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MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)

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DHESAMOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER TEN)

**[Maarkkandeya Charitham -Thutarchcha] ([Continuation Of The Story
of Maarkkandeya Maharshi])**

[In this chapter we can read the details of the glorification of Maarkkandeya Maamuni by Siva and his consort Paarvatheedhevi. Once while Siva and Paarvathi were traveling in the sky on their vehicle of Bull, they noticed Maarkkandeya fully merged in meditative trance. Paarvatheedhevi wanted Siva to grant appropriate benediction for the severe austerities he had performed. They appeared to him, but he never knew that Siva and Paarvathi are standing in front of him as he was in trance. Paarvatheedhevi was amazed but Rudhra Bhagawaan explained to her the accomplishments of Maarkkandeya due to his Sidhddhees or Perfections of Mystic Yoga and Meditative capacity and that he has already merged within Parabrahma Paramaathma – The Supreme Soul Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan -. Though Siva promised to fulfill all the wishes and desires of Maarkkandeya, he told Siva that he has no desire other than directly seeing them, but Siva granted him freedom from old age and death and thus he became Eternal and Immortal. Even today Maarkkandeya is wandering about fully merged in Paramaathma Parabrahma, The Supreme Soul Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan. Sootha explained to Saunaka that anyone who listens or reads the story of Maarkkandeya would attain liberation from material life, which is based on the accumulated desires generated from his fruitive work. Please continue to read for more details...]

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

स एवमनुभूयेदं नारायणविनिर्मितम् ।
वैभवं योगमायायास्तमेव शरणं ययौ ॥ १ ॥

1

Sa evammanubhooyedham Naaraayanavinirmitham
Vaibhavam yogamaayaayaasthameva saranam yeyau.

Oh, Crest Jewel of all Munees – Saunaka! Having experienced various attributes of Maayaa Sakthi or Illusory Mystic Power of Bhagawan Naaraayana Who is Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree

Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan, Maarkkandeya Maamuni contemplating and analyzing the Power of Illusory Energy continued to meditate upon Bhagawan NaraNaaraayana Moorththy always.

मार्कण्डेय उवाच

Maarkkandeya Uvaacha (Maarkkandeya Maamuni Said):

प्रपन्नोऽस्म्यङ्घ्रिमूलं ते प्रपन्नाभयदं हरे ।
यन्माययापि विबुधा मुह्यन्ति ज्ञानकाशया ॥ २॥

2

Prepannoasmyangghrimoolam The prepannaabhayadham, Hare!
Yenmaayayaapi vibuddhaa muhyanthi jnjanakaasayaa.

Oh, Bhagawan Hare! You are the remover of sorrows and distresses of the entire universe and all its entities and elements. You are so compassionate and merciful. You provide shelter and support to All. I humbly and devotionally seek shelter and support at Your Lotus Feet, which bestow fearlessness to all those who surrender to Them. Even great scholars, including Dhevaas, are bewildered by Your Illusory Energy, which appears to them in the guise of knowledge. [See it the Power of Maaya that makes us think that we know something or whatever we think we know.]

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

तमेवं निभृतात्मानं वृषेण दिवि पर्यटन् ।
रुद्राण्या भगवान् रुद्रो ददर्श स्वगणैर्वृतः ॥ ३॥

3

Thamevam nibhrithaathmaanam vrishena dhivi Paryatan

Rudhraanyaa Bhagawaan Rudhro dhedhersa svagenairvrithah.

When Rudhra Bhagawaan or Mahaadheva Siva along with his Consort Rudhraani or Paarvatheedhevi were travelling in sky on his vehicle of Vrishabha or Bull surrounded by his personal Associates of Bhoothagenaas, he observed Maarkkandeya Maharshi with equanimity and in Trance. He was amazed and anxious to find out how Maarkkandeya was able to be in Meditative condition of Trance like that!

अथोमा तमृषिं वीक्ष्य गिरिशं समभाषत ।
पश्येमं भगवन् विप्रं निभृतात्मेन्द्रियाशयम् ॥ ४॥

4

Atthomaa thamrishim veekshya Girisam samabhaashatha
“Pasyemam, Bhagawan, Vipram nibhrithaathmendrahiyaasayam.”

