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HCCC Human Services Presents

Bhagavata Puranam (Selected Topics)

Pravachana Series by Dr. Appaji Panchangam



Dr. Appaji Panchangam

Starting: Saturday, 08/19/2017

14 Weeks.

Time: 5.30 PM to 7 PM

**Where: Tirumala Hall,
Livermore Shiva-Vishnu Temple**

All are welcome

*** This Program is Free ***

Dr. Appaji Panchangam, is a Physicist and a Biomedical Engineer by training, yet a passionate and avid reader of the scriptures. He studied Sanskrit growing up in India and proficient in Telugu, English, Hindi, and Sanskrit.

Topics

Chruning of the Milk Ocean -

Ksheera Saagara Mathanam (5 weekends)

Significance of Varaha and Nrisimha Avatars (5 weekends)

Narayana Kavacham (4 weekends)

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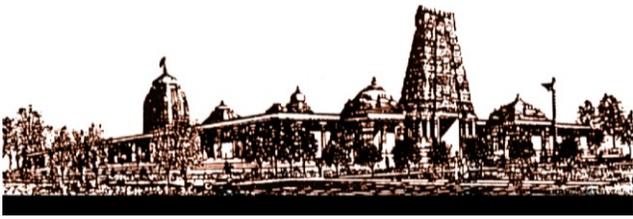
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Bhagavata Puranam (Selected Topics)

Churning of the Milk Ocean – Ksheera Sagara Mathanam

Five weekly discourses of 1 to 1 ½ hour duration each

Devas battered by their half brothers, Asuras, under the rule of Bali surrendered to Lord Vishnu who then instructed Devas to make friends with the Asuras and churn the milky ocean for the nectar of immortality. Lord Vishnu helped them constantly at various steps in the process, but when the great poison, kalakutam, the very first product of the churning, emerged from the ocean, Lord Shiva had to come for a rescue. Lord Shiva swallowed the poison and disappeared. When finally the nectar came out, Lord Vishnu helped the Devas to take all the nectar but deprived Asuras of their share. Finally Asuras, feeling cheated, waged an all-out war with Devas. Devas soundly beat the Asuras with the help of Lord Vishnu. Did Lord Vishnu instruct Devas to cheat Asuras? When the poison came, where is Lord Vishnu? Why did Lord Shiva swallow the poison instead of locking it away safely? There are many more questions such as these for which reasonable, convincing answers are hard to find. In truth, the whole setting of the story has different paradigm and is aimed at teaching something much more valuable than the apparent.

Significance of Varaha and Nrisimha Avataras

Five weekly discourses of 1 to 1 ½ hour duration each

Jaya and Vijaya are the fallen angels from Vaikuntham who were to be born thrice as asuras and to be killed by the Lord Himself in each birth. The Lord took two Avataras namely, Varaha and Nrisimha, to slay each one of them during their first birth as Hiranyakashipu and Hiranyaksha. However, in the subsequent births, the Lord took only one Avatara each, Rama and Krishna, to accomplish the same task. Is there any significance for taking two Avataras to slay Hiranyakashipu and Hiranyaksha? Does this story have any relevance to the Varaha Lakshmi Nrisimha of Simhachalam in Andhra Pradesh? Does it have any significance to Tirumala where the custom requires a darshan of Lord Varaha Swamy prior to the darshan of Lord Balaji? A serious study of these two Avatara kathas reveals a wealth of knowledge about Karma (action), Bhakti (devotion) and Jnana (Supreme Knowledge) in addition to providing clarifications of general conduct of men and women in society under various roles such as wife, daughter, mother, husband, son, etc. It also incorporates the great stories of Manu and Prahlada.



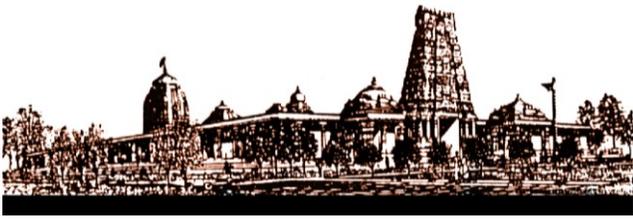
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Narayana Kavacham

Four weekly discourses of 1 to 1 ½ hour duration each

Narayana Kavacham is one of the hallmarks of Srimad Bhagavatam and it appears in the context of the famous war between Indra and Vritra asura. When chanted regularly, Narayana Kavacham is believed to provide a protective shield from a variety of afflictions and perils around us in the world. While the sound vibrations from a mere chanting of the poem can also bring effectiveness as in the case of a mantra, there is a more plausible explanation for the potency of this poem based on its inner meaning. When understood in the right sense, the knowledge encapsulated in the verses can bring a deep individual transformation practically making the individual immune to the afflictions of the world.

More Details about the Speaker

The speaker, Dr. Appaji Panchangam, is a Physicist and a Biomedical Engineer by training, yet a passionate and avid reader of the scriptures. He studied Sanskrit growing up in India and proficient in Telugu, English, Hindi, and Sanskrit. Dr. Panchangam has been giving lectures on matters of sanatana dharma for the last six years. He lectures in both Telugu and English languages. Puranas are multifarious literary masterpieces that display supreme originality and creativity in every imaginable field. Yet their purpose is to lead a committed seeker to the Truth. This literature is considered on par with Vedas and arguably the main reason for the continuity of Sanatana Dharma over several millennia. The meaning intended by the Rishi in narrating the Puranic stories is not always apparent and most transaltions and speakers do not dwell into the rich inner meaning. The series of talks will focus on narration of popular Puranic stories to unravel the layers of hidden meaning embedded in these otherwise simple-looking stories.

This lecture series will be delivered by Dr. Appaji Panchangam. He has been discoursing on Srimad Bhagavatam, Upanishads, and Bhagavad Gita for the past 6 years and emphasizes heavily on the inner meaning of the Puranic lore, drawing insights from the parallel literature of Sanathana Dharma, rather than presenting thoughtless narratives



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