## Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam

Canto Three

With the Sārārtha-darśinī commentary

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## Canto Three – Chapter Ten

Ten Types of Creation

Divisions of the Creation

#### Section-I

# Brahma starts Visarga as instructed by the Lord (1-9)

|| 3.10.1 ||
vidura uvāca
antarhite bhagavati
brahmā loka-pitāmahaḥ
prajāḥ sasarja katidhā
daihikīr mānasīr vibhuḥ

Vidura said: O great sage (vibhuh)! Please let me know what types of offspring (katidhā prajāḥ) Brahmā, the grandfather of the planetary inhabitants (brahmā loka-pitāmahaḥ), created (sasarja) from his own body and mind (daihikīr mānasīh) after the disappearance of the Lord (antarhite bhagavati).

In the Tenth Chapter, the ten types of bodies produced by dividing elements starting with prakrti, and the general characteristics of time are described.

|| 3.10.2 ||

ye ca me bhagavan pṛṣṭās tvayy arthā bahuvittama tān vadasvānupūrvyeṇa chindhi naḥ sarva-saṁśayān

O greatly learned master (bhagavan bahu-vit-tama)! Please speak (vadasva) about all (tān) that I have inquired from you (ye\_me pṛṣṭāh) from the beginning to the end (ānupūrvyeṇa). Please remove all my doubts (chindhi naḥ sarva-saṃśayān).

You know everything. Therefore speak.

| 3.10.3 ||
sūta uvāca
evam sañcoditas tena
kṣattrā kauṣāravir muniḥ
prītaḥ pratyāha tān praśnān
hṛdi-sthān atha bhārgava

Sūta Gosvāmī said: O Śaunaka, son of Bhṛgu (bhārgava)! The sage Maitreya (kauṣāravih muniḥ), thus inspired by Vidura (evam kṣattrā sañcoditah), being pleased (prītaḥ), began to reply to the questions (atha tān praśnān pratyāha), which he had kept in his heart (hṛdi-sthān).

Addressing Saunaka as son of Bhṛgu suggests that he is capable of understanding the knowledge.

"Kept in his heart" means he did not forget the questions.

| 3.10.4 ||
| maitreya uvāca
| virinco 'pi tathā cakre
| divyam varṣa-śatam tapaḥ
| ātmany ātmānam āveśya
| yathāha bhagavān ajaḥ

Maitreya said: Brahmā (viriñcah) thus engaged in meditation (tathā cakre tapaḥ) for one hundred celestial years (divyam)varṣa-śatam), as advised by the Lord (yathā āha bhagavān ajaḥ), absorbing his mind in Nārāyaṇa (ātmani ātmānam āveśya).

Ātmani ātmānam āveśya means he engaged his mind in Śrī Nārāyaṇa.

| 3.10.5 ||
tad vilokyābja-sambhūto
vāyunā yad-adhiṣṭhitaḥ
padmam ambhaś ca tat-kālakṛta-vīryeṇa kampitam

Thereafter Brahmā saw (abja-sambhūtah vilokya) that both the lotus on which he was situated (padmam yadadhisthitaḥ) and the water (ambhah ca) were trembling (kampitam) because of the powerful wind of devastation (tat-kāla-kṛta-vīryeṇa vāyunā).

Brahmā who was situated on the lotus saw that the lotus and water were trembling in the wind.

This verse is connected with the following verse.

The wind had power from the period of devastation (kāla-kṛta-vīryena).

This means that the wind and water had the same power as during devastation when their power had increased.

| 3.10.6 ||
tapasā hy edhamānena
vidyayā cātma-saṃsthayā
vivṛddha-vijñāna-balo
nyapād vāyum sahāmbhasā

Brahmā, powerful with knowledge (vivrddha-vijnāna-balah) from increased meditation (edhamānena tapasā) and mantra worship (vidyayā) fixed on the Lord (ātma-samsthayā), destroyed the wind along with the water (nyapād vāyum sahāmbhasā).

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| 3.10.7 ||
tad vilokya viyad-vyāpi
puṣkaraṁ yad-adhiṣṭhitam
anena lokān prāg-līnān
kalpitāsmīty acintayat

Seeing (vilokya) the lotus on which he was situated (tat puṣkaram yat adhiṣṭhitam) spread up to Satyaloka (viyat-vyāpi), he thought (acintayat), "I will create the planets (anena) lokān kalpitā asmī iti) as they were before destruction from this lotus (prāk-līnān)."

