

21. On seeing the discus held in his mouth, Viṣṇu the conqueror of enemies' cities caught hold of his throat and made him spit out the discus.

22. Regaining his discus, Viṣṇu the sole sustainer of the world, of great dignity became very angry. In that infuriated state he took up different weapons and fought with the brave warriors.

23. Viṣṇu fought a great battle with them by hurling many weapons and evincing boisterous display of his terrific exploits.

24. Bhairava and others displayed their strength furiously by hurling several weapons and by fighting with him.

25. Virabhadra saw their battle with Viṣṇu of unequalled splendour, returned and clashed with him in a great battle.

26. Then Viṣṇu of great brilliance lifted up his discus and fought with Virabhadra.

27. O sage, a terrible fight provoking harripilation took place between Mahābali and Varuṇa with various weapons.

28. Thanks to the Yogic power of Viṣṇu, innumerable soldiers terrible and wielding conch, discus and mace in their hands emerged from his own body.

29. They too fought against Virabhadra who continued to shout. These strong groups of warriors were as strong as Viṣṇu and had various weapons with them.

30. Remembering Śiva, his lord and hitting them, who were as lustrous as Nārāyaṇa with his trident, he reduced them to ashes.

31. The most powerful Virabhadra struck Viṣṇu in the chest playfully with his trident in the course of the battle.

32. O sage, hit suddenly by that blow, Viṣṇu Puruṣottama, fell unconscious on the ground.

33. Then arose a wonderful brilliance as terrible as the fire at the time of dissolution. It seemed to burn all the three worlds. It was severe and terrifying even to great heroes.

34. That glorious lord, with eyes red by anger, got up again. The best of beings lifted up his discus and stood ready to strike.