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**PREACHINGS -**

The only **tathvam** (eternal truth) that has incarnated many times in various forms, associating with all kinds of people and can uplift everyone, is **Narayana Thatthvam**. In each instance, **Narayana Thatthvam** takes a different **avatara** (incarnation). For our understanding, our ancestors have described 10 forms in sequence. They are known as **Dasavatharas**. 1) **Matsya** 2) **Kurma** 3) **Varaha** 4) **Narasimha** 5) **Vamana** 6) **Rama** 7) **Rama** 8) **Rama** 9) **Krishna** 10) **Kalki**. They are referred to in different ways. **Matsya**, **Kurma**, **Varaha**, **Narasimham**, **Vamana**, **Bhargava Rama**, **Dasaratha Rama**… …some then say **Sri Krishna**, some accept **Bala Rama**, others accept **Buddha**, and finally **Kalki** as the 10th **avatara**. However, **Srimad Bhagavatham** mentions 22 **avatharas**. Again, the same scripture claims it's impossible to count the **avatharas** Lord has taken! In the 4th chapter of **Bhagavad Gita**, **Sri Krishna** says the same. How many qualities does Lord have? They are countless. They are endless.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** na:ntham guna:na:m gacchanthi

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** as there is no end to His qualities, He is known as **Anantha** (unlimited)

If each quality is illuminated by one **avatara**, He incarnates unlimited times displaying unlimited qualities. As per scholars, we may count stars in the sky, but itʼs impossible to count the number of Lordʼs **avatharas**. However, even learned scholars misunderstood the root cause of these **avatharas**. This has happened many times by those self-proclaimed staunch devotees. However, **Veda** established the root of all **avatharas**, **Narayana Thatthvam**. **Vedas**, **agamas**, and **puranas** detailed how **Narayana Thatthvam** has incarnated during certain periods in certain forms. Thus, the essence of **Bhagavad Gita** reveals **Narayana Sharanagathi**, taking shelter of **Narayana**. **Bhagavad Gita** reveals **Narayana** as the exclusive essential **tathvam**. Despite having read these entire texts, some still struggle immensely without recognizing **Narayana Thatthvam**. They claim to have not read '**Narayana Thatthvam**' in the text. This is simply because the text was not revealed in proper fashion via a bona fide guru. Learning from a guru is essential. Though **Vedas** reveal many names of Lord, the root name for all is **Narayana**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** na:ra:yan:ath bramha: jya:yateh:

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** through **Narayana** alone, the forms responsible for universal **srushti** (creation), **sthithi** (sustenance), and **layam** (recycling) have emanated

How does one recognize **Narayana**? Again, we refer to **Veda**. Only **Veda** reveals proper recognition. He resides within us. He resides within every object in nature. He is the indweller and supporter of all objects in the solar system, including the Sun. It seems, He also resides in **Palakadaali** (The Milky Ocean), and **Paramapadam** (the eternal abode). Whether we can or will recognize Him there is questionable, but, we can see Him directly within **Surya Bhagavan**ʼs (the Sunʼs) divine form. For all the solar planets, the essential support is the Sun. The supporter of that Sun and this entire solar system is **Narayana Thatthvam**. Thus…

**SANSKRIT WORD =** dhye:yas sada: savithru mandala madhyavarthi na:ra:yana

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** the same **Narayana Thatthvam** is inside the Sun, referred to as ‘**Surya Narayana**ʼ

So, how do we recognize this **tathvam**? There must be some external identification. What kind of identification? The same **Veda** reveals… …take refuge of the solar **antharvarthi** (indweller), **Narayana** himself (within the Sun). **Veda** recommends picturing His beautiful eyes and taking shelter. In **Chandogya Upanishad**, at the center of the Sun, **Narayana** is referred to as ‘**kapyasam pundarikam evam akshini**'.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** ye esho:ntara:dithyehi hiranma:ya purushaha hiranyas smisruhu hiranya nakhaha a:pranakha: a:th sarva e:va suvarnaha…. …thasya yadha: kapya:sam pundari:kam e:vam akshini

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** He has 2 eyes. No more or less. Only 2 eyes.

What do these eyes look like?

**SANSKRIT WORD =** kapya:sam pundari:kam

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** **Pundarikaksha** is established!

