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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 3:

In the last few classes we discussed the birth of 11 Rudras and the places that they occupied in the creation. We also discussed about their consorts/strengths in detail.

S.No.	Rudra	Consort/Strength/Nature	Meaning of names of consorts
1	Manyu	Dhi	Will
2	Manu	Vritti	Power of Behaviour
3	Mahakaal	Asana	Power of Combustion/growth
4	Mahat	Uma	Interval / pause
5	Siva (Shankara)	Niyut	Channelizing power
6	Rutadhwaj	Sarpis	Procreative power
7	Uru	Ila	Limiting Power
8	Retobhav	Ambica	Conceptive power
9	Kaal	Iravathi	Power of Intuition/thought
10	Vamadeva	Sudha	Power of holding/retention
11	Dhritavrat	Deeksha	Power of continuity

This is all a part of the story of creation which we have been discussing for a long time now beginning with the emergence of impulse from the Absolute one. Then the birth of the 27 principles forming the cosmic egg and then the birth of Cosmic person.

The birth of the cosmic intelligences in the cosmic person and then the birth of the 4-headed Brahma from the navel of the Cosmic person. Then we discussed all that came out of Brahma up to the birth of Prajapatis in the last class.

Initially when Brahma feels that he has to do everything, he falls into an illusion and the 5 great sins emerge out of him. They are ego, desire, ignorance, anger and death. Later he aligns with the Lord and the 4 kumaras, 11 Rudras and Prajapatis emerge out of him.

We should keep recollecting this story along with the 27 principles, 4 kumaras, 11 rudras and all the cosmic intelligences and where they exist in our body. This recollection increases their activity in us and we move forward in the path.

With respect to the Rudras, we studied their names, their consorts, the meaning of their names. Each of us should work out the correspondences and keep recollecting them again and again. It shows our interest and devotion towards them. We should spend our free time in this recollection. We can even have quiz competitions in this subject. There can be many ways to recollect them and stabilise them in ourselves. We should keep finding interesting ways to remember them.

The story of creation in this detail is given only in the Indian Scriptures. Other Scriptures do not give the creational story in such detail.

The common name given to all the Rudras as one is **Neelalohita**. Neelalohita is the root name for all the 11 Rudras. It means the one who is born with eyes coloured in red and blue. Rudra named Neelalohita comes as one and diversifies into 11 and does all the work as requested by Brahma and later goes into penance.

Now we are discussing the birth of Prajapatis / Progenitors.

S.No.	Prajapathi / Progenitor/ Patriarch	Part of Emergence
1	Daksha	Thumb
2	Narada	Thigh
3	Pulaha	Navel
4	Pulastya	Ear
5	Bhrigu	Skin
6	Kratu	Palm of the Hand
7	Angirasa	Mouth
8	Vasistha	Pulsation
9	Marichi	Mind
10	Atri	Eyes

Narada coming out of thigh of Brahma is later explained in Dhurvopakhyanam in 9th canto. Thigh is a representation of Yoga which is explained in the 9th Canto. Prajapatis coming out of different parts of Brahma has significance. Some have sublime meanings.

Remember! This is given in such a way that the ones only with deep interest can understand the sublime meanings given in them. So we keep be alert while reading this subject so that we do not to miss such sublime aspects and secrets.

If Kratu Prajapati is active in us, very good acts are done by our hand. Daksha stands for ability and seeing the thumb of a person we can tell the ability of a person. All this comes under a science call Samudrika science by which we can tell many aspects, qualities and abilities of a person by observing different parts of a person. Hanuman knew this science very well and it is by that science he could tell Rama that Vibhishana (brother of Ravana) can be trusted though he is the brother of his enemy. Hanuman sees the divine qualities in Vibhishana by the virtue of this science.

Angirasa Prajapati is born from the mouth of Brahma. For his active presence in us, we should regulate our speech. Also the mouth should be kept clean without any foul smell. Anga = part.

Angirasa helps in the proper functioning of the parts of our body and to experience even the minutest things. So once again we come across the importance of speech and its affect on the other parts of the body.

Narada, though was born as a Progenitor, did not want to participate in procreation activity. He conveys this to Brahma saying that I am not interested in procreation and I have a different work to do.

The grand knowledge that came to us through Valmiki, Veda Vyasa or some other Sage is through Narada. So Narada is source for all the knowledge we have at present.

Narada told Brahma that he would travel in all the planes of creation and give the ones who are interested to know, the utmost knowledge which would help them in the path to reach the Lord. Narada's name actually means that.

Nara + Da = One who can pour in the knowledge required to reach Narayana/ Brahman/ THAT.

He has complete knowledge of what happened from the beginning of the creation and also what happened in the previous creations. He was the one who initiated Veda Vyasa, Valmiki, Prahallada, Dhruva and many other initiates and devotees. So that is the greatness of Narada. Though he is born as a progenitor, he is considered as the 5th Kumara.

