Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam

Canto Two

With the Sārārtha-darśinī commentary

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Canto Two – Chapter Seven

Brahma-nārada-samvādah

Scheduled Incarnations with Specific Functions

Section – I

Incarnations of the Supreme Lord (1-39)

|| 2.7.1 ||

brahmovāca—

yatrodyatah ksiti-taloddharanāya bibhrat

kraudīm tanum sakala-yajña-mayīm anantah

a<u>ntar-mahārņava upāgatam ādi-daityam</u>

tam damstrayādrim iva vajra-dharo dadāra ||

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Brahmā said: In the great ocean (antar-mahārnava) where he strove (yatra udyatah) to lift up the earth (kṣiti-tala uddharaṇāya), the infinite Lord (anantah) took the form of a boar (kraudīm tanum bibhrat), the form of all sacrifice (sakala-yajña-mayīm), and pierced Hiranyākṣa (ādi-daityam dadāra) who had come there (upāgatam) with his tusks (damṣṭrayā), just as Indra pierces a mountain with his thunderbolt (adrim vajra-dharo iva). In the seventh chapter, the avatāras starting with Varāha, along with their activities, vibhūtis and their devotees, are described in summary.

This verse describes Varāha.

In the great ocean where he strove (udayatah) to lift up the earth, the Lord took the form of a boar and pierced Hiranyāksa who had come there with his tusks (damstrayā).

First he used his hands, then his tusks, according to a later description.

tam musțibhir vinighnantam vajra-sārair adhoksajah karena karna-mūle 'han yathā tvāstram marut-patih

When the demon began hitting the Lord (tam adhokṣajaḥ vinighnantam) with fists hard as thunderbolts (vajra-sārair muṣṭibhir), the Lord hit him below the ear with his hand (kareṇa karṇa-mūle ahan), just as Indra struck Vṛtrāsura (yathā tvāṣṭram marut-patiḥ). SB 3.19.25

|| 2.7.2 ||

jāto rucer ajanayat suyamān suyajña ākūti-sūnur amarān atha dakṣiṇāyām loka-trayasya mahatīm aharad yad ārtim svāyambhuvena manunā harir ity anūktaḥ ||

The Lord called Suyajña (suyajña), the son of Ākūti and Ruci (jāto rucer ākūti-sūnuh), gave birth to the devatās called Suyamās (ajanayat suyamān amarān) in his wife Dakṣinā (atha daksināyām). When he relieved the three worlds (loka-trayasya aharad) of great suffering (mahatīm yad ārtim), Svāyambhuva named him Hari (svāyambhuvena manunā harir ity anūktah).

He was born from Prajāpati Ruci and gave birth to the devatās called Suyamās.

He was called Suyajña.

His mother was Ākūti, the daughter of Svāyambhuva.



He became Indra.

When he relieved (aharat) the three worlds of suffering, he was named Hari by Manu, his grandfather.

Previously he was named Suyajña. In the following descriptions the birth, activities, parents, and name of each avatāra is mentioned.

|| 2.7.3 ||

jajñe ca kardama-gṛhe dvija devahūtyām strībhiḥ samam navabhir ātma-gatim sva-mātre | ūce yayātma-śamalam guṇa-saṅga-paṅkam asmin vidhūya kapilasya gatim prapede ||

O Nārada (dvija)! The Lord was born in the house of Kardama to Devahūtī (jajñe ca kardama-grhe devahūtyām) along with nine sisters (navabhir strībhih samam), and spoke spiritual knowledge (ūce ātma-gatim) to his mother (sva-mātre), by which (yayā) people of this world (asmin) became purified (vidhuya) of the mud of material association (guna-sangapankam) which contaminates the soul (atma-samalam) and were able to attain the planet of Kapila in the spiritual world (kapilasya gatim prapede).

O Nārada (**dvije**)! He was born (**jajñe**) in the house of Kardama from Devahūtī, along with (**samam**) nine sisters.

He taught her spiritual knowledge by which people in this world (asmin), purified of the mud of material association which contaminates (samalam) the soul, attained the planet of Kapila in the spiritual world.

|| 2.7.4 ||

<u>atrer_apatyam abhikāṅkṣata āha tuṣṭo</u> datto mayāham iti yad bhagavān sa dattah | <u>yat-pāda-paṅkaja-parāga-pavitra-dehā</u> yogarddhim āpur ubhayīṁ yadu-haihayādyāḥ ||

The Lord (bhagavān), satisfied (tuṣṭah), said to Atri (atrer āha) who desired a son (apatyam abhikānkṣata), "I have given myself to you (datto mayā aham)." Thus he was called Datta (sa dattah iti). Those purified by the dust of Dattātreya's feet (yat-pāda-pankaja-parāga-pavitra-dehā), such as Yadu and Haihaya (yadu-haihaya ādyāh), attained perfection of yoga (yoga rddhim āpuh) for enjoyment and liberation (ubhayīm).

The possessive case of **atreh** indicates the dative case.

He said to Atri who wanted a son, "I have given (dattah) myself to you."

Therefore he was named Datta, son of Atri (atreya

Those who purified their bodies by the dust of his lotus feet attained perfection of yoga in order to enjoy in this world or the next world or in order to gain enjoyment or liberation.

Among those persons (who were thus purified), Paraśurāma killed Haihaya in anger because of his great offense, even though Haihaya had attained an elevated status in yoga.