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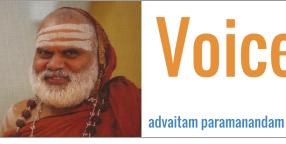
ADHYATMA RAMAYAN By Sage Veda Vyas

अध्यात्मरामायणे बालकाण्डम् ॥ तृतीयः सर्गः ॥ ॥ tṛtīyaḥ sargaḥ ॥

कौसल्योवाच

देवदेव नमस्तेऽस्त् शङ्खचक्रगदाधर । परमात्माच्य्तोऽनन्तः पूर्णस्त्वं प्रुषोत्तमः ॥ २०॥ वदन्त्यगोचरं वाचां ब्दध्यादीनामतीन्द्रियम्। त्वां वेदवादिनः सत्तामात्रं ज्ञानैकविग्रहम् ॥ २१॥ त्वमेव मायया विश्वं सृजस्यवसि हन्सि च । सत्त्वादिगुणसंयुक्तस्तुर्य एवामलः सदा ॥ २२॥ करोषीव न कर्ता त्वं गच्छसीव न गच्छसि । शृणोषि न शृणोषीव पश्यसीव न पश्यसि ॥ २३॥ अप्राणो हयमनाः श्द्ध इत्यादि श्रुतिरब्रवीत् । समः सर्वेष् भूतेष् तिष्ठन्नपि न लक्ष्यसे ॥ २४॥ अज्ञानध्वान्तचितानां व्यक्त एव स्मेधसाम् । जठरे तव दृश्यन्ते ब्रह्माण्डाः परमाणवः ॥ २५॥ त्वं ममोदरसम्भूत इति लोकान् विडम्बसे । भक्तेषु पारवश्यं ते दृष्टं मेऽद्य रघूतम ॥ २६॥ संसारसागरे मग्ना पतिपुत्रधनादिषु । भ्रमामि मायया तेऽद्य पादमूलम्पागता ॥ २७॥ देव त्वद्रपमेतनमे सदा तिष्ठत् मानसे । आवृणोत् न मां माया तव विश्वविमोहिनी ॥ २८॥ उपसंहर विश्वात्मन्नदो रूपमलौकिकम् । दर्शयस्व महानन्दबालभावं स्कोमलम् । ललितालिङ्गनालापैस्तरिष्याम्युत्कटं तमः ॥ २९॥ kausalyovāca

devadeva namaste'stu śaṅkhacakragadādhara |
paramātmācyutoʻnantaḥ pūrṇastvaṃ puruṣottamaḥ || 20||
vadantyagocaraṃ vācāṃ buddhyādīnāmatīndriyam |





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tvām vedavādinah sattāmātram jñānaikavigraham | 21| tvameva māyayā viśvam srjasyavasi hansi ca | sattvādiguņasamyuktasturya evāmalah sadā | 22| karoşīva na kartā tvam gacchasīva na gacchasi | śarnosi na śarnosīva paśyasīva na paśyasi || 23|| aprāņo hyamanāḥ śuddha ityādi śrutirabravīt | samaḥ sarveṣu bhūteṣu tiṣṭhannapi na lakṣyase || 24|| ajñānadhvāntacittānām vyakta eva sumedhasām | jathare tava drśyante brahmāndāh paramānavah | 25| tvam mamodarasambhūta iti lokān vidambase | bhaktesu pāravaśyam te drstam me'dya raghūttama | 26| saṃsārasāgare magnā patiputradhanādişu | bhramāmi māyayā te'dya pādamūlamupāgatā || 27|| deva tvadrūpametanme sadā tisthatu mānase | āvrnotu na mām māyā tava viśvavimohinī | 28| upasamhara viśvātmannado rūpamalaukikam | darśayasva mahānandabālabhāvaṃ sukomalam |

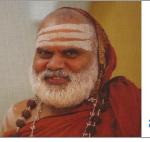


lalitālinganālāpaistarişyāmyutkaṭaṃ tamaḥ || 29||

Kausalya said: Salutations to the Lord over all divinities and the wearer of divine emblems like conch, discus and mace! O My Lord, art the Supreme Spirit, the Highest of all beings, eternal, all-pervading and limitless. The knowers of the Vedas declare that you are to be indescribable by words. and invisible bν the conceptual process of the intellect.