He saw the lotus spread out up to Satyaloka.

Kalpitāsmi means "I will create."

| 3.10.8 ||
padma-kośam tadāviśya
bhagavat-karma-coditah
ekam vyabhānkṣīd urudhā
tridhā bhāvyam dvi-saptadhā

Inspired to do the work by the Lord (bhagavat-karma-coditah), Brahmā entered into the whorl of the lotus (padma-kośam tadāviśya), and divided it (ekam vyabhānkṣīd) into three divisions (tridhā) and later expanded it into fourteen divisions (bhāvyam dvi-saptadhā) in order to produce varieties (urudhā).

He entered into the lotus.

Fixed in the creation of the planets by the Lord, he divided the one lotus into three parts.

In order to negate the idea that it is impossible to create three worlds out of one, it is explained that the expansion was even greater.

Brahmā made it into fourteen divisions, since to make it suitable (bhāvyam) for many forms, three divisions was not sufficient.

This is Śrīdhara Svāmī's explanation.

First he divided the lotus into three and then into fourteen, and then even more, with planets like the sun and moon.

How is it described?

It was suitable for meditation (bhāvyam) by the worshippers of Vairāja.

This is the explanation of bhavyam by others.

| 3.10.9 ||
etāvāñ jīva-lokasya
samsthā-bhedaḥ samāhṛtaḥ
dharmasya hy animittasya
vipākaḥ parameṣṭhy asau

The production of the various places (samsthā-bhedaḥ samāhṛtaḥ) suitable for the fourteen types of jīvas (etāvāñ jīva-lokasya) was entrusted to Brahmā (parameṣṭhi asau) because (hi) he was mature in mediation and worship (dharmasya vipākaḥ) without material desires (animittasya) and could therefore carry out creation (implied).

The production of particular places (samsthā-bhedah) suitable for the particular individual bodies and the parts of the universal form was entrusted to Brahmā because (hi). Brahmā was mature in meditation and worship using mantra (dharmasya) without material desire (animittasya).

What is impossible with the strength of such meditation?

### Section-II

# Characteristics of Time (10-13)

| 3.10.10 ||
vidura uvāca
yathāttha bahu-rūpasya
harer adbhuta-karmaṇaḥ
kālākhyam lakṣaṇam brahman
yathā varṇaya naḥ prabho

Vidura said: O my lord (prabho), O greatly learned sage (brahman)! Describe exactly (yathā varṇaya naḥ) the symptoms of time (kāla ākhyam lakṣaṇam), which you had mentioned (āttha), and which belongs to the Supreme Lord (hareh) having many forms (bahu-rūpasya) and astonishing pastimes (adbhuta-karmaṇaḥ).

Time has been mentioned in many places such as kālākhyayāsādita-karma-tantro (SB 3.8.12), guņena kālānugatena viddhaḥ (SB 3.8.13), kālena so 'jah puruṣāyuṣa (SB 3.8.22) and tat-kāla-kṛta-vīryeṇa kampitam (SB 3.10.5).

Having forgotten that the Lord's efforts, creation and destruction are accomplished by time, Vidura now asks about time.

Please exactly (yathā) describe time that you had mentioned (āttha).

|| 3.10.11 ||

maitreya uvāca guṇa-vyatikarākāro nirviśeṣo 'pratiṣṭhitaḥ puruṣas tad-upādānam ātmānam līlayāsṛjat

Maitreya said: Time, whose true nature is known through the interactions of the gunas (guna-vyatikara ākārah), is without particulars attributes (nitviśeṣah) and has no beginning or end (apratiṣṭhitah). The Supreme Lord created the universe (puruṣah ātmānam āṣrjat), which has time as its efficient cause (tadupādānam), as a pastime (līlayā).

Time, knowledge of whose nature (ākāraḥ) arises from transformation of the guṇas into mahat-tattva and other elements, is without specific qualities and is without beginning and end.

By its cause, creation and destruction take place.

Upādānam means "what is accepted as a cause" from the verb upādā (to receive).

The Lord created the universe which is called himself (atmanam) since it is a result of his śakti, in which time acts as the efficient cause (tad-upādānam).

|| 3.10.12 ||

viśvam vai brahma-tan-mātram samsthitam viṣnu-māyayā.

īśvareṇa paricchinnam kālenāvyakta-mūrtinā

This universe (viśvam) which is firmly established by the māyā of Viṣṇu (saṃsthitam viṣṇu-māyayā), whose cause is the Lord (brahma-tan-mātram), is divided into various planets and living beings (paricchinnam) by time, whose form is invisible (kālena avyakta-mūrtinā), and which is a representative of the Lord's power (īśvareṇa).

