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## **The appearance day of Sri Varahadeva**

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...we cannot respect. But Sita, Savitri, Arundhati, Draupadi, all the Sastra (Vedic scriptures) and everyone have prayed to them. But Surpanakha, Putana, and others like them, how can we honor them? So she does not understand. Our sastra have also honored men, big persons, and also ???. Ramana [**Ravana??**] was the son of a great Rsi, called Pulastya Rsi, and none of us honor him; rather, we dishonor him. And even a son of a daitya (demon), like Prahlada Maharaja, all sastra and all. So we cannot honor ladies who are bad, lusty. But ladies who are chaste and of a very high class, even Krsna and Rama honor them.

Can you tell the history of Varaha?

[Devotee:] Jaya and Vijaya were cursed by the four Kumaras. They first took birth as Hiranyaksa and Hiranyakasipu. Hiranyaksa was a big demon who stole the Earth planet, and brought it down to the lower planetary systems, in the water. Kesava-Krsna appeared as Sukara-rupa, or Varaha-rupa, in the form of a boar, to save the Earth...

[Sri Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] From where did Varahadeva manifest?

[Devotee:] From the nostril of Lord Brahma. He then came and saved the Earth. He brought the Earth up from the nether worlds and floated it on the waters. After that, there was a great fight between Hiranyaksa and Lord Varahadeva.

So the Lord had some desire to taste vira-rasa, fighting. Therefore His servants, Jaya and Vijaya, appeared in this world to perform that lila (pastime) with Him. Simultaneously, He saved the burden of the Earth and delivered His devotee.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] There is also a sukla (light colored) Varahadeva. There are two Varaha-avatars. One is krsna, or black colored, and one is sukla, or white colored. The black Varahadeva appeared first, when the daityas (demons) had stolen all the Vedas, and had taken them to Patala (the lowest planetary systems). This krsna (black) Varaha came, ??sukla, a manifestation of,?? and at the time of pralaya (the point of devastation when the whole universe is filled with water) He jumped into the ocean, took the Vedas, and came out again. That was the first Varahadeva, and the white Varahadeva who killed Hiranyaksa was the second.

[Devotee:] But Matsya-avatara also delivered the Vedas.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] Not delivered but protected.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] One day Satyavrata Muni went to take bath, and he saw a small fish. That fish came in his kamandalu (waterpot) and said, “Save Me.” But very soon the fish became bigger. “Please save Me.” Satyavrata Muni then took the fish

and put it in a big pond in his royal palace. But in a day the fish became as big as the pond. He said, “Oh, give Me some other place.” Then the fish kindly said, “In some days pralaya (the devastation of the universe) will come. You should collect all the seeds of everything. There will be water everywhere. Everything will be filled of water, nothing else. You should collect all these things on a boat, and I will come. Be there, and when I come, you should tighten the boat to My horn. I will take you and you will see pralaya (devastation). Then, for many years and years, for one night of Brahma, Satyavrata Muni saw the devastation. In the end he went to Prayaga, and at ??batapatra?? side, he saw a banyan tree. On a leaf of the banyan tree there was a small Boy, sleeping, playing, and He was sucking His toe. When Satyavrata muni saw the Lord, he began to pray, and He saved him. By His mercy, pralaya (the time of devastation) ended. Satyavrata muni descended from the boat, gave back the seed of all things, and thus the world was again created.

[Devotee:] So Prayaga, where the banyan tree was, is that a transcendental place then?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja] It is like Vaikuntha.

[Devotee:] It is never devastated.

[Devotee:] And Gurudeva, in our Kesavaji Gaudiya Math in Navadvipa, we have Laksmi-Varaha. Your Guru-maharaja installed that...

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] From ancient days this place has been called Koladvipa. Vasudeva-vipra worshipped Lord Varaha here, and Varahadeva appeared to him. He also showed His Gauranga-rupa and said, “You will come when I come in the form of Gauranga. Then you will come.”

[Devotee:] And Mahaprabhu also once took the form from Varaha, and then He took someone on His shoulder?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Murari-gupta.

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