Transcending the understanding of the senses, are the art of the Essence of all beings as pure Existence, and The form is of Pure Consciousness.

The Power known as Maya, in association with the Gunas of Rajas, Sattva and Tamas, created, sustainist and destroyed the universe. But the art is the Pure Being, the Fourth transcending the three states of waking, dream and sleep. Though you appearest to be doing, you are not a doer; though you appearest to be moving, you are not moving; though you appearest to be hearing, you are not hearing; and though you appearest to be seeing, you're not seeing.





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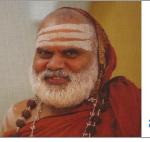
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Without Prana, without mind, untainted such is the declaration of the Vedas about You. Though you put up with all beings alike as unmodified beings, You are outside the ken of all. Though thus outside the range of persons whose mind is overcast with the darkness of ignorance, those endowed with a pure mind perceive very clearly. All the world systems included in the cosmos are but minute atoms in the abdomen.

Following the ways of the world, you are born of my womb. O My Lord, the noblest one of Raghu's lines! Today, by this condescension of Thine, I have come to understand how you subject yourself to the devotees. Today I have attained to the holy feet -I am submerged in the ocean of Samsara, the migratory cycle, and who am by the illusory Power forced into a charming involvement with husband, children, wealth and other worldly concerns. O Lord! May this form of Thine remain ever impressed in my mind, and let not the Maya, the Power that is in love with the whole world, affect and overpower me. Soul of the universe Deign to withdraw this deep form of Thine, and reveal the charming form as an infant that confers bliss on all who see it. I shall overcome the horrible darkness of ignorance by lovingly touching and talking with you as an infant.

श्रीभगवान्वाच

यद्यदिष्टं तवास्त्यम्ब तत्तद्भवत् नान्यथा ॥ ३०॥ अहं त् ब्रहमणा पूर्वं भूमेर्भारापन्तये । प्रार्थितो रावणं हन्तुं मानुषत्वमुपागतः ॥ ३१॥ त्वया दशरथेनाहं तपसाराधितः प्रा। मत्प्त्रत्वाभिकाङ्क्षिण्या तथा कृतमनिन्दिते ॥ ३२॥ रूपमेतत्वया दृष्टं प्राक्तनं तपसः फलम् । मददर्शनं विमोक्षाय कल्पते हयन्यदूर्लभम् ॥ ३३॥ संवादमावयोर्यस्त् पठेद्वा शृण्यादपि । स याति मम सारूप्यं मरणे मत्स्मृतिं लभेत् ॥ ३४॥ इत्युक्त्वा मातरं रामो बालो भूत्वा रुरोद ह । बालत्वेऽपीन्द्रनीलाभो विशालाक्षोऽतिसुन्दरः ॥ ३५॥ बालारुणप्रतीकाशो लालिताखिललोकपः । अथ राजा दशरथः श्रुत्वा पुत्रोद्भवोत्सवम् । आनन्दार्णवमग्नोऽसावाययौ ग्रुणा सह ॥ ३६॥ रामं राजीवपत्राक्षं दृष्ट्वा हर्षाश्र्सम्प्ल्तः । गुरुणा जातकर्माणि कर्तव्यानि चकार सः ॥ ३७॥ कैकेयी चाथ भरतमसूत कमलेक्षणा । स्मित्रायां यमौ जातौ पूर्णेन्द्सदृशाननौ ॥ ३८॥ तदा ग्रामसहस्राणि ब्राहमणेभ्यो म्दा ददौ।



