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We learnt about Saurabhi's story and his yogic powers in the last edition. There are people with such Yogic powers even today in India. There was one particular person in North India who used to appear in five different places (at Delhi, Gwalior, Pune and so on..) at the same time doing completely different activities. They are able to achieve this due to the Yogic power they attain. However all these 'powers' are limited to a specific region (Pra:de:sikam). These expansion of powers is not by form (Swarupa) but only by nature.

The Nature has the ability to expand everywhere, it however has no power to control and it is devoid of knowledge. Jeeva (Soul) has the ability to expand due to his knowledge (Jnanam) but not his form (Swarupa).

Paramatma is the only one who can expand infinitely both by form and knowledge, who is always complete and omniscient. Hence He is "Visvam".

Before chanting Sukla Yajur Veda this santhi sloka is chanted

Poo:rnam idam Poo:rnam adaha
Poo:rna:th Poo:rnam udachyathe:
Poo:rnyasya Poo:rnam a:da:ya
Poo:rname:va: avasishyathe:



"He is complete everywhere. He is complete in this world and the Milky Ocean, He is complete even within an idol. He is complete within an inanimate or animate object, He is complete within us. Because that is His Quality - being COMPLETE."

When he takes an incarnation (Avatara) he appears as a small form. Still he is always complete with all his Qualities.

Some don't realize this fact due to their ignorance.... like Pu:thana, Sekata:sura and Kamsa. Some are unaware of it as they are blinded by love: like Devaki, Vasudeva, Yasoda and NandaGopa.

Others hate Him because of His greatness of qualities like Sisupala. There are a few who realized His greatness and are blessed: like Bheeshmacharya.

In this way He is always complete by Swarupa (form) and Svabhava (Nature). - Poo:rname:va avasishyathe:

The manthra "Visvam" was revealed for those who desire atleast some of that greatness present in Parama:thma.

But by saying that "Parama:thma is totally complete in all his qualities", what do we really understand ? Not much. Hence each aspect of that greatness should be described more vividly. Those descriptions follow in the remaining manthras. We will learn more of those soon.