This verse explains that time divides up the universe.

By the energy of the Lord māyā, this universe is established firmly (samṣthitam).

Its cause is the Lord.

It is divided by time, a form of the Lord's influence.

"Divided" means that it is divided variously as described above.

Its form is invisible.

This explains the term "without particular attributes" in the previous verse.

|| 3.10.13 || yathedānīm tathāgre ca paścād apy etad īdṛśam

As the universe exists now (yathā idānīm), it existed before devastation (tathā agre ca), and will exist after devastation (paścād apy etad īdṛśam).

"Because the universe has a beginning and end, the universe must be unreal. How can an unreal universe be divided?"

This cannot be said.

This universe existed before the great devastation (agre).

After the devastation is over, it will exist.

It is not a false object, but temporary.

#### Section-III

Ten types of creation – I) Six types of Primary Creation by MahaVisnu (14-17)

|| 3.10.14 ||

sargo nava-vidhas tasya prākṛto vaikṛtas tu yaḥ kāla-dravya-guṇair asya tri-vidhaḥ pratisaṅkramaḥ

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There are nine types of creation (six are elemental and three are by Brahmā) (sargo nava-vidhah). The tenth (the creation of devatās) is a combination of elemental creation and a creation by Brahma (prākṛto vaikṛtas tu yaḥ). There are three kinds of destruction (asya tri-vidhah pratisankramah): the destruction at the end of Brahmā's life; the destruction at the end of Brahma's day; and the destruction of individual bodies by karma (kāla-(Travya-guṇaih)

Having described time in general, Maitreya will describe time in detail in the next chapter.

For that purpose, the creation which was previously described in detail is again discussed in summary for easy understanding.

It is grouped into ten types.

There are nine types and a tenth type which is a combination of material creation and Brahmā's creation.

For the same purpose of discussing time, three types of destruction are listed: by time alone (kāla), the devastation of all universes; the daily destruction at the end of Brahmā's day, by the fire from Sankarṣaṇa and other factors (dravya); and the common destruction through consumption of the body by an individual's actions (guṇaiḥ).

ādyas tu mahataḥ sargo
guṇa-vaiṣamyam ātmanaḥ
dvitīyas tv ahamo yatra
dravya-jñāna-kriyodayaḥ

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The first creation is the creation of the mahat-tattva, or the sum total of the material ingredients (ādyas tu mahataḥ sargah), in which there is disturbance of the guṇas causes by the Lord (guṇa-vaiṣamyam ātmanaḥ). The second is the creation of the false ego (dvitīyas tv ahamah), from which (yatra) the five gross elements, knowledge sense, sense devatās, mind and the action senses are generated (dravya-jñāna-kriyā-udayah).

Starting with this verse the rest of the chapter is a description of the various creations.

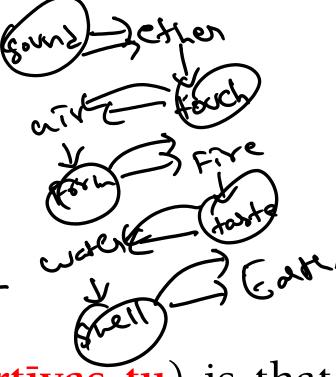
The first is the imbalance of the gunas characterized by the appearance of mahat-tattva, instigated by the Lord (atmanah).

The second creation that in which there is the appearance of ahankāra (ahamaḥ), from which arises the five gross elements (dravya), the knowledge senses, sense devatās and mind (jñāna), and the action senses (kriya).



||3.10.16||

bhūta-sargas tṛtīyas tu tan-mātro dravya-śaktimān caturtha aindriyaḥ sargo yas tu jñāna-kriyātmakaḥ



The third creation of matter (bhūta-sargas tṛtīyas tu) is that of the tan-mātras (tan-mātrah), which have the power to produce the gross elements (dravya-śaktimān). The fourth creation is that of the knowledge and action senses (caturtha jñāna-kriyā ātmakaḥ aindriyaḥ sargah).

The third creation of matter is that of the tan-mātras, which have the capacity (saktimān) of producing the gross elements.

The fourth is the creation of the senses, which consist of knowledge and action senses.