All the progenitors are present in us as well. This comes more in detail in the 7th Canto. I will just give a brief now.

1) Marichi – He is present above our head as our aura. Depending on the person, he exists as a light of certain degree above the head.

2) Atri – Sahasrara (Head Centre)

3) Bhrigu – He is present in our 3rd eye (Brow centre)

4) Angirasa – He is present in our throat centre

5) Vasistha – Heart Centre

6) Pulaha – Navel

7) Pulastya - Sacral Centre (Swadhiatana)

8) Kratu – Base Centre (Muladhara)

9) Narada – He exists as our intellect depending on our eagerness to know things

10) Daksha – He is present in us as our ability

The following others were born out of Brahma:

Right side of the heart	dharma (eternal law)
Soul	desire
Back	death and adharma (transgression of law)
Eye balls	anger
Lower Lip	greed
Mouth	speech
Secret organ	ocean
Excretory organ	North
Shadow	Kardama Prajapati

Desire is the desire to create. That is why we also have desire inherently. It may be a mundane desire or even the desire to reach the Lord.

As north is born from the excretory organ of Brahma, the bathrooms are generally constructed in the north corner of the house.

Kardama is a great devotee of Vishnu who did not want to participate in procreation. He was asked by Brahma to partly take part in the procreation activity and later he can retreat. The Lord also gave him a boon that he would be born as his son. The Lord as Kapila takes birth as the son of Kardama Prajapati. The Lord as Dattatreya again takes birth as the grandson of Kardama. The story of Kardama Prajapati comes in detail in the 7th Canto of Bhagavatam.

So there are 11 Prajapatis in total.

Then Bharati (light or knowledge) is born out of Brahma. The light inside Brahma comes out as Goddess Bharati (Bha = light, Rati = passion or pleasure). This light is also present in each one of us as our awareness and beauty. It may vary in degree from person to person. Each one's face is beautiful to him/her. Here beauty also means inner beauty.

Seeing its beauty Brahma desires for it and goes after it and Marichi, who is the mind of Brahma, tells him that it is not good to desire for it. Brahma realizes his mistake and realizes that he is to use Bharati for the welfare of creation but not desire for it. All the knowledge comes into this creation through this light called Bharati.

Just like Brahma fell for his own beauty, we also fall for our beauty. Enjoying someone else's beauty is different and falling for our own beauty is different. This is a great fall

and it is due to this fall many people spend lot of time in keeping up their beauty. So we should be very cautious.

Right from the birth of Brahma, we were studying that there is a complete correspondence between Brahma and us in almost every aspect. So the same applies here as well.

All the Vedas, Sciences, Puranas, Itihasas and so on come out of this light. We will discuss about this light or knowledge in detail in some other class.

After all this happened, Brahma felt that time is running out and he needs to speed up the creational activity. So he multiplies himself into 2. He becomes Swayambhuva Manu. Swayambhuva means self born one. And the light (Bharati) that came out of him is multiplied into 100.

So Swayambhuva Manu was born and he was married to these 100 women who were multiplied out of Bharati. They were asked by Brahma to keep procreating endlessly. Swayambhuva then asks Brahma "It is fine that we should procreate but where is the place where we can procreate. There should some platform for the newly created beings to stay but there is only space around."

So then Brahma creates a physical plane for Swayambhuva Manu with his 100 wives to procreate. Then there comes Hiranyaksha who is present in space and does not accept for the creation of physical plane in space and destroys it every time Brahma creates one. To stop him, the Lord incarnates in the form of a pig (Varaha Avatar) and kills him and then finally the physical plane is ready.

That ends the 3rd Canto. I just gave a brief of all that is given to us in 3rd Canto. We will discuss this more in detail in the coming classes. Today I just gave a brief of what we already discussed and also a brief of what is more to come in the 3rd Canto. We need to keep recollecting this story so that all these intelligences in creation so that they are pleased with us and grace us with their presence.

We see that in the story of Rama. Rama always kept praying to all this intelligences in creation and they all come to his help during the War with Ravana.

So we should remember them all and keep visualizing them in ourselves and gain their presence. It is up to each one of you. Master EK gave us all this knowledge in a simple and understandable way. We should utilize this opportunity presented to us.

We should remember all the names that we discussed till now and the greatness of these names is that the meaning of the name itself gives the work that they do in creation.

This story is also given in Bible as the creation in 7 days. It gives the story after the birth of Brahma but not the story before the birth of Brahma. The 5 great sins, the 4 kumaras (horsemen), 11 Rudras, 11 Prajapatis (Patriarchs), Bharati (light/knowledge), the

Scriptures, Manus are among the 7 days/divisions as given in Bible. It is the same story though the representations are different.

So we should try to remember this story as much as possible and keep recollecting again and again. Your life would become a splendor. Any work you do would be splendorous.

We will continue in the next class.

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