

IN A SPELL OF PLEASANT ENTHUSIASM THE LORD CONTINUES:

30. *I am 'Prahlada' among DAITYAS, 'Time' among reckoners, the 'Lord-of-beasts' (Lion) among animals, and 'Vainateya' (Garuda) among birds.*

I AM 'PRAHLADA' AMONG THE DAITYAS --- The Story of 'Pahlada,' very famous among the Hindus, is the story of a boy-devotee who, with adamant faith and firm devotion, challenged his father Hiranyakashipu in defence of his own faith in *Hari*, and stood many a trial and persecution from his father.

AMONG RECKONERS I AM 'TIME' --- The logicians form among themselves a staunch group of Hindu philosophers, and they not only support the concept of pluralism, but also challenge the very existence of the God-Principle. They have, through their purely intellectual deductions, arrived at the final conclusion that Time is THE Eternal Factor, and the individual mind-and-intellect are instrumental causes to split It up and see in It the play of the past, the present, and the future. According to them, it is this "play of the mind" that bombards Time and makes It look as though It were finite and momentary. Perhaps Vyasa had this concept in his mind when he tried to bring this analogy to express the Infinite Substratum supporting the finite multiplicity.