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THE IMPORTANCE OF BHAGWAT PURAN / BHAGWATAM

There lived a brahmin called Bopdev in Totadri. He was a Krishnabhakt and well versed in Vedanta. He went to Vrindavan to pray Shri Hari.

After a year Shri Hari showered on him the greatest form of Knowledge.



This knowledge also helped him to recognise the same Bhagwat katha which shukdevji had narrated to King Parikshit. Bopdev then started narrating the same Katha in the name Hari leela amrit. At the ending of the year, Shri Hari appeared before him to grant a boon.

The ecstatic Brahmin started singing his praises. He said that shri Hari had already showered the Knowledge of Bhagwat on him. The only thing he now was eager to know was the importance of Bhagwat.

So Shri Hari narrated a story to him.

Once, after the establishment of Budha King in Kashi, Shiva came to Kashi along with Parvati. After sometime he started singing praises loudly as if he is addressing some one.

Puzzled Parvati questions him since Shiva was praising someone and Saying that there is

only one supreme being and that is You. Parvati asks him that who else could be greater than you, so Shiva replies that Kashi is the greatest holy area and he would recite the Bhagwat for next seven days here. And Parvati would be the audience with Nandi, Ganesh

and other Gana's protecting this place. He sat in meditating posture and started his narration. On seeing Parvati asleep on the eighth day, he asks her that how much of the Katha had she heard. She replies that she had heard it upto Amrutmanthan.

So Vishnu ji says that this was the same katha that Shukdevji had heard sitting amidst trees and had attained immortality. That same Shukdevji is in your heart. This is enough to make you immortal. Even Shiva knows the importance of this Katha.

Now Bopdev you travel along with this immortality to narrate it to King Vikram's father Gandharvasen on the banks of Narmada. Those listening to this Katha earn more Punya than feeding a hungry Brahmin.

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