

Jai Srimannarayana

# Hayagreeva Stho:thram

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In order to reform this human life, God has taken several incarnations. We may not be able to know all the forms, yet there are some forms God has taken to give knowledge and some forms show how to lead and practice a perfect human life. Hayagreeva Avataram is one such form.

Hayagreeva means "horse head with human body". Just as Narasimha Avatharam (Human body with Lion head) is so wonderful and astonishing, So is Hayagreeva. All of God's deeds are wonderful, astonishing, and joyous.

Hayagreeva Avataram (incarnation) has been discussed in the holy scripture history Srimad Bha:gavatham, as well as in sage Veda Vyasa's Sri Maha Bha:ratham. Some millions of years ago, in the beginning of this creation, God preached Vedas to the 4 headed Bramha. But Bramha did not pay any attention. It is a sin not to pay attention when a teacher is teaching. As a result, two demons were born from Bramha. They are called Madhu and Kaitabha. Being demons, they stole the Vedas, Divine knowledge from Bramha. In order to acquire those Vedas back, God took the form of Hayagreeva. In this form, he killed those demons and gave the Vedas back to Bramha.

God Srimannarayana is very kind and gave the Vedas to Bramha without him asking for it. A knowledge taught to someone without they seeking it has no value. So Brahma could not grasp it.

The Vedas, which had turned into 4 Veda purushas, were caught by the demons and taken to the worlds under the sea.

Losing all the Vedas, which are like the light of knowledge, left Brahma surrounded by darkness. Therefore, he did a Maha yagna to get the Vedas back. God has a kind heart, which melted upon seeing this. He went to the underworlds, taking a Hayagreeva form, and makes a big whinny (horse noise). Hearing that amazing sound, the demons ran away. Hayagreeva takes the 4 Vedapurushas carefully, goes to Brahma, who is performing the yagna and pleading for the Vedas, emerges from his form, and gives those Vedas back to Bramha.

Meanwhile, back in the underworld, the demons who ran away after hearing the amazing sounds called Udgeedha (a Samaveda song), came back looking for their Vedas. Finding them missing, they thought that this is the work of Sri Maha Vishnu. They go to Palkadali, the milk ocean. Seeing the Lord lying on the snake bed, they are ready to fight with Him. Fighting with the Lord? They could only lose their lives, which they did. Anybody who fought with Sri Maha Vishnu and died would get Moksha. So did the demons? Meanwhile, the 4 headed Brahma acquired all the Vedic knowledge again.

The knowledge given to those people who never seek for it will go waste. The day after the full moon or new moon is known as "Prathipath" or "Pa:dyami". Lord created the 4 headed Bramha on that day and also preached to him the Vedas on the same day. Since Brahma lost all the Vedas, it was thereafter said that knowledge taught on "Prathipath" day will be lost.

In order to proceed for higher studies and acquire wonderful knowledge which will help to secure the most powerful and ultimate fruit, one needs to worship Hayagreeva on his birthday, worship him with sthothras, and then he will grant our wishes.

This Hayagreeva emerged from the fire on the day of the full moon of Sravana. Worshipping him, chanting the Sthotras in praise of him on this day will definitely please Him, remove all our obstacles, and acquire the knowledge we seek.

Haya means "knowledge", and Greeva means "neck". Hayagreeva is the embodiment of all



knowledge.

The 4 Vedas, Rig Veda, Yajur Veda, Sama Veda, and Attharva Veda, are all Manthras which are filled with powerful sounds. All Mantras have Beejaaskaras( divine root phonemes). All the power of the Manthras are embedded in these Beejaaksharas. Beejaaksharas are not straight forward like the Manthras. It may seem as though they are meaningless. However, they have abundant strength and power. These Manthras with Beejaaksharas are called "Uttama:ngam", the meaning of which is similar to "head".

If these Manthras take a form, the Beejaaskaras are like a head, or horse head-"Hayavadanam". The whinny (sound of a horse) we do not know what it means ?? but, it is extremely powerful and drives away all the sins and sinners. That is why the demons ran away.

Worship the Lord Hayagreeva, who is (origin) Mula Swarooma, for the Beejaaksharas and Manthras. He will grant the ability to grasp all the studies.

Sriman Nigamantha Desikar has written 33 slokas in the praise of Hayagreeva. In every Sloka there are embedded a few Beejaaksharas. Students who wish to obtain higher goals in their studies and all others who wish to achieve good wealth and good speech, benefit from reciting those particular slokas in Hayagreeva Sthothram.

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Puranas say that while the human being is in the womb of its mother, the baby remembers all the deeds and experiences of previous births and also the sequence of sufferings in hell and enjoyments of heaven that one has to undergo after death, before taking next birth !

They also know that once they were born they will forget and so Purana says that the baby before birth keep on saying again and again to itself, while severely suffering in the womb, that definitely in this birth I shall do all the things that are necessary to escape from the cycle of births and deaths. I will follow every Dharma without falling in the pangs of Maya and I ' ll strive to escape from this trecherous sufferings of death and birth.

But, once the baby comes out of the womb, Maya encompasses the knowledge of the soul. It resets the knowledge disk of Manas and thus the soul forgets all its previous knowledge and becomes totally innocent. The remnants of previous Karmas (called Samskaras) keep guiding the new child. Thus the child grows.

Great Yogis and Jna:nis who overcome that Maya after strenuous self practice as a blessing of realised Gurus only can again regain the knowledge of the secret of previous births and deaths. Many people know that Sasthras say so. Some believe it and some may not but, those realised souls who experienced the truths, gain the secret knowledge and thus continuously strive with various plans through different programmes, taught by Sasthras for making the people realise this truth for their well being. They motivate people to follow Dharma and propagate Dharma to save them from later sufferings as well as from present sufferings too. In fact, as they know all the secrets they can enjoy for themselves and keep going. There are many who do so, but, it is our great Acharyas and sages, just out of great compassion towards the suffering souls try to teach them the truths by themselves standing as example.

Puranas also say that those who does immoral and idiocratic acts, misusing their senses and sense of freedom, beyond the limitations tolerated by the nature, will suffer the births of animals, trees, birds, insects etc. in subsequent births. That's why even though our sages have so many mystic powers, they never used them for their own sake or for their own enjoyment. They always used their energies for the good of all, sacrificing themselves in such endeavour.