Then, having observed that Muni Sreshtta, Maarkkandeya Maamuni, in such Trance, Dhevi Bhawaani or Paarvatheedhevi spoke to her Consort Mahaadheva: “Oh, Bhagawan or Lord Sree Mahaadheva! Please look at him. That Vipra or Braahmana has fully controlled his senses with the power of Mystic Yoga attained by Meditation and Self-Control.”

निभृतोदझषव्रातं वातापाये यथार्णवम् ।
कुर्वस्य तपसः साक्षात्संसिद्धिं सिद्धिदो भवान् ॥ ५॥

5

“Nibhrithodhathjashavraatham vaathaapaaye yetthaarnnavam
Kurvvasya thapasah Saakshaath samsidhddhim sidhddhidho
Bhawaan.”

“Oh, Bhagawan, what an amazement! This Maharshi is as calm as the waters of the ocean when the wind has ceased and fish remain still without moving, or rather unable to move. My dear Lord Bhagawan Parameswara, you bestow perfection on performers of austerity. Please provide this great Maarkkandeya Maharshi that perfection of austerity and penance as it is obviously eligible and due for him.”

श्रीभगवानुवाच

SreeBhagawaanUvaacha (Sree Rudhra Bhagawaan or Mahaadheva Siva Said):

नैवेच्छत्याशिषः क्वापि ब्रह्मर्षिर्मोक्षमप्युत ।
भक्तिं परां भगवति लब्धवान् पुरुषेऽव्यये ॥ ६॥

6

Naivechcchathyaasishah kvaapi Braharshirmmokshamapyutha
Bhakthim paraam Bhagawathi lebddhavaan Purusheavyaye.

Hey, Paarvatheedhevi! This great Maharshi has no desire for any benediction or in attainment of perfection in austerity and absolutely has no desire even for attainment of Moksha or Liberation and Salvation. He has attained infallible and inexhaustible pure devotional service to Preddhaana Purusha or The Supreme Personality of God Who is Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan. [What more has he to gain or attain?]

अथापि संवदिष्यामो भवान्येतेन साधुना ।
अयं हि परमो लाभो नृणां साधुसमागमः ॥ ७॥

7

Atthaapi samvadhishyaamo Bhawaanyethena saaddhunaa
Ayam hi paramo laabho nrinaam saaddhusamaagemah.

Oh, My dear Eeswari Paarvathi! In spite of that let us go and meet him and have a conversation with that Maharsheeswara and then go. The most auspicious and graceful thing in life in this universe is to associate with such Saaddhoos or Great Self-Realized Souls like him.

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

इत्युक्त्वा तमुपेयाय भगवान् स सतां गतिः ।
ईशानः सर्वविद्यानामीश्वरः सर्वदेहिनाम् ॥ ८॥

8

Ithyukthvaa thamupeyaaya Bhagawaan sa sathaam gethih
Eesaanan sarvvavidhyaanaamEeswarah sarvadhehinaam.

After having spoken thus, Sankara Bhagawaan who is the Shelter of Pure Souls, Master of all Spiritual Sciences, and Controller of all embodied living beings with blissful happiness and devotional contentment approached Maarkkandeya Maharshi who was in through Meditation without having any thoughts and his mind, heart, intelligence, and consciousness filled with Preddhaana Purusha or The Supreme Personality of God Who is Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan.

तयोरगमनं साक्षादीशयोर्जगदात्मनोः ।
न वेद रुद्धधीवृत्तिरात्मानं विश्वमेव च ॥ ९॥

9

Thayoraagemanam saakshaadhEesayorjjegadhaathmanoh
Na Vedha rudhddhaddheevriththiraathmaanam visvameva cha.

भगवांस्तदभिजाय गिरीशो योगमायया ।
आविशत्तद्गुहाकाशं वायुश्छिद्रमिवेश्वरः ॥ १०॥

10

Bhagawaamsthadhabhijnjaaya Giriso Yogamaayayaa
Aavisaththadhguhaakaasam vaayuchcchidhramivEswarah.

Maarkkandeya Maharshi who was able to stop all the functions of his material mind and intelligence and who was unaware of the existence of the universe and of his material existence within that material universe with attainment of perfection in mystic Yoga and who was fully absorbed in meditation didn't even know the presence of Rudhra Bhagawaan with his consort Bhawaani Rudhraani who are the Self-Realized Souls of the Universe. Rudhra Bhagawaan, who was perfectly aware of the situation of Maarkkandeya Maharshi, employed the power of his mystic Yoga Maaya and entered within the sky of Maarkandeya Maharshi's heart, just as how the air or wind passes through the opening.