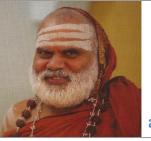


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स्वर्णानि च रत्नानि वासांसि स्रभीः शुभाः ॥ ३९॥ यस्मिन् रमन्ते मुनयो विद्यया ज्ञानविप्लवे । तं ग्रुः प्राह रामेति रमणाद्राम इत्यपि ॥ ४०॥ भरणाद्भरतो नाम लक्ष्मणं लक्षणान्वितम् । शत्रुघ्नं शत्रुहन्तारमेवं गुरुरभाषत ॥ ४१॥ लक्ष्मणो रामचन्द्रेण शत्रुघ्नो भरतेन च । द्वन्द्वीभूय चरन्तौ तौ पायसांशानुसारतः ॥ ४२॥ रामस्त् लक्ष्मणेनाथ विचरन् बाललीलया । रमयामास पितरौ चेष्टितैर्म्ग्धभाषितैः ॥ ४३॥ भाले स्वर्णमयाश्वत्थपर्णम्कताफलप्रभम् । कण्ठे रत्नमणिव्रातमध्यद्वीपिनखाञ्चितम् ॥ ४४॥ कर्णयोः स्वर्णसम्पन्नरत्नार्जुनसटालुकम् । शिञ्जानमणिमञ्जीरकटिस्त्राङ्गदैर्वृतम् ॥ ४५॥ स्मितवक्त्राल्पदशनमिन्द्रनीलमणिप्रभम्। अङ्गणे रिङ्गमाणं तं तर्णकानन् सर्वतः । दृष्ट्वा दशरथो राजा कौसल्या मुम्दे तदा ॥ ४६॥ भोक्ष्यमाणो दशरथो राममेहीति चासकृत्। आह्वयत्यतिहर्षेण प्रेम्णा नायाति लीलया ॥ ४७॥ आनयेति च कौसल्यामाह सा सस्मिता स्तम्। धावत्यपि न शक्नोति स्प्रष्टुं योगिमनोगतिम् ॥ ४८॥ प्रहसन् स्वयमायाति कर्दमाङ्कितपाणिना । किञ्चिद्गृहीत्वा कवलं प्नरेव पलायते ॥ ४९॥ कौसल्या जननी तस्य मासि मासि प्रकुर्वती । वायनानि विचित्राणि समलङ्कृत्य राघवम् ॥ ५०॥ अपूपान् मोदकान् कृत्वा कर्णशष्कुलिकास्तथा । कर्णपूरान्श्च विविधान् वर्षवृद्धौ च वायनम् ॥ ५१॥ गृहकृत्यं तया त्यक्तं तस्य चापल्यकारणात् । एकदा रघुनाथोऽसौ गतो मातरमन्तिके ॥ ५२॥ भोजनं देहि मे मातर्न श्रुतं कार्यसक्तया। ततः क्रोधेन भाण्डानि लग्डेनाहनतदा ॥ ५३॥ शिक्यस्थं पातयामास गव्यं च नवनीतकम् ।





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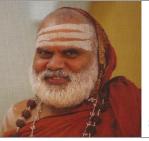


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लक्ष्मणाय ददौ रामो भरताय यथाक्रमम् ॥ ५४॥ शत्रुघ्नाय ददौ पश्चाद्दिध दुग्धं तथैव च । सूदेन कथिते मात्रे हास्यं कृत्वा प्रधावित ॥ ५५॥ आगतां तां विलोक्याथ ततः सर्वैः पलायितम् । कौसल्या धावमानापि प्रस्खलन्ती पदे पदे ॥ ५६॥ रघुनाथं करे धृत्वा किञ्चिन्नोवाच भामिनी । बालभावं समाश्रित्य मन्दं मन्दं रुरोद ह ॥ ५७॥ ते सर्वे लालिता मात्रा गाढमालिङ्ग्य यत्नतः । एवमानन्दसन्दोहजगदानन्दकारकः ॥ ५८॥ मायाबालवपुर्धृत्वा रमयामास दम्पती । अथ कालेन ते सर्वे कौमारं प्रतिपेदिरे ॥ ५९॥

śrībhagavānuvāca

yadyadiştam tavāstyamba tattadbhavatu nānyathā | 30|| aham tu brahmanā pūrvam bhūmerbhārāpanuttaye | prārthito rāvaņam hantum mānuşatvamupāgatah | 31| tvayā daśarathenāham tapasārādhitah purā | matputratvābhikānkṣiṇyā tathā kṛtamanindite | 32| rūpametattvayā drstam prāktanam tapasah phalam | maddarśanam vimokṣāya kalpate hyanyadurlabham | 33 | samvādamāvayoryastu pathedvā śarnuyādapi | sa yāti mama sārūpyam maraņe matsmṛtim labhet | 34| ityuktvā mātaram rāmo bālo bhūtvā ruroda ha | bālatve'pīndranīlābho viśālākso'tisundarah | 35| bālāruņapratīkāśo lālitākhilalokapah | atha rājā daśarathaḥ śrutvā putrodbhavotsavam | ānandārņavamagno'sāvāyayau guruņā saha | 36| rāmam rājīvapatrākṣam dṛṣṭvā harṣāśrusamplutah | guruņā jātakarmāņi kartavyāni cakāra saķ | 37| kaikeyī cātha bharatamasūta kamalekṣaṇā | sumitrāyām yamau jātau pūrņendusadṛśānanau | 38| tadā grāmasahasrāņi brāhmaņebhyo mudā dadau |





