

HE comes when you sincerely call...

(from Srimad Bhagawatham)

- Ramapriya

The evil king Kamsa is waiting in Mathura, to kill the new born baby of Devaki and Vasudeva, (his sister and brother-in-law). When Krishna was born in the midnight, in jail, secretly, he was transported to Gokulam, when exactly a baby was born to Yasoda and that baby of Yaso:da was brought to Matthura. This happened so at the instructions of the Lord Himself. In Thiruppavai the song goes like this "Oruththi maganai pirandhu o:r iravil oruththi magana:i oliththu valara" (born to one and overnight brought to another to be brought up secretly).

Though Baby Krishna was brought up in Gokulam by His adoring parents and the loving Gopis and Gopas, somehow Kamsa found out about this and made many attempts to kill the baby, which were foiled by none other than the Baby itself. But that didn't discourage Kamsa from making more attempts on the baby's life. Thus, he spent most of his life thinking about Krishna. Now Krishna is growing up to be a young Boy, who started going out with his friends to the meadows to sing, dance and be a cowherder. Everybody was happy in Gokulam, because Kamsa had not made any new attempts on Krishna's life. Little did they know that he was planning a big finale, to get rid of Krishna and Balarama at the same time, in Mathura.

His plan was to invite NandaGopa and his 2 boys, to Mathura for a big festival (fair) and get them killed there with the help of the royal elephant "Kualaya:pi:dam" and the king's wrestlers "Cha:nu:ra and Mushtika". He didn't realize that he was planning to destroy the indestructible. Cunningly



Kamsa calls "Akrura" a relative of Nandagopa who was partial to Krishna and the Gopis, and thus states to him " Will you please go to A:yarpa:di (Go:kulam) and invite your relatives, especially the 2 children to the festivities, we are going to have. After they are killed only I can live peacefully. You can even take my chariot to bring them, and somehow it is your duty to convince them to come, since they may be suspicious of my intentions. Go quickly"

Akrura was a very wise man and he knew the secret of Krishna's birth, that He is none other than Sri:manna:ra:yana. Though the plan of Kamsa was unpalatable he readily agreed at the thought of feasting his eyes on the dark skinned, lotus eyed beautiful Krishna, whom he can hug and hold and pour loving words from his heart. He knew, by no means Kamsa could kill Krishna. When he reached Gokulam he was received very fondly and happily by everyone there, which didn't last long once he stated his mission, (of taking away the 2 children). With grief filled hearts and tear filled eyes the village sent the 2 boys with Akrura:ra.

We all know what happened afterwards, don't we? The Young Boy was victorious.....

After Kamsa was killed Devaki, Vasudeva and Kamsa's father who was also in jail were released, and Krishna got reunited with his birth parents. But, He never went back to Gokulam.

One may feel that Akrura:ra's actions were not right, that he shouldn't have obeyed Kamsa. In that case Kamsa would have sent somebody else, but Akrura believed in the Almighty's power

and he acted with a pure heart. Krishna knew the reason for Kamsa's invitation, and He also knew the wicked thoughts behind it, but He accepted it, because in his own way Kamsa was constantly thinking about Krishna.

When Prahala:da called, He came, to His Bhaktha, When Gajendra called He came, to an animal. When Draupadi called He came, in response to her surrender. When Pancha Pa:ndavas called, He came as a friend.

When Gopi's called He came with Love. When Kamsa called with hate He came as a foe.

The Almighty Srimannarayana accepts any type of invitation as long as it is with faith, which shows His Sowsi:lyam and Sowlabhyam. He doesn't ask why we think of Him, He wants us to think of Him in whatever manner may that be.

He is just waiting for us to call Him from wherever, whenever, however, and by whomever. JUST SINCERELY CALL HIM.

Jai Srimannarayana !

Fasting on E:ka:dasi

Most of the people from Vedic tradition observe strict fasting on E:ka:dasi day. Specially on Vaikuntha E:ka:dasi day and Bhi:shma: E:ka:dasi days this is observed by most of the people.

It is said that Moon will have its influence on our Manas. But, till now our technologies have no tangible evidence for it. Yet, we can see that the mentally retarded people will act severely as new moon day approaches and the severity decreases towards full moon day.

What ever it be, our Sa:sthras ordain us to observe certain rules for our good. Our elders observed them very strictly with lot of interest in them. As they ordain, those who inspire to be on the path shown by Sa:sthras, spend most of that auspicious time in the noble and spiritual thoughts, deeds and in holy company. Atleast on the E:ka:dasi day they used to do so. They also say, doing so will automatically enrich the Sa:ththvik power in the person. Also, observing fasting on E:ka:dasi is good for physical health and also the mental health. Some people change their food, however if, one cannot observe fasting it is good atleast to reduce as much as possible. One, who observe E:ka:dasi fasting need not observe any other fastings at all.

The interesting part of it is the next day ! . On Dwa:dasi day, before Dwa:dasi crosses, one should take Prasadam (food) and only once for that day. There are special preparations for this day. Taking Prasadam (saththvik food offered to Lord) is one thing and the other is the holy activity associated. Actually this 'vratham', (a vow) is called 'Dwa:dasi Vratham.'

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