

sought refuge in Brahmā the grandfather and preceptor of the worlds.

10. After going there, those sages and the gods including Indra bowed to and eulogised Brahmā and spoke these words.

*The gods said:—*

11. “This mysterious sound has arisen. O lord of worlds, O lord of gods, we are frightened. O great Yogin please quell it.”

*Sanatkumāra said :—*

12. On hearing their words, Brahmā the grandfather of the worlds wished to go there. He was perplexed as to what it was.

13. Then Brahmā descended from Satyaloka to the Earth along with the gods. Then he went to the ocean desirous of knowing what it was.

14. When Brahmā the grandfather of the worlds came there, he saw the boy in the lap of the ocean.

15. On seeing Brahmā coming, the ocean assuming the form of a god bowed to him and placed the boy in his lap.

16. Then the surprised Brahmā spoke these words to the ocean—“O ocean, tell me quickly about the parentage of this boy.”

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

17. On hearing the words of Brahmā, the ocean was delighted. After bowing to and eulogising him with palms joined in reverence he replied to Prajāpati Brahmā.

*The ocean said :—*

18. “O Brahmā, O lord of the worlds, this boy was suddenly seen in the confluence of the river Gaṅgā. I do not know about the origin of this boy.

19. O preceptor of the universe, you perform the post-natal rites for this boy. O creator, let me know your predictions about his future according to his horoscope”