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| 3.10.17 ||
vaikāriko deva-sargaḥ
pañcamo yan-mayam manaḥ
ṣaṣṭhas tu tamasaḥ sargo
yas tv abuddhi-kṛtaḥ prabhoḥ

The fifth (pañcamah) is the creation of the sense devatās and the mind (deva-sargaḥ yad-mayam manaḥ) from ahankāra in sattva (vaikāriko). The sixth creation is the creation of ignorance (ṣaṣṭhas tu tamasaḥ sargah), which is produced by the avidyā-śakti of the Lord which bewilders the jīva (yah tu prabhoḥ abuddhi-kṛtaḥ).

The fifth is related to the ahankāra in sattva and consists of the creation of the deities presiding over the senses and the mind as well.

These five are related to transformations of pradhāna.

Next the creation of ignorance is described.

This is a different type of undertaking.

The sixth is the creation of ignorance.

This was created by avidyā-śakti of the Lord which bewilders (abuddhi) the jīva.

The meaning is this.

Māyā has three conditions: pradhāna, avidyā and vidyā.

By pradhāna the elements from mahat-tattva to earth are created.

These are real creations, by which the aggregate (samasti) and individual bodies (vyaṣṭi) of the jīvas, with gross and subtle bodies are created.

By avidyā which bewilders the jīva, five types of ignorance—avidyā, asmitā, raga, dyeṣa and abhiniveśa—are created. These are not real.

The world, composed of real and unreal, is produced by pradhāna and avidyā.

By vidyā, knowledge which destroys the five types of ignorance is created.

This will explained later in the commentary.

## Section-IV

## Ten types of creation – II) Secondary creation by Brahma (18-30)

| 3.10.18 | sad ime prākṛtāḥ sargā vaikṛtān api me śṛṇu rajo-bhājo bhagavato līleyam hari-medhasaḥ

These six creations arise from the Lord's māyā-śakti, prakṛti (ṣaḍ ime prākṛtāḥ sargā). Now hear about the secondary creation arising (vaikṛtān api me śṛṇu). This is a pastime of Brahmā (iyaṁ rajo-bhājo bhagavato līlā) who possesses the Lord in his intelligence (hari-medhasaḥ).

These six were generated from māyā-śakti.

They are called **prākṛtāḥ**.

He now describes the secondary creations (vaikṛtān) arising from Brahmā, the form of Brahmā representing all the universal elements (samaṣṭi-virāṭ).

Brahmā has the Supreme Lord in his intelligence (medhasaḥ).

| 3.10.19 | saptamo mukhya-sargas tu saḍ-vidhas tasthuṣām ca yaḥ vanaspaty-oṣadhi-latā-tvaksārā vīrudho drumāḥ

The seventh creation is creation of immobile living beings (saptamo tasthuṣām), the first entities to be created by Brahmā (mukhya-sargah). They are of six types (ṣaḍ-vidhah): trees without llowers but fruit, annuals, creepers (vānaspaty-oṣadh) (atā) bamboos, bushes and trees which have flowers and fruits (tvaksārā vīrudho drumāḥ).

Among the creation of immobile and moving creatures of the universe, the first (mukhya) creation is that of the immobile living beings (taṣṭhusam).

Vanaspatayah refers to those plants without flowers but having fruit.

Osadhayah refers to annual plants, perishing after a year.

Latā refers to plants that need support to rise up.

Tvaksārā refers to bamboo and other hollow plants.

Virudhah refers to plants which do not depend on support to rise because of stiffness of the trunk.

Drumāḥ are those which give fruit through flowers.

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The plants distribute their nourishment upwards (utsrotasah). They are almost unconscious (tamaḥ-prāyā), but have a feeling of pain within on being cut (antaḥ-sparśā). They are not fixed in size and have unlimited variety (viśeṣiṇaḥ).

Their general characteristics are described.

They spread their nourishment upwards.

Their consciousness is not evident (tamah-prāyāḥ).

They feel pain within by being cut (antaḥ-sparśā).

Their dimensions are not fixed, and they have unlimited variety (viśesinah).

|| 3.10.21 ||
tiraścām aṣṭamaḥ sargaḥ
so 'ṣṭāviṁśad-vidho mataḥ
avido bhūri-tamaso
ghrāṇa-jñā hṛdy avedinaḥ

The eighth creation is that of entities which distribute their nourishment horizontally (tiraścām aṣṭamaḥ ṣargaḥ) and are of twenty-eight varieties (sah aṣṭāvimśad-vidho mataḥ). They have no concept of the future (avidah), are preoccupied only with food (bhūri-tamasah), understand their needs by smell (ghrāṇa-jñāh), and are devoid of lengthy deliberation (hṛdy avedinaḥ).

