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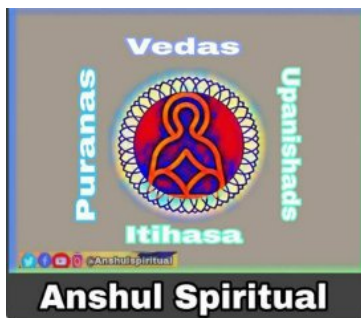


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STORY OF NAL AND DAMAYANTI AS TOLD TO YUDHISHTHIR!!

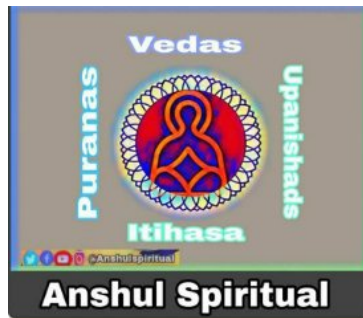


NAL AND DAMYANTI



After Arjun left, his brothers and wife pined for him. Bhima reprimanded Yudhishthir for his fondness for *Dhyuth*

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Bhima wondered if after the thirteen year exile once again Yudhishtir would be compelled to play *Dhyuth* by Duryodhan then again they would suffer in exile.

Yudhishtir then laments but makes his brother see reason when Bhima insists on killing Duryodhan then and there.

Fortunately Sage Brihadshav comes there and balances all of their emotions when Yudhishtir laments his bad luck. The Sage pacifies him that at this juncture in life he has his brothers and his wife with him. Imagine the plight of Nal and Damayanti. And he narrates the story of Nal and Damyanti.

Nal was the son of King Birsen and Damayanti was the Princess of Vidarbha.

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The beauty and looks of these two was world widely known and people narrated their good looks to each other.

Nal was attracted to Damayanti just by listening about her looks. One day while he was sitting in the garden, a Goose was caught by Nal. But the Goose requested Nal to free him and he would run an important errand for him to Damayanti. When freed he goes near Damayanti in Vidarbha and tells her about the virtues of Nal. Now Damayanti also wants to marry Nal. But how? She becomes paler day by day. Her friends go and tell the King about this. Thinking that the girl wants to marry, he arranges a *Swayamvar*. All the eligible Kings and Devtas too aspire Damayanti. Indra, Varun and other *Devtas* meet Nal and insist that he become their messenger and convince Damayanti to marry Indra.

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A reluctant Nal goes to Damaynti hiding from others and narrates everything to her. She assures him of her true love and asks him to wait till tomorrow.

But in the court when she searches for Nal, she sees five Nal's together. But she recognises her true love when she sees that the garland of real Nal has wilted whereas those worn by *Devtas* is still fresh. The *Devtas* now bless both and leave. On their way *Devtas* meet *Kaliyug* and *Dwapar* going towards the marriage court as *Kaliyug* wishes to marry Damaynti. Although *Devtas* inform them about the marriage they proceed further.

They want to ruin the life of newly married. *Kaliyuga* enters into Nal and tries to fill negativity and only gets opportunity after twelve years to strike when Nal forgets to wash his feet before *Sandhya Puja*.

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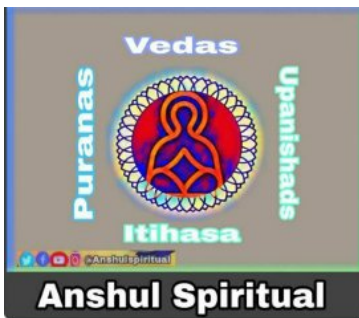


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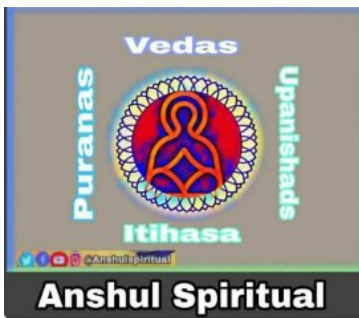


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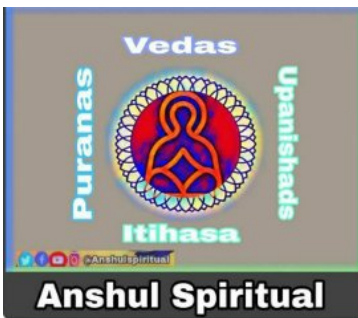


Meanwhile when Nal was going away from Damyanti he encounters a Snake named Karkotak who asks Nal to rescue him. In exchange Karkotak would help Nal.

So Nal rescues him but Karkotak bites him. The Snake tells that this poisonous bite would benefit him and save him from unwanted situations. The complexion of Nal becomes unrecognisable dark and he looks ugly which will be easy for him to hide. Nal becomes a charioteer to King Rituparna of Ayodhya. The King learns riding skills from Nal who has acquired a new name of Bahik. The King teaches him nuances of *Dhyuth*.

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Damyanti is recognised by a *Brahmin* sent by her parents who are eagerly searching for their daughter.

She goes back to Vidarbha. Now she sends people around to search for Nal. Finally he is located and with great difficulty accepts his identity. Both Nal Damyanti live happily hereafter.

Source – *Vana Parva*, Chapter 48 to 79

Mahabharat Series to be continued.....

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