

SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM

AADHI PARVVAM

33. Sauparnnam - Gerudan Vishnuvinte Vaahanamaayath (33. About Suparnnan or Garudan - Garudan Became The Vehicle Of Vishnu Bhagawaan)

Thus, surmounting all the obstacles Pakshi Raajan Gerudan carried the Amritha Kumbham and flew away. In the middle of the journey Vishnu Bhagawaan appeared in front of Gerudan. Vishnu Bhagawaan commanded or demanded Gerudan to seek for a boon he wished to have. Then, Gerudan with respect and devotion requested that: 'he wished to be the vehicle of Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan.' Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan agreed to his request. And moreover Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan also accepted Gerudan as the Ensign or Flag Sign of His Chariot. Indhran strikes Gerudan with Vajram. Seeing that all his strikes with Vajram were useless and ineffective Indhran realized the greatness of Gerudan, and he made an alliance with Gerudan.

Soothan Said:

Assuming a golden body as bright as the rays of the Sun, Gerudan with extreme might and great force entered the region where Soma or Amrith was, like a torrent of lava entering the ocean. 1

Wow! There, at that time he saw a Kaaru Irumpu Chakram or wheel of black steel keen-edged, and as sharp as a razor, revolving incessantly or non-stop all around like a machine. 2

This fierce machine-like auto-working instrument or Kaaru Irumpu Chakram, as splendid as blazing Sun, has been devised by the Dhevaas for cutting in pieces all robbers of Amritham. 3

Vihamgama Sreshtha Gerudan assumed a minute form and circled around looking for the space in between the spokes to safely enter inside to take the pot of Amritham without any damage and entered inside within a moment. 4

When he entered inside, Gerudan saw two deadly poisonous Sarppaas or snakes with effulgence of fire and with tongues as bright as the lighting-flash and with great energy and with mouth emitting fire and with blazing and always with great anger and fully alert were stationed there safeguarding and securely keeping Amritham. Those snakes with terribly angry look were safeguarding Amrith even without blinking their eyes for one time and even with the look of those snakes, they could turn anyone, or anything burn to ashes. 5-7

Immediately Gerudan put dust in the eyes of those snakes and blinded them and the snakes could not see anything and at that time Gerudan struck them down from all sides. 8

Vainatheya Gerudan, the sky ranger, jumped over the body of those snakes and attacked and mangled them into pieces by biting them with his shark beak and talons. And the most powerful and excessively Gerudan took away the Suddha or Amritham. Having carried the Amritha Kumbham, Vainatheya Garuda rose up and flew by breaking the machine of Kaaru Irumpu Chakram into pieces and removing all obstacles. 8-10

Thus, Garudan, the Khagendhran, came out with Amritham without drinking or tasting it and flew up covering the effulgence of the Sun. 11

The great Khagendhran, VinathaaSuthan, met and joined with Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan. Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan was very pleased with the lust less and self-less act of Gerudan. 12

Hari or Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan was very pleased with Gerudan and told him that He was very gratified and inclined to grant Geruda a boon and asked what he wished. Gerudan requested that he wish to be the vehicle of Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan. And that was granted. Again, Gerudan requested: "I should be immortal and free of any disease and aging without drinking Amritham." 13-14

Achyutha Bhagawaan or Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan said 'Be it so' to Vainatheya Gerudan. Thus, after receiving two boons from Bhagawaan Hari, Gerudan spoke: 15

"Oh, Vibho or Lord Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan! I also will give you a boon. Please let me know what you wish to have from me." Bhagawaan Hari told let Gerudan be 'Hari Vaahanam or Vehicle of Hari' and accepted Gerudan as His vehicle. 16

Moreover, you will stay as the ensign on the flag-mast of the chariot and thus you will always stay above Me. That ensign will remain as your permanent abode. And then the Khagaaddhipan, Gerudan, said 'be it so.'

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After that the sky ranger Gerudan swiftly flew with such a speed as if he was mocking and ridiculing even the wind. As he was flying swiftly, carrying the Amrith Kumbham from Dhevalokam, Indhran became angry and hurled Vajram or thunderbolt at Gerudan many times. Though, Pakshi Sreshttan Gerudan was flying swiftly carrying Amritha Kumbham and beaten severely with Vajram, he laughed well and spoke to Indhran: 18-20

Gerudan Said:

I respect and worship Maharshi, who constructed this strong Vajram or Vajraayuddham or weapon of Thunderbolt, with his own bone. [Vajram is made from the bone of Dhedheechi Maharshi. Geruda, the Lord of birds, mentions here about Dhedheechi Maharshi.] And I also respect the Vajraayuddham and You, Bhagawaan Indhran, who is Vajri or the holder of Vajram. I just cast this feather as a symbol of respect to all above. But, Hey Indhran! Struck with the thunder so many times I did not feel the slightest pain. 20-22

Soothan Said:

Having said that, Khagaaddhipa Gerudan just cast one feather as a sign of respect. 22

Having seen that one of his feathers coming out from his body and the beauty of it, the entire creatures or all the creatures of the universe were wondered and were extremely pleased and happy and then all the creatures put or gave the name of Gerudan or Garudan to that VinathaaSuthan who is the king of birds. 23

Seeing the beauty of that feather they said he is and let us call him
Suparnna or Suparnnan meaning one who is with beautiful feathers.
Having seen this greatest wonder, Purandharan or Sahasraakshan
Indhran said that Pathagendharan or The Greatest and Noblest Bird said
so. 24-25

Sakran or Indhran Said:

Oh, Khagoththama or the Best and Noblest Bird Gerudan! I wish to know
how you obtained this limitless strength and or what is the limit of your
strength or is there any limit. I also desire to maintain eternal friendship and
alliance with you. 25-26

So ends this section.