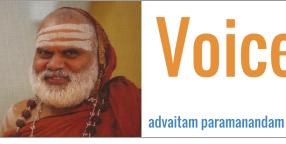
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suvarnāni ca ratnāni vāsāmsi surabhīh śubhāh | 39|

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yasmin ramante munayo vidyayā jñānaviplave | tam guruh prāha rāmeti ramaņādrāma ityapi | 40| bharaṇādbharato nāma lakṣmaṇam lakṣaṇānvitam | śatrughnam śatruhantāramevam gururabhāsata | 41| laksmano rāmacandrena śatrughno bharatena ca | dvandvībhūya carantau tau pāyasāmsánusāratah | 42| rāmastu lakşmaņenātha vicaran bālalīlayā | ramayāmāsa pitarau ceşţitairmugdhabhāşitaih | 43| bhāle svarnamayāśvatthaparnamuktāphalaprabham | kanthe ratnamanivrātamadhyadvīpinakhāncitam | 44|| karnayoh svarnasampannaratnārjunasatālukam | śiñjānamanimañjīrakatisūtrāngadairvrtam | 45| smitavaktrālpadaśanamindranīlamaniprabham | angane ringamānam tam tarnakānanu sarvatah | dṛṣṭvā daśaratho rājā kausalyā mumude tadā | 46| bhoksyamāņo daśaratho rāmamehīti cāsakṛt | āhvayatyatiharşena premnā nāyāti līlayā | 47| ānayeti ca kausalyāmāha sā sasmitā sutam | dhāvatyapi na śaknoti sprastum yogimanogatim | 48|| prahasan svayamāyāti kardamānkitapāninā | kiñcidgrhītvā kavalam punareva palāyate | 49| kausalyā jananī tasya māsi māsi prakurvatī | vāyanāni vicitrāņi samalankrtya rāghavam | 50| apūpān modakān krtvā karņaśaskulikāstathā | karņapūrānśca vividhān varşavrddhau ca vāyanam | 51| grhakrtyam tayā tyaktam tasya cāpalyakāraņāt | ekadā raghunātho'sau gato mātaramantike | 52| bhojanam dehi me mātarna śrutam kāryasaktayā | tataḥ krodhena bhāṇḍāni laguḍenāhanattadā | 53| śikyastham pātayāmāsa gavyam ca navanītakam | lakşmanāya dadau rāmo bharatāya yathākramam | 54| śatrughnāya dadau paścāddadhi dugdham tathaiva ca |





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sūdena kathite mātre hāsyaṃ kṛtvā pradhāvati || 55||
āgatāṃ tāṃ vilokyātha tataḥ sarvaiḥ palāyitam |
kausalyā dhāvamānāpi praskhalantī pade pade || 56||
raghunāthaṃ kare dhṛtvā kiñcinnovāca bhāminī |
bālabhāvaṃ samāśritya mandaṃ mandaṃ ruroda ha || 57||
te sarve lālitā mātrā gāḍhamāliṅgya yatnataḥ |
evamānandasandohajagadānandakārakaḥ || 58||
māyābālavapurdhṛtvā ramayāmāsa dampatī |

atha kālena te sarve kaumāram pratipedire | 59|

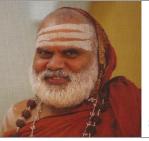


Lord Krishna said: "O mother! Let every one of your wishes take its own place. It will never be otherwise. "I have been entreated in the past by Brahma to relieve the earth of its burdens by destroying Ravana. For this purpose I have now assumed a human form. Besides, my mother, you and Dasaratha had in days of old performed severity, praying that you should get Me as your son. This form of Mine which you have seen is a vision permit to you as the fruit of the severity you have performed before. It is impossible for any one to experience this form otherwise. For, My vision bestows liberation on those who get it. Those who study this dialogue between us or even hear it read, will have remembrance of Me at the time of death and attain

Sarupya, liberation consisting in the attainment of My form.

