṇa (kṛṣne) is the expansion of Nara-Nārāyaṇa and V<u>āmana (tad etad</u> ubhayatvaṁ). Actually it has already been stated (uktaṁ) that Nārāyaṇa and Vāmana are expansions of Kṛṣṇa (tayor aṁśatvaṁ hi) and Kṛṣṇa is in a supreme position (asya parāvasthatvam).

• This verse refutes the arguments.

• W<u>hy is Krsna not the avatāra of Nārāyaṇa or</u> Vāmana?

• It has been stated that they (tayoḥ) are the avatāras of Kṛṣṇa (asya).

n<u>ara-bhrātu</u>r ih<u>ā</u>mśatvam ete cāmśeti vakṣyate | upendrasya tathātvam ca harivamśe 'pi dṛśyate

Ete cāmśa kalā pumsa (ete cāmśeti) shows (vakṣyate) that Nārāyana and Vāmāna (nara-bhrātur upendrasya) are portions of Kṛṣṇa (iha amśatvam). This is also seen in Hari-vamśa (tathātvam ca harivamśe 'pi dṛśyate).

• This verse shows why they are amsas of Kṛṣṇa.

• Tathātvam means "position as amsas."

tathā hi devarsi-vacanam -

adityā tapasā viṣṇur mahātmārādhitaḥ purā | vareṇa cchanditā tena parituṣṭena cāditiḥ | tayoktas tvādṛśaṁ putram icchāmīti surottama

Thus Nārada said: Previously (purā) Aditi did penance (adityā tapasā) to worship Viṣnu (viṣṇur mahātmā ārādhitaḥ). Viṣṇu was very satisfied (parituṣṭena cāditiḥ) and offered her a boon (vareṇa cchanditā tena). O Indra (surottama)! She requested (tayoktas) to have a son like the Lord (tvādṛśam putram icchāmi iti). Hari-vamśa 2.71.21-23

tenoktam bhuvane nāsti mat-samaḥ puruṣo 'paraḥ | amśena tu bhaviṣyāmi putraḥ khalv aham eva te

Viṣṇu said (tena uktam), "There is no one on earth (aparaḥ puruṣah bhuvane nāsti) who is equal to me (mat-samah). I will become your son (Vāmana) (aham eva khalu te putraḥ bhaviṣyāmi) as an amśa or part (amśena)."

The statement of Nārada, being stronger that the previous statement of Indra, defeats the truth of the previous statement that Kṛṣṇa is an expansion of Vāmana.