Their nourishment is distributed horizontally.

They are devoid of the knowledge of tomorrow, or future (avidah).

They are fixed in obtaining food only (bhuritamasaḥ).

They understand what they want by smell.

They are devoid of lengthy deliberation or meager power of reflection.

## Śruti says:

athetareṣām paśūnām aśanāpipāse evābhivijnānam na vijnātam vadanti na vijnātam paśyanti na viduḥ śvastanam na lokālokau

Among the animals there is only knowledge of eating and drinking. They do not speak of what they discern, they do not inspect what they discern, they do not know tomorrow, they do not know the world and the next world.

Bhuri-tamasah can also mean that they have great anger.

Ghrāṇa-jñāḥ hṛdi can mean that they experience only objects dear to their heart.

They are aware of eating and sleeping.

| 3.10.22 ||
gaur ajo mahiṣaḥ kṛṣṇaḥ
sūkaro gavayo ruruḥ
dvi-śaphāḥ paśavaś ceme
avir uṣṭraś ca sattama

O Vidura (sattama)! The eighth creation includes cows, goats, buffalo, the black deer (gaur ajo mahiṣaḥ kṛṣṇaḥ), pigs, wild oxen, antelopes (sūkaro gavayo ruruḥ), sheep and camels (avir uṣṭraś ca). These all have cloven hooves (ime dvi-śaphāḥ paśavah).

The nine animals listed have cloven hooves. Avih means sheep.

| 3.10.23 ||
| Share 'svo 'svataro gauraḥ
| sarabhas camarī tathā
| ete caika-saphāh kṣattaḥ
| sṛṇu pañca-nakhān pasūn

O Vidura (kṣattaḥ)! Donkeys, horses, mules, gaura deer (kharo aśvo aśvataro gauraḥ), śarabhas, and yaks (śarabhaś camarī tathā) do not have cloven hooves (ete ca eka-śaphāḥ). Now hear about the animals with five nails (śṛṇu pañca-nakhān paśūn).

The animals from donkeys to camaris do not have cloven hooves.

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|| 3.10.24 ||

śvā sṛgālo vṛko vyāghro mārjāraḥ śaśa-śallakau siṁhaḥ kapir gajaḥ kūrmo godhā ca makarādayah

Dogs, jackals, wolves, tigers (śvā sṛgālo vṛko vyāghro), cats, rabbits, porcupines (mārjāraḥ śaśa-śallakau), lions, monkeys, elephants, tuṛtles (simhaḥ kapir gajaḥ kūrmo), lizards and alligators have five nails (godhā ca makarādayaḥ).

The twelve animals from dogs to lizards have five nails.

The land dwelling animals total twenty-seven.

Makaras and others are aquatics.

| 3.10.25 ||
kaṅka-gṛdhra-baka-śyenabhāsa-bhallūka-barhiṇah
haṁsa-sārasa-cakrāhvakākolūkādayaḥ khagāḥ

Herons, vultures, cranes, hawks (kanka-gṛdhra-baka-śyena), birds of prey, bhallukas, peacocks (bhāsa-bhallūka-barhinah), swans, Indian cranes, cakravākas (hamsa-sārasa-cakrāhva), crows, and owls (kāka ulūka ādayaḥ) are the birds (khagāḥ).

The birds from heron to peacocks are land dwelling birds.

Those from swans to cakravākas are aquatic birds.

The remaining ones are land dwelling birds.

All the fishes are classed as one.

Among the twenty-eight varieties are included various types of deer such as the ruru, kṛṣṇa, and gaura (which should be taken as one variety).

[Note: To make twenty-eight types, the ruru, krsna and gaura are classed together, and the land birds are classed as one type and the aquatic birds as one type.]

Other animals will fall within these classes.

| 3.10.26 ||
arvāk-srotas tu navamaḥ
kṣattar eka-vidho nṛṇām
rajo 'dhikāḥ karma-parā
duḥkhe ca sukha-māninaḥ

O Vidura (kṣattah)! The ninth class consists of the beings in which the food is distributed downwards (arvāk-srotas tu navamah). There is only one class--human beings (eka-vidho nrnām), who have a predominance of rajas (rajo adhikāḥ), who are dedicated to work (karma-parā), and who think themselves happy even in distress (duḥkhe ca sukha-māninah).