Saying so to the mother, Rama adopted the form of an infant and cried like a newly born baby. Even in that infant's form, he was extremely handsome, blue in complexion like the Indra-neela gem, and having very broad eyes. He shone like the early sun, and all the protecting divinities of the quarters rejoiced at his birth. On hearing the heartwarming news of a son's birth, King Dasaratha came running in great delight to see his son, accompanied by his family priest Vasishtha.

With eyes overflowing with tears of joy at the sight of the infant Rama, having eyes resembling lotus petals, Dasaratha performed all the birth ceremonies for him as directed by his Guru. Afterwards handsome Kaikeyi gave birth to Bharata, and Sumitra to a set of twins with faces resembling the full moon Lakshmana and Shatrughna. Overflowing with delight, Dasaratha made gifts of numerous villages, auspicious cows and dresses, besides gold and precious gems, to holy men in honour of the birth of his sons. The Guru Vasishtha gave the name of Rama to Kausalya's son, meaning the one in whom the sages, whose ignorance has been driven away by Vidya,take delight. Because he delights all, he was called Rama-this also can be another meaning of the name.





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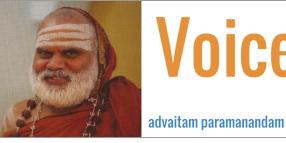
The others were named as follows by the Guru: Kaikeyi's son was named Bharata, because he would come to have great administrative skill (bharanat), and of Sumitra's two sons, one was named Lakshmana because he was endowed with marks indicative of auspiciousness (laksananvitam), and the other Satrughna, because he would be a destroyer of all enemies (satruhantaram). In accordance with the parts of Payasa that Sumitra received from Kausalya and Kaikeyi, these two moved about in pairs, Lakshmana with Rama, and Satrughna with Bharatha. Rama and Lakshmana, Bharata and Satrughna were playing childish horseplay, delighted their parents by their gestures and artless prattle. Armed on the forehead with a golden Tilaka shaped like a banyan leaf studded in the center with a pearl spreading its sheen all over the forehead; comely with necklaces of precious gems having a leopard claw in the center; with cheeks illumined by the rays coming from car ornaments made of gold and studded with precious gems; wearing anklets of gold giving out a jingling sound, besides a golden girdle and bracelets; and revealing the just sprouting teeth in his mouth- Rama of the blue luster of an Indra-necla gem delighted his parents, as they witnessed him sporting with the calves in the inner quadrangle of the palace.

King Dasaratha, at the time of taking food, would call Rama with great affection and joy several times to eat with him. Being absorbed in play he would refuse to respond. So the King, with a smile on his face, would ask Kausalya to fetch him; but even after much chasing, she could never get hold of him who could be anticipated only by the mind of the Yogi. Afterwards with a smile on his lips, Rama would go to the father of his own accord, and receiving in his mud-smeared hand, a ball of rice, run away to play, once again.

Every month His mother Kausalya used to observe vows and offer worship to remedy all evil influences on the child, whom she would decorate well. She would also make elaborate preparations of various sweets and other pastry as offerings. On account of the playful movements of Rama, she would often be required to abandon her household duties. One day Rama went to his mother's side and said, "Oh mother! I am very hungry. Give me something to eat." But being absorbed in her work, she did not hear it. Extremely angry at this, Rama took a stick and with that broke all the vessels. He broke the vessels in which milk and butter were hung in slings and distributed their contents between Lakshmana and Bharata. Afterwards he gave that curd and milk to Satrughna also. When the cook reported this to the mother, she came running and laughing, to catch hold of Rama.

Seeing her approaching, all the brothers ran away, with Kausalya out for them in spite of her feet stumbling against obstructions. She at last caught hold of Rama, the Lord of the Raghus, and holding him in her hand, that she could only keep on looking at his face without showing anything like anger or annoyance. But Rama in his childish mood began to weep. Embraced by the mother, all of them were touched affectionately intensely by her. Thus did Rama, the embodiment of bliss and the source of joy for all the worlds, entertain Dasaratha and Kausalya with that assumed form of his as a child. In this way they passed from the stage of childhood to that of boyhood.