आत्मन्यपि शिवं प्राप्तं तडित्पिङ्गजटाधरम् ।
त्र्यक्षं दशभुजं प्रांशुमुद्यन्तमिव भास्करम् ॥ ११ ॥

11

Aathmanyapi Sivam praaptham thadithpinggajetaaddharam
Threkshyam dhesabhujam praamsumudhyanthamiva Bhaaskaram

व्याघ्रचर्माम्बरधरं शूलखट्वाङ्गचर्मभिः ।
अक्षमालाडमरुककपालासिधनुः सह ॥ १२ ॥

12

Vyaaghracharmmaambaraddharam soolakhatvaanggacharmmabhih
Akshamaalaademarukakapaalaasiddhanuh saha.

बिभ्राणं सहसा भातं विचक्ष्य हृदि विस्मितः ।
किमिदं कुत एवेति समाधेर्विरतो मुनिः ॥ १३ ॥

13

Bibhraanam sahasaa bhaatham vichakshya hridhi vismithah
Kimidham kutha evethi samaaddhervviratho Munih.

Maarkkandeya Maharshi immediately realized the presence of Mahaadheva Parameswara within his heart. Lord Mahaadheva Siva's matted hair in the color of pure gold resembled that of lightning, he had Three eyes [that is why he is called as Threkshya or One with Three eyes,] Ten arms, and a tall body that shone like Soorya or the Sun. He wore Tiger-Skin, and he carried a trident, a bow, arrows, a sword, and a shield, along with prayer beads, a Demaru drum, a skull, and an ax. Being astonished, Maarkkandeya thought and contemplated who is this, where from he came, and so forth and came out of his trance.

नेत्रे उन्मील्य ददृशे सगणं सोमयाऽऽगतम् ।
रुद्रं त्रिलोकैकगुरुं ननाम शिरसा मुनिः ॥ १४ ॥

14

Nethre unmeelya dhedhrise sagemam somayaaaagetham
Rudhram thrilokaikagurum nanaama sirasaa Munih.

Maarkkandeya Maharshi with such thought opened his eyes and saw Sree Mahaadheva, who is the Jegadhguru or The Supreme Master of all the Three worlds of the universe, along with his Consort Umaadhevi. And thus, having seen Sree Paramasiva and Paarvatheedhevi, the most exalted Muni Sreshtha Maarkkandeya Maamuni offered his respectful and devotional obeisance and prostrated at the Lotus Feet of Bhawan Parameswara.

तस्मै सपर्या व्यदधात्सगणाय सहोमया ।
स्वागतासनपाद्यार्घ्यगन्धस्रग्धूपदीपकैः ॥ १५ ॥

15

Thasmai saparyaam vyedhaddhaath sagemayaa sahomayaa
Svaagathaasanapaadhyarghyagenddhasregddhoopdheepakaih.

Maarkkandeya Maamuni with devotional humble words of welcome, received Sree Paramasiva and Paarvatheedhevi along with their Associates of Bhoothagenaas and offered the most exalted seats, water for washing their feet, fragrant oils, sandalwood paste and powder, flower garlands, Aarthi lamps, and scented drinking water.

आह चात्मानुभावेन पूर्णकामस्य ते विभो ।
करवाम किमीशान येनेदं निर्वृतं जगत् ॥ १६॥

16

Aaha, “chaathmaanubhaavena poornnakaamasya The Vibho
Karavaama kimEesaana yenedham nirvritham jegath.”

Maarkkandeya Maharshi said: “Oh, Mighty Lord! What can I possibly do for You, One who is fully satisfied by Your own blissful ecstasy of Aathmaanubhaava or Self-Realization? Actually, You are the One who satisfies this entire Universe by your own mercy and compassion. But please tell or command me what should I do for You now.”

नमः शिवाय शान्ताय सत्त्वाय प्रमृडाय च ।
रजोजुषेऽप्यघोराय नमस्तुभ्यं तमोजुषे ॥ १७॥

17

“Namah Sivaaya saanthaaya saththvaaya premoodaaya cha
Rejojusheapyaghoraaya namasthubhyam thamojushe.”

