

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

Lord Varaha

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Once long ago there lived a demon named Hiranyaksa. He was the younger brother of Hiranyakasipu and he caused the earth to fall more and more in the water at the bottom of the universe.

Lord Brahma who created the universe felt helpless, he didn't know what to do! Finally he went to Lord Vishnu and took shelter of Him.

While lord Brahma was still meditating a tiny boar appeared out of his nostril. He was as small as the tip of his nose. The little boar grew and grew until He filled up the entire universe with His giant body. He roared and roared tremendously. All the demigods and saints were very terrified and very astonished.

Lord Brahma said: "I wonder Who this is. I think it is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He appeared to us in a fantastic way." The

sound of His roar was so sweet and caused everyone's problems to disappear.

Lord Brahma, Svayambhuva Manu and other sages who lived on different planets like: Janaloka, Tapaloka and Satyaloka all chanted special Vedic mantras to please the Lord. Lord Vishnu had come to save the earth from destruction.

Before the Lord entered the water He rose to the sky and He lashed His tail. The Lord's hairs rose on His shoulders and He kicked the clouds so they scattered. He looked more than beautiful, more radiant than millions of suns with His shining tusks. He was Lord Hari, Lord Vishnu and this was His lila, His divine play.

Lord Varaha jumped in the Rasatala ocean to pick up the planet earth. The ocean prayed unto Lord Varaha: "O Supreme Lord, please protect me."

The Lord then lifted up the earth out of the water with His tusks and He set the earth on top of the surface, where it floated.

Meanwhile the demon Hiranyaksha attacked the Lord with a giant club and other weapons. Lord Varaha killed the demon in the water just like a crocodile kills an elephant. The Lord's face and body were red with the demon's blood.

The saints and Lord Brahma all said special prayers to please Lord Varaha. The Lord was very happy.

Lord Varaha ki jaya!

**yatrodayatah ksiti-taloddharanaya bibhrat
kraudim tanum sakala-yajna-mayim anantah
antar-maharnava upagatam adi-daityam
tam damstrayadrim iva vajra-dharo dadara**
(S.B. 2.7.1)

"The Lord with His unlimited powers took the form of a boar
in order to save the earth from destruction
and He pierced the demon Hiranyaksha with His tusks."