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**PREACHINGS -**

The most precious scripture, **Srimad Bhagavad Gita**, was presented to the world through **Bharath** (India). It is the quintessence of **Mahabharatha**. It is a wonderful **upadesa** (divine message) delivered by **Sri Krishna**. All Elders, the wise, established that the very purpose of God's incarnation as **Sri Krishna** was to deliver **Bhagavad Gita**. He delivered the **Bhagavad Gita**, Himself, and decided to be accessible to the world in the form of this teaching. This teaching reveals a clear path for everyone. It provides an appropriate solution to any difficulty one might face. This is the reason He wanted to give **Bhagavad Gita** to everyone. This was the reason He incarnated as **Sri Krishna**. The very reason He revealed His divine form as **Sri Krishna avatara** (incarnation) was to establish His capability in delivering this incredible message. He was born in a prison. He was born to **Devaki** and **Vasudeva**. He showed His astonishing form as **Sri Krishna** right at birth.

Sage **Parasara** says...

**SANSKRIT WORD =** tam adbutam ba:lakam ambuje:kshanam

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** a child, yet so astounding, never had this kind of child been seen before

He appeared with four hands, holding the weapons **Sankha** (divine conch), and **Chakra** (divine discus). Not only that, He was adorned with **kundalams** (earrings), **vanamala** (flower garland), and possessed beauty beyond worldly comprehension. Both parents were wonderstruck by His form. His father was scared for the child’s life, concerned that this astonishing beauty might attract evil-eye. What if **Kamsa** finds out about the child and causes Him harm?!

**SANSKRIT WORD =** krupaya: upasamhara

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** please withdraw this form, **Kamsa** will not tolerate this appearance. Mother **Devaki** also pleaded with the same mood.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** upasamhara sarva:tman ru:pam yathat chaturbhujam

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** if **Kamsa** finds out about you, he won't have it - withdraw this form immediately!

Both parents recognized Him as Lord and comprehended His divinity. However, they were mesmerized and thus, also were scared for his well-being. The purpose of His divine form at birth was to help His parents realize that He is the supreme soul, God Himself. He asked “Do you recognize me?”

**SANSKRIT WORD =** ja:to:si de:va de:ve:sa sankha chakra gada:dhara:

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** we recognize you have manifested in this form as a response to our prayers

However, as both parents recognized Him taking a divine birth in response to their prayers, **Sri Krishna** anticipated they would ask for guidance on how to avoid such difficulties in life. They never asked. Rather, they were scared and prayed for His well-being as opposed to asking for some **sadhana** (a tool for liberation). Nor did they ask for a method that could help them allay existing troubles. What was He to do? He remained silent. He decided to go to a place where people are innocent, uncomplicated and not crafty. It seemed like He wanted to distance Himself from hypocritical life-styles. He demanded to be shifted to **Nandavraja**. He was shifted, and He showed His divine nature there as well. He hoped they would recognize Him and seek guidance on liberation from this world. However, no one asked. Even from the 7th day after birth, He began displaying His supremacy. They didn't comprehend. They were infatuated by the small baby they had received after a long time and simply wanted to take incredibly good care of Him. That was their only concern. They did not understand that His divine mission was to provide guidance. Therefore, He decided to illustrate His supreme power in various ways! Displaying his divine powers as a seven-day-old, He killed the demon **Puthana** who had come to kill Him. Instead of recognizing this and asking for guidance, others were focused on removing evil-eye from Him. Later, as a three-month-old, He killed Demon **Sakataasura**. At least then, they could have asked for a divine message. Still nothing. He tried to reveal His divine nature to His mother while she was cleaning His tongue with turmeric and as she took care of Him throughout the day. As soon as He opened His mouth, the entire universe was on display! She assumed this to be a dream or some illusion. Lord anticipated that she might seek His guidance as she realized His divine nature, and for having direct access as her son.