**Bhagavad Ramanujacharya Swamy** became guru to the entire world revealing the meaning of **Pundarikaksha**. We will learn about the meaning of **Pundarikaksha** later. In essence, **Veda** states that **Pundarikaksha** is the solar indweller and only through the quality of **pundarikakshatvam** can one recognize this **tathvam**, the highest truth. In **Bharatham**, when performing **Rajasuya Yagam**, **Dharmaraja** invites participation from kings across the world. There are kings of all ages - old, young and middle aged. Who should the **agra puja** (initiating prayers), be offered to? When starting any work, we pray to Elders and then start. **Dharmaraja** was unsure, “To whom should we offer the initial prayers?” For clarification, he asks **Bhishma**, “oh Grandfather, whom should we initially meditate upon first for a successful **yagam**?” **Bhishma** did not directly answer. First, he established the nature of the quintessential truth and explained how to identify it. Only then, he leads **Dharmaraja** towards the **para-tathvam** (highest truth), eligible for prayers. However, **Bhishma** needs to explain in such a way that **Dharmaraja** does not feel that itʼs impossible to find that **para-tathvam**… …and establish the accessibility of **para-tathvam** amongst them. Only then, must he reveal it is **Sri Krishna**. In order to show this, **Bhishma** first explains about that **tathvam**, establishing **Narayana** as eternal. When He arrives in **Palakadaali**, that **tathvam** performs **srushti** (creation), **sthithi** (protection), and **layam** (destruction). From there, all **avatharas** advent. After all this, if **Dharmaraja** asks where to find that **tathvam**... **Bhishma** reveals whatʼs already familiar - the glowing, beautiful eyes of Lord. Clarifying where to find that **tathvam**, **Bhishma** says to **Dharmaraja**…

**SANSKRIT WORD =** sa e:shaprudhu dhi:rgha:kshaha sambandhi: the: jana:rdhanaha

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** see your own relative, **Sri Krishna**

The one with **Pundarikakshtvam**, having lotus-like eyes, is eligible for the starting prayers. Look for yourself. Who knows? Sometimes these eyes cannot comprehend properly. Often, without someone explicitly pointing out the truth, we cannot properly recognize it. Uncertain of **Pandavas** discerning ability, **Bhishma** made it clear.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** sa e:shaprudhu dhi:rgha:ksha

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** that **para-tathvam**, descending from **Vaikuntam**, known as **Sriyahpathi**, **Sriman Narayana**. He is the same one.

Who?

**SANSKRIT WORD =** sambandhi: the:

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** your brother-in-law, He himself.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** jana:rdhanaha

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** the one punishing evil and protecting righteousness, your relative, **Sri Krishna**

**Bhishma** makes this very clear, and recommends initial prayers be offered to **Sri Krishna**. We know the history. **Sisupala** objects. **Sri Krishna** beheads him and ultimately accepts the **agra puja**. The supreme **Narayana** is established by the one with **Pundarikakshatvam**. That **Narayana** incarnates as **Sri Krishna**. Innocently, some people establish **Sri Krishna** as **para-tathvam** and that from **Sri Krishna** all **Narayana avatharas** originate. However, **tathvam** clearly states that the **avathara** possessing **Pundarikaksha**, lotus-like eyes, originating from **Narayana**, is **Sri Krishna avatharam**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** krushnam kamala pahtra:ksham

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** hearing about Him, all sins are burnt and virtues are relished.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** punya sravana ki:rthanam

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** simply hearing His instructions, all our sins are removed.

Who is he? The omnipresent, **Vasudeva**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** va:sana:th va:sude:vasya

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** as He is omnipresent, He is known as **Vasudeva**, also because He is the son of **Vasudeva**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** va:sude:vam jagad yo:nim

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** the root cause of the entire universe.

Who? **Sri Krishna**? The same one we know. **Sri Krishna** is an **avatara**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** naumi na:ra:yanam harim

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** He is the incarnation of **Narayana** Himself.

The most extraordinary, untamperable, and flawless of all his names, is **Narayana**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** naumi na:ra:yanam harim

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** that **Narayana** destroys all kinds of sinful defects within us. Thus, He is called **Hari**.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** harir harathi pa:pa:ni dushta chitthair api smruthaha

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** as long as one seeks **Hari**, even one with negative intentions, is purified of all negativity and trained to become the best among all.

Thus, lordʼs name is **Hari**, the one who destroys all sins. He is **Narayana**, dwelling in and around all moving and non-moving objects. He is **Yoni**, the root cause of this entire universe. He is **Vasudeva**, omnipresent. Simply hearing His name is enough. Any flaw is remedied. This is the prayer our Elders offered. Letʼs offer the same.

**SANSKRIT WORD =** krushnam kamala pathra:ksham, punya sravana ki:rthanam | va:sude:vam jagad yo:nim, naumi na:ra:yanam harim ||

**SANSKRIT WORD MEANING =** We bow to **Krishna**, whose eyes are like lotus petals, whose glories and name purify those who hear them. He is the omnipresent **Vasudeva**, the origin of the universe, and a form of **Hari**-**Narayana**.

Jai **Srimannarayana!**