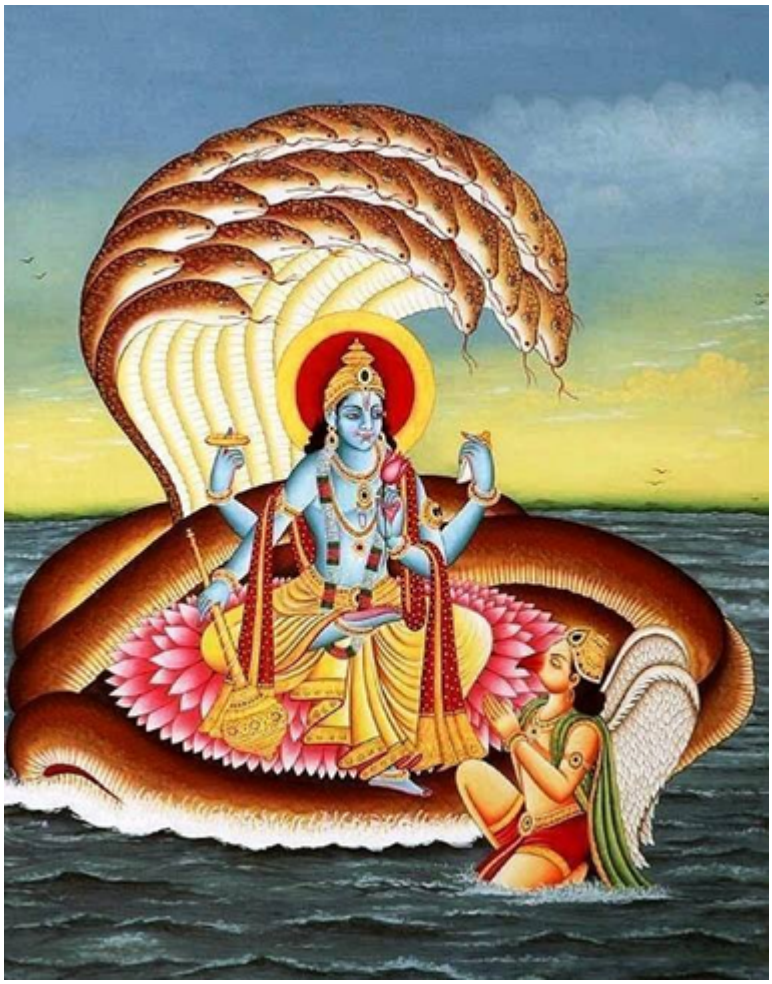
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Myth & Realities of #GarudaPurana...■

There is an apprehension (myth) among people that, the text of Garuda Purana is inauspicious and hence cannot be read or the book be kept at home or should be read only on the occasion of death at home.
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People hesitate to keep this sacred text at their homes or read it because of its fearful subject matter. It is only a misconception due to the contents of Garuda Purana.

#REALITIES...

When it was explained/narrated by Paramatma #Vishnu Himself, how can it be inauspicious? ++

Even in #Bhagawadgita; #SriKrishna #ParamaAtma makes a reference to the law of Karma; death and its realities; reincarnation etc. But, we don't consider Bhagawadgita as inauspicious; in fact we adore it. ++

Just because it deals with death and its aftermath it is incorrect to tag it as inauspicious.

In #BhagawadGita (Saankhya Yoga) #SriKrishna says that, " JaAtasya hi dHruvo mRutyu…"

(indeed, certain is death for the born and it is inevitable)
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Death is a reality though we hesitate to accept because of lack of its knowledge. Death grins only at those who have no understanding and that it has no pain for those who understand its implications and working. ++

In fact, entire epic of Garuda Purana is in the form of glorious dialogue between Bhagawan #Vishnu and his Divine mount #Garuda, an upadesha from the Supreme God #SriHariSarvottama. ++

GarudaPurana is a #SaAttvika Purana. A script that mentions about significance of, #Thulasi; #Cow (Gau); #Thila (sesame); Kusa (#Dharbha) is always auspicious and we find all these referred in #GarudaPurana. +

Is it not good to read #GarudaPurana, understand its contents, when one is alive instead of someone may be kith and kin reading it after the death?

It can be treated as learning that enhances one's spiritual knowledge to discipline himself and follow righteous path. ++

#GarudaPurana acts as a speed breaker for a person who is driving his life rashly. It can be treated as a caution for wrongdoers and acts as a direction to avoid committing sins. ++

One need not get scared with the contents of Garuda Purana either to read or to listen.

Everyone should read the sacred text of Garuda Purana at least once in their life time and there is nothing inauspicious about it and it is only an illusion. ++

Reading Garuda Purana will definitely change the mindset of an evil-doer or a sinner. +

Na #vasudevabhaktaanaam-ashubham vidyate kvachit
Janma-mrutyu-jaraa-vyaadhi-bhayam naivopajaayate;

No ill-fate befalls on the #devotees of Lord #Vaasudeva (#MahaVishnu) and they will never have fear from birth; death; old age and diseases; ++

#Merits of #GarudaPurana

As a custom we find in traditional Hindu families, parayana (reading) of GarudaPurana whenever there is a death in the family till 13th day ceremony (Vaikunta Samaradhana). Great merits are acquired from reading/listening Garuda Purana during that time.+

Those who narrate and the one who listens to this sacred Garuda Purana within ten days or even after the death of a person will get absolved from sins and is assured of happiness in this world as well as in the next world.++

Listening to Garuda Purana; one will get rid of sorrow; suffering and will be blessed with peace and prosperity.

Lord Vishnu would get pleased if the narrator of Garuda Purana is worshiped and it is as good as worshiping Lord SriHari. (Hari Preeti)

Listening/reading Garuda Purana during Mahalaya PithruPaksha is sacred and meritorious that pleases Pithru Devathas;

Donating the sacred book Garuda Purana to a Brahmana is highly meritorious.