Laghu - Bhāgavatāmṛta

Part-1 The Sweetness of Kṛṣṇa

Chapter-5

Discussion of the Parāvasthā forms

Text-364
tathā ca śrī-tṛtīye
sva śānta-rūpeṣv itaraiḥ sva-rūpair
abhyardyamāneṣv anukampitātmā |
parāvareśo (mahad-amśa-yukto)
hy ajo 'pi (āto bhagavān) yathāgniḥ ||364|| iti |

Thus it is said in the Third Canto:

Being compassionate in mind (anukampita-ātmā), when his devotees (sva-śānta-rūpeṣu) are afflicted by the demons (ītaraih abhyardyamāneṣu), Svayam Bhagavān Kṛṣṇa (bhagavān), though not having material birth (ajah api), appears (jātah) within this world along with all his Viṣnu expansions (mahat-amśa-yuktah), since he is the lord of all forms of God and devatās (para-avara-iśah). SB 3.2.15

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• This verse is proof that Krsna is without beginning. When the Lord's devotees such as Vasudeva (sva-śānta-rūpeṣu) are afflicted by those with demonic forms, the Lord, full of six qualities, as Bhagavān Kṛṣṇa, with compassionate heart (anukampitātmā), though unborn, and without senses and body received by karma, makes his appearance from his abode, like fire arising from the araṇi.

• He is the controller of the spiritual and material realms, and appears with other forms (mahad-amśaih)—the Lord of Vaikuntha, his vyūhas, their portions which are the puruṣāvatāras, and their portions the līlāvatāras, who are all situated in the spiritual world.

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• Just as the subservient kings accompany the emperor who goes out conquering all directions, the vilāsa forms, and their portions and portions of portions follow Kṛṣṇa, svayam bhagavān, when he makes his appearance in the universe.

Text-365

atra kārikāh -

sve bhaktāh sve ca te śānta-rūpāś cety atra vigrahaḥ | śāntis tan-niṣṭhatā buddheḥ śāntās tan-niṣṭha-buddhayaḥ ||365||

Sva (his own) means devotees (sve ca sve bhaktāḥ). They have forms which are sānta (te śānta-rūpāh cety atra vigrahaḥ). Sānti means "intelligence fixed on the Lord," (śāntis tan-niṣṭhatā buddheh) and śānta means "a person whose intelligence is fixed on the Lord." (śāntāh tan-niṣṭha-buddhayah)

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• The Bhāgavatam verse is explained.

• The world śānta is analyzed according to Bhāgavatam: śamo man-nisthatā buddheḥ: śama means fixing the intelligence on me. (SB 11.19.36)

Text-366

teşu sūra-sutādyeşu nandādişu ca sādhuşu | itarais tad-viruddhais tu kamsādyair asurādibhiḥ || svarūpaih suṣṭhv arūpair ity arūpatvam virūpatā | ghorātivikaṭākārair ity arthaḥ sphuṭam īritaḥ ||366||

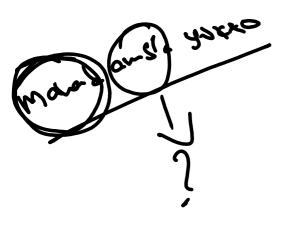
This refers to devotes such as Vasudeva and others in Mathurā (teşu sūra-sutādyeşu), and to Nanda and others in Vraja (nandādisu ca sādhusu). Itaraih means "by those opposite in nature (itarais tad-viruddhais tu), by the demons such as Kamsa (kamsādyair asurādibhih)." Syarūpaih means "with very horrible form (susthu + arūpaih)." (svarūpaih susthv arūpair ity arūpatvam virūpatā ghora ativikatākārair ity arthah sphutam iritah)

Text-367

Peter abhyardyamānesv abhitah kriyamāṇa-mahārtisu |
anukampā-yuta-manāh pare māyānvayojjhitāh |
golokamukhyā avare māyikājāṇḍa-mandalāh |
pareṣām avareṣām ca teṣām īśo 'dhināyakah ||367||

Abhyardyamāneṣu means (abhyardyamāneṣu) "put into extreme pain (kriyamāṇa-maḥārtisu) everywhere (abhitaḥ)." Kṛṣṇa, whose mind is filled with compassion (anukampitātmā) (anukampā-yuta-maṇāḥ), is the supreme lord (iśah adhināyakah) of the spiritual worlds headed by Goloka (teṣām golokamukhyā pareṣām) and the material universes covered by illusion (parāvareśaḥ) (avare māyikājāṇḍa-maṇḍalāḥ avareṣām ca).