“Oh, Mahaadheva Siva! You are Parabrahma Moorththy. You are The Supreme God who appears as Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan with dominance of Saththvaguna or mode of goodness or virtue, as Brahmadheva with dominance of Rejoguna or mode of passion, and as Rudhra Bhagawaan with dominance of Thamoguna or mode of ignorance. Oh, Rudhra Bhagawan Mahaadheva Sambho! I offer worship and obeisance unto You and prostrate at Your Lotus Feet.”

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

एवं स्तुतः स भगवानादिदेवः सतां गतिः ।
परितुष्टः प्रसन्नात्मा प्रहसंस्तमभाषत ॥ १८॥

Evam sthuthah sa Bhagawaanaadhidhevahsathaam gethih
Parithushtah presannaathmaa prehasamsthamabhaashatha.

Hey, Saunaka Maamune! Thus, being worshipped by Brahmarshi Maarkkandeya, Rudhra Bhagawaan, who is the protector of all devotional and virtuous people, was extremely pleased and with a smile on his face he spoke as follows:

श्रीभगवानुवाच

SreeBhagawaanUvaacha (Sree Rudhra Bhagawaan or Mahaadheva Siva Said):

वरं वृणीष्व नः कामं वरदेशा वयं त्रयः ।
अमोघं दर्शनं येषां मर्त्यो यद्विन्दतेऽमृतम् ॥ १९॥

Varam vrineeshva nah kaamam vardheso vayam threyah
Amogham Dhersanam yeshaam marththyo yedh vindhatheamritham.

Oh, The Best of all Maharshees! Please ask me for the most desirable benediction you wish without any reservation and or hesitation. Any benediction my true devotees have asked me has ever gone unfulfilled. My devotees' wish would always be fully fulfilled. Just by seeing the Three of Us – the Thri Moorththees like Brahma, Vishnu, Sankara or I – or merely with the audience of Us the Marththyaas or the Mortals attain Amrithaththvam or Immortality. We always fulfill the wishes of our devotees and we give audience only to our devotees.

ब्राह्मणाः साधवः शान्ता निःसङ्गा भूतवत्सलाः ।
एकान्तभक्ता अस्मासु निर्वेराः समदर्शिनः ॥ २०॥

Braahmanaah saaddhavah saanthaa nihsangga bhoothavathsalaah
Ekaanthabhakthaa asmaasu nirvairaah samadhersinah.

Hey, Maharsheendhra! Please know that the Marththyaas or the Mortals attain Amrithaththvam or Immortality from us, the Thrimoorththees. Oh, Mahaa Yogin or One with the Power of Mystic Yoga! The Braahmanaas are normally dominant with Saththvaguna and endowed with calmness, peacefulness, serenity, and without having sensual interest. True Braahmanaas are our steadfast devotees and without having any envy or enmity to others and always maintains equanimity with all living and non-living entities of the universe.

सलोका लोकपालास्तान् वन्दन्त्यर्चन्त्युपासते ।
अहं च भगवान् ब्रह्मा स्वयं च हरिरीश्वरः ॥ २१ ॥

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Salokaa lokapaalaasthaan vandhanthyarchchanthyupaasathe
Aham cha Bhagawaan Brahmaa svayam cha Harireeswarah.

I – Rudhra -, Brahmadheva, and Bhagawan Samastheswara Mahaa Vishnu are taking care and protecting this entire universe and all its entities and elements. All entities and elements of the universe and Us - the Thri Moorththees – are all worshipping the Braahmanaas and offering our respectful obeisance to them with high regards.

न ते मय्यच्युतेऽजे च भिदामण्वपि चक्षते ।
नात्मनश्च जनस्यापि तद्युष्मान् वयमीमहि ॥ २२ ॥

22

Na the MayyAchyutheAje cha bhidhaamanvappi chakshathe
Naathmanascha jenasyaapi thadhyushmaan vayameemahi.

Those true Braahmanaas like you do not see any difference among me or Rudhra the controller of annihilation, Brahma the creator, Sree Hari the protector and sustainer, all others – including all other entities and elements

-, their own 'self or selves.' Therefore, we respectfully regard and worship you people, the Braahmanaas, as you are Self-Realized.

न ह्यम्मयानि तीर्थानि न देवाश्चेतनोज्झिताः ।
ते पुनन्त्युरुकालेन यूयं दर्शनमात्रतः ॥ २३ ॥

23

Na hyammayaani theerththaani na Dhevaaschethanojthjithaah
The punanