



*Sri:mathe: Ra:ma:nuja:ya Namaha*

## EDITOR'S DESK



February 2, 2004, marks the occasion of Bhi:shma E:kadasi, the day on which, over 5000 years ago, the great Bhi:shmacha:rya shared the 1000 sacred names of Lord Sri:man Na:ra:yana, who stood before Him on the battlefield of Kurukshe:tra in His Incarnation as Sri: Krishna. This collection of 1000 names, known as Sri: Vishnu Sahasrana:mam is one of the most well-known sto:thrums among followers of Ve:dic culture, and is recited in homes and temples throughout the world.

It is interesting to note that each name(Namam) mentioned in the Sahasrana:mam is a unique noun, that describes a Wondrous Quality or Attribute that is God's Alone. Now, some of us can probably say that someone we know may have some of the good qualities that are mentioned like courage, strength or compassion. But, in the cases of these individuals, such qualities are in their minutest form, and they are generally tainted with other limitations. In the case of God, however, Who is Perfection Itself, each quality is present in Him to its Fullest Extent. In Sanskrit, the term that is used for "quality or attribute" is "guna", which in another interpretation also means "rope". So, in a way, each Name of God is like a "rope" that He

uses to capture us and pull us towards Him out of His Boundless Love that He Feels for all of us. God, of course, is an expert Cowherd Boy, so we, in a way, are like runaway calves who run about here and there just for our own fun, despite the fact that we know that He can take care of us better than we can do ourselves. And He knows each of us quite well, so He uses just the right rope to capture and draw back each of his little calves back to His Care. Three categories of people are used as examples by our a:cha:ryas to illustrate this point.

The first kind of people are the great saints, the A:lwa:rs and A:cha:ryas, whose devotion and knowledge is so matured that they actually feel unworthy of going towards God in fear of harming Him or being unworthy of being with Him. To them, God reveals His Qualities of Love and Accessibility such that they can be rest assured that He is ready and willing to be there to fulfill their desire to be with Him always.

The second type of people are the enemies of God, who actually despise God or feel jealous of Him. To them, God reveals His Power and Valor, such that they respect Him, and eventually grow to love Him.

The third kind of people who stray away from God are the rest of us, who are too focused on our own individual goals and ambitions to give Him much thought. To us, God shows us His Charm in His various Forms in temples, pooja altars, and in His Holy Names such that we are drawn to Him and will think about Him more and more, and will eventually grow to love Him, too.

So, 1000 Names of God have been offered to the world by Bhi:shma in the hopes that at least one will draw us back towards the Lord. Let us make an effort to recite Sri: Vishnu Sahasrana:mam on Bhi:shma E:kadasi, and as often as we can, such that we will find our True Happiness in Sriman Na:ra:yana's Love, and share this happiness through service to the world.

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## DO YOU KNOW ?

Some people calculate time from the death of Christ which is more popular in the world today due to English rule and /or their strong influence. Accordingly we are now in 2004th year after death of Christ. But, in olden days, how our people, our great sages, Rishis, our kings, our ancestors used to calculate and follow time ??

### Of Bramha's 100 Years

1 Year = 365 days

1 Full day = Daypart + Night part

1 Day part = 1000 Chathuryugas =14 Manus  
Period + 6 Chath.Yugas

1Manu's Time= 71 Chathuryugas

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	— Thretha = 12,96,000 Years
	— Dwapara= 8,64,000 Years
	— Kaliyuga = 4,32,000 Years

1 Chathuryuga = 43,20,000 Years

According to Vedic calculations we are now in 5,105th year of Kaliyugam of 28th Chathuryuga, in the 7th Manu's (His name is Vaivaswatha ) Period of Bramha's first month first Paksha, first day's daytime's 13 to 42nd Ghatikas of his 51st year. Whether you know or not, even today all our true Vedic followers chant this thrice every day during their Sandhya Vandanam ! a daily Vedic ritual. That's how it was accurately preserved till today.... not by writing on any perishable physical / chemical media as we, with the so called advanced tech. are doing today. This science has to develop a lot to prove the Vedic facts.

Sri Ramayana was witnessed and written by Va:Imi:ki. It is not just a story or a myth. It is our History. History of Mankind on this Earth ! According to the tradition, this happened in the Thretha Yuga of 24th Chathuryuga of prev. Manu.

Similarly Maha:bha:ratha is also not just a story or a myth but, it is our own History. The very recent History of Mankind... just 5105 years before. This actually happened !! We did not come from Aryans or from Indus civilisations, or other civilisations or from apes as most of our modern thinkers imagined.

**REALISE TRUTHS. REALISE GOD. REALISE YOUR SHORT SPAN OF LIFE AND USE IT FOR ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE. IT IS NOT WHAT PEOPLE SAY THAT MATTERS BUT, WHAT IT ACTUALLY IS, AND HOW WE USE... WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT OR NOT !!**

Not only these, our Bharathiyas know lot many secrets of life, birth, death, governing factors, controlling factors, various practices to keep the society in tune with the nature, more naturally peaceful and happy. All our authentic vedic traditions, classical culture, traditional arts etc.. are the branches of that root Vedic Resource !