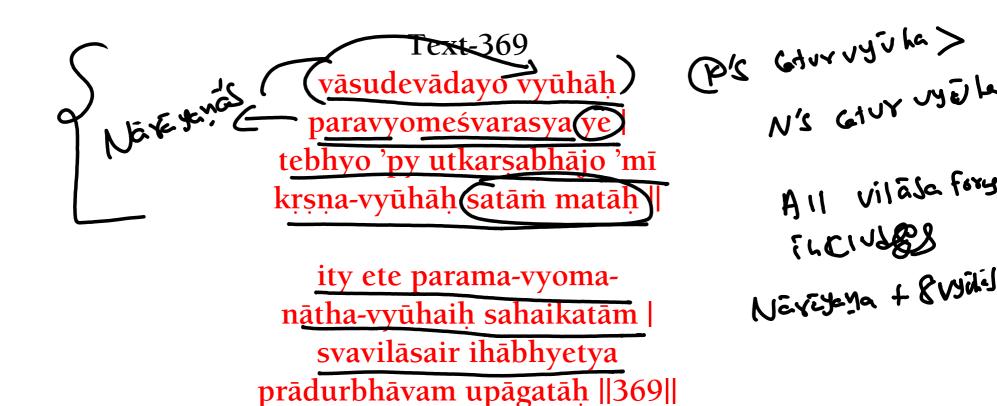
The word parāvareśaḥ is explained in this verse.



Text-368
syur mahānto 'tiparamamahattamatayā smṛtāh |
te paravyoma-nāthaś ca
vyūhāś ca vasu-saṅkhyakāḥ

Mahad refers to (mahānto smrtāḥ) he who is the greatest in glory (atiparama-mahattamatayā)—the Lord of Vaikuntha (te paravyoma-nāthah) and the catur-vyūha, numbered as eight (vyūhāś ca vasu-saṅkhyakāḥ).

The phrase mahad-amśa-yuktah (in verse 364) is explained. Eight members are the four in Nārāyaṇa's vyūha and the four in Kṛṣṇa's vyūha.



Kṛṣṇa's vyūha is superior to the vyūha of the Lord of Vaikuntha starting with Vāsudeva. Kṛṣṇa, becoming one with all these vilāsa forms, including the Lord of Vaikuntha with his vyūhas, makes his appearance in the world.

The Nārāyaṇa vyūha is thus a vilāsa expansion of the vyūha of Kṛṣṇa.



Text-370

amśās ta<u>syāvatārā</u> ye prasiddhāḥ puruṣādayaḥ | tathā śrī-jānakī-nātha-nṛṣimha-kroḍa-vāmanāḥ | nārāyaṇo nara-sakhā hayaśīrṣājitādayaḥ ||370||

Amśa refers to the avatāra forms starting with the puruṣāvatāras, then Rāma, Nrsimha, Varāha, Vāmana, Nārāyaṇa the friend of Nara, Hayagrīva, Ajita and others.

Text-371 ebhir yuktaḥ sadā yogam avāpyayan avasthitaḥ ||371||

Kṛṣṇa is eternally situated with these vyūha and amśa forms within himself.

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ato vṛndāvane tat-tal-līlā-prakaṭatekṣate ||372||

Th<u>ese</u> forms are revealed during Kṛṣṇa's pastimes in Vṛndāvana.

The following verses explain how the mahad and amsa forms are all present in Kṛṣṇa.