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Chapter 6 - Dhyānayogaḥ

Note: In this section we will see the Śloka and Bhāṣyam. For the meaning of the śloka, please see the main magazine.



असंयतात्मना योग: दुष्प्राप इति मे मति:। वश्यात्मना तु यतता शक्योऽवाप्तुमुपायत:॥३६॥ asaṃyatātmanā yogaḥ duṣprāpa iti me matiḥ | vaśyātmanā tu yatatā śakyo'vāptumupāyataḥ ||36||

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Uncontrolled self: the antah-karana not controlled by means of constant practice and by indifference to worldly gain. Self-controlled: who has subdued the mind. On engaging in the practice of Yoga, all works which are the means of attaining success in this world in the other world have been renounced, while the right knowledge, which is the result of perfection in Yoga and which is the means to moksha, has not yet been attained; and the Yogin's mind strays away from the path of Yoga at the time of death. Arjuna

thought that such a man would meet destruction and therefore asked:

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अर्जुन उवाच-

अयतिः श्रद्धयोपेतः योगाच्चलितमानसः।

अप्राप्य योगसंसिद्धिं कां गतिं कृष्ण गच्छाति ॥३७॥

arjuna uvāca-

ayatiḥ śraddhayopetaḥ yogāccalitamānasaḥ |

aprāpya yogasamsiddhim kām gatim kṛṣṇa gacchāti ||37||

He has faith in the efficacy of Yoga but does not strive in the path of Yoga; and during the last moments of life his mind wanders away from Yoga, with memory lost. Having failed to attain the fruition of Yoga-namely, right know-ledge-what end does such a man meet?

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कच्चिन्नोभयविश्वष्ट: छिन्नाश्रमिव नश्यति । अप्रतिष्ठो महाबाहो विम्ढो ब्रह्मण: पथि: ॥३८॥ kaccinnobhayavibhrasṭaḥ chinnābhramiva nasyati |

apratistho mahābāho vimūdho brahmaņah pathih ||38||

Both the path of Karma and the path of Yoga. The path to Brahman: the path by which Brahman can be reached.







advaitam paramanandam



एतन्मे संशयं कृष्ण छेत्महस्यशेषतः।

त्वदन्यः संशयस्यास्य छेता न हयुपपद्यते ॥३९॥

etanme saṃśayaṃ kṛṣṇa chettumarhasyaśeṣataḥ |

tvadanyaḥ saṃśayasyāsya chettā na hyupapadyate ||39||

None other: be he a Rishi or Deva. Thou alone canst destroy this doubt.

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श्रीभगवान्वाच-

पार्थ नैवेह नामुत्र विनाशस्तस्य विद्यते। न हि कल्याणकृत्कश्चिद् दुर्गतिं तात गच्छति॥४०॥

śrībhagavānuvāca-

pārtha naiveha nāmutra vināśastasya vidyate |

na hi kalyāṇakṛtkaścid durgatim tāta gacchati ||40||

He who has failed in Yoga will not be subject to a lower birth than the present one either here or hereafter. My son: [Sk. 'tata' is translated into 'son']. 'Tata' in Sanskrit means 'father' because the father propagates (Sk. root 'tan') himself in the form of his son. Since thus the father himself is the son, the son also is called tata. Even a disciple, though not a son, is addressed as son because he is like a son.

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प्राप्य पुण्यकृतां लोकान् उषित्वा शाश्वती: समा: ।शुचीनां श्रीमतां गेहे योगभ्रष्टोऽभिजायते ॥४१॥ prāpya puṇyakṛtāṃ lokān uṣitvā śāśvatīḥ samāḥ |śucīnāṃ śrīmatāṃ gehe yogabhraṣṭo'bhijāyate ||41||

This is said, as the context shows, of a samnyasin engaged in the path of (Dhyana) Yoga. The righteous: those who worship by the asva-medha or horse-sacrifice, &c. Having completely enjoyed the pleasure (he is entitled to) in such a world, he is reborn in a house of the pure and wealthy. The pulre: acting according to the prescribed rules. (See the meaning for the slokas in 2022_May Main Voice of Jagadguru e magazine)

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