Previously when Lord incarnated as Sage **Kapila**, His mother, **Devahuthi** was fortunate to have sought knowledge of eternal truths from him. **Srimad Bhagavatham** states that she received a wonderful discourse on philosophical truths from **Kapila Muni**. Similarly, Lord expected that after recognizing Him as the Supreme, Mother **Yasoda** or Father **Nanda** would seek and listen to the eternal truths from Him. Hence, He showed them the entire universe [in His mouth]. However, afraid of evil-eye that might impact Him, they were only focused on protecting and taking care of Him. They did not even think of asking for or learning anything from Him! In this manner, He spent approximately 15 years there. Since there was no progress, He thought of a way to go to **Mathura**. Throughout His stay there (**Nandavraja**) He utilized every situation to prove His supreme divine nature. He showed His supremacy to **Brahma** and **Indra** as well. At the same time, He made the locals aware of the same. He hoped, at least then, they would recognize him. However, still nothing. They all saw the glory within Him, enjoyed His presence, felt protected, and lived happily. However, no one ever thought of seeking knowledge from Him. Hence, He decided to return to **Mathura**. He killed **Kamsa**, the **Kuvalayapida** elephant, and the wrestlers, **Chanura** and **Mushtika**. In addition, he bestowed blessings on a garland maker, and **Kubja**, by removing a physical deformity.

After all this, He expected people to recognize His greatness and ask Him for knowledge that could improve life. Yet, no one asked. Next, He approached the great Guru **Sandipani** in **Kasi** kingdom. He stayed there for 64 days, learning and excelling in 64 different **vidyas** (arts). Upon completion of His studies, he asked permission to offer **guru-dakshina** (homage to guru). He requested His guru to ask for anything, “Whatever you command, I will fulfil.” Lord was hoping that His guru would ask for **moksha** (liberation) or some **sadhana** (practice) to aid the process. However, His guru did not. Instead, he requested the return of his lost sons, without showing inquisitiveness in learning philosophy. Again disappointed, **Sri Krishna** was in a dilemma. “Who in this world has interest to learn, with the ability to understand eternal truths, ultimately passing them on to future generations?” Even if nobody is qualified, at least some interested person should ask to learn something. After examining everyone, **Pandavas** came close to His expectations. “Finally! Let's groom them. Through them, Let me spread this beneficial message to the entire world.”

He stayed with **Pandavas** during their forest exile and during their incognito stay. He protected them every step of the way. He guarded **Draupadi** from disrespect in the king's court. After all this, He expected someone to recognize His greatness and ask for knowledge on eternal truths. Thirteen years passed. **Pandavas**' exile had been completed, and the incognito period concluded. It was now time for **Pandavas** to reclaim their kingdom. Negotiations were to take place. An emissary from the other side arrived to convey news. It was time to send an appropriate response. **Sri Krishna** asked **Pandavas**, “What response should we send?” **Pandavas** responded, “**Kauravas** should express what they wish for!” In reality, if people of great stature like **Pandavas** request something, how could **Duryodhana** not grant it? **Sri Krishna** was waiting for **Pandavas** to ask for anything so that the request could be granted. However, **Pandavas** did not know what to request. Finally, Lord inquired about **Draupadi's** request. “**Draupadi**, while **Pandavas** are asking for five villages or streets, and opting for peace, what is your wish?” She points to her hair asking, “Will justice prevail [referring to the horrible injustice that happened in the king's court]?” He reassures her, “This is the very reason I am going as an emissary to **Kauravas**.” Why is He going? Not for reconciliation. He is not going to form a peace treaty. He is going to pave the way for war! He confirms to **Draupadi** that He will fulfil her oath. “Whoever insulted you, a woman in the open court, will be brought to justice.” He successfully evaded the peace treaty and the war became a reality. Everything will be destroyed after a great war like this. With this in mind, at least now, someone should ask for divine spiritual knowledge.

To achieve this, He devised **Arjuna’s** confused state of mind, requiring a response for clarity. Thus, He created a situation to enable **Arjuna** to ask Him a question. Only then, **Sri Krishna** responded with all the necessary knowledge that would benefit the entire human race. This includes knowledge required to lead a good earthly life, and when one ultimately ascends to higher realms - , the various paths of the soul, along with the possible results. The essence of all the divine knowledge of **Vedas**, **Upanishads**, and the other scriptures was assimilated into **Srimad Bhagavad Gita** and taught to **Arjuna** by **Sri Krishna**. This is the principal knowledge for all of humanity. This is the true treasure of knowledge from **Bharath**. It is immense, yet, there is a chance for us to delve into these teachings, bit-by-bit, day-by-day.

Jai **Srimannarayana!**