

CHAPTER TWO

(*The Prayer of the gods*)

Vyāsa said:—

1. O son of Brahmā, of great intellect, and most eloquent, please narrate. What happened after that ? How did the gods become happy ?

Brahmā said :—

2. On hearing the words of Vyāsa of immeasurable intellect, Sanatkumāra spoke after remembering the lotus-like feet of Śiva.

Sanatkumāra said:—

3. Indra and other gods scorched by their brilliance and distressed consulted one another and sought refuge in Brahmā.

4. After bowing to and circumambulating Brahmā, they narrated their grievances to him after awaiting the proper opportunity.

The gods said:—

5. O Brahmā, the heaven-dwellers have been subjected to great distress by Maya the virtual ruler of the three cities, accompanied by the sons of Tāraka.

6. Hence, O Brahmā, we are distressed and we seek refuge in you. Please plan out the way of their annihilation whereby we can be happy.

Sanatkumāra said:—

7. Requested thus by the gods, Brahmā, the creator of the worlds laughed and replied to them all who were utterly frightened of Maya.

Brahmā said :—

8. O gods, I tell you, do not be afraid at all of those Asuras. Śiva will hit upon a good way of killing them.