The ninth creation consists of beings in which the food is distributed downwards.

The qualities are described starting with prominence of rajas.

| 3.10.27 ||
vaikṛtās traya evaite
deva-sargaś ca sattama
vaikārikas tu yaḥ proktaḥ
kaumāras tūbhayātmakaḥ

These are the three secondary creations made by Brahmā (vaikṛta) (vaikṛtās trayah). In addition, the creation of the devatās (devasargah), who, as described previously (yaḥ proktaḥ), were also produced from ahaṅkāra in sattva-guṇa (and are thus a prākṛta creation) (vaikārika). The creation of Kumāras by Brahmā is said to be both prākṛta and vaikṛta (kaumārah tu ubhaya ātmakaḥ).

These three are secondary creations.

The creation of devatās is also secondary.

But they are also part of the primary creation.

Who are they?

The creation of devatās from ahaṅkāra in sattva (vaikārikaḥ) was described in the creation originating from prakṛti (SB 3.10.17). (These devatās are therefore classed as prākrṭa.)

A creation of devatās also occurs in the creation made by Brahmā later, called vaikṛta or secondary (listed in the next verse).

The creation of the Kumāras is both prākṛta and vaikṛta.

## dṛṣṭvā pāpīyasīm sṛṣṭim nātmānam bahv amanyata bhagavad-dhyāna-pūtena manasānyām tato 'sṛjat

Seeing the sinful nature of this creation (dṛṣṭvā pāpīyasīm sṛṣṭim), Brahmā was not satisfied with himself (na ātmānam bahu amanyata). He again carried out creation (anyām tato asṛjat) by a mind purified with meditation on the Lord (bhagavad dhyāna pūtena manasā). SB 3.12.3

They are said to be both prākṛta and vaikṛta because, by Brahmā's meditation on the Lord, they are generated both by Brahmā (vaikṛta) and the Lord (prākṛta).

|| 3.10.28-29 ||
deva-sargaś cāṣṭa-vidho
vibudhāḥ pitaro 'surāḥ
gandharvāpsarasaḥ siddhā
yakṣa-rakṣāṁsi cāraṇāh

bhūta-preta-piśācāś ca vidyādhrāḥ kinnarādayaḥ daśaite vidurākhyātāh sargās te viśva-sṛk-kṛtāḥ

The creation of devatās has eight divisions (deva-sargah ca asta-vidhah): devatās; Pitrās; Asuras (vibudhāḥ pitaro asurāḥ); Gandharvas and Apsaras (gandharva apsarasaḥ); Yaksas and Rāksasas (yakṣa-rakṣāmsi); Siddhas, Cāranas (siddhā cāraṇāḥ) and Vidhādhadras (vidyādhrāḥ); Bhūtas, Pretas and Piśācas (bhūta-preta-piśācāś ca); and Kinnars, Kimpurusas and others (kinnarādayaḥ). I have thus described to you these ten types of creation (daśa ete sargāh vidura ākhyātāḥ). The Supreme Lord performed these creations (te viśva-sṛk-kṛtaḥ).

There are eight types of beings in the devatā creation of Brahmā. They are listed.

Gandharvas and Apsarās are considered (one.)

Yakṣas and Rakṣasas are considered one type.

Bhūtas, Pretas and Piśacas are one type.

Siddhas and Cāraṇas and Vidyādharas are one type.

Kinnaras and others are one type.

Ādi means Kimpurusas and others.

Viśvasrk means the Supreme Lord.

| 3.10.30 | ataḥ param pravakṣyāmi vaṁśān manvantarāṇi ca evaṁ rajaḥ-plutaḥ sraṣṭā kalpādiṣv ātmabhūr hariḥ sṛjaty amogha-saṅkalpa ātmaivātmānam ātmanā

I will now describe (ataḥ param pravakṣyāmi) the dynasties and the Manvantaras, periods of Manus (vamśān manvantarāṇi ca). The Supreme Lord, Paramātmā (ātmabhūr hariḥ), becoming the creator Brahmā (rajaḥ-plutaḥ sraṣtā), with unfailing determination (amogha-saṅkalpa), creates (srjaty) himself (ātmānam) in another form (effects) (ātmā eva) by his own energy (ātmanā).

<u>Atmabhūr hariḥ</u> means "the Supreme Lord, becoming Brahmā."

Thus ends the commentary on Tenth Chapter of the Third Canto of the Bhagavatam for the pleasure of the devotees, in accordance with the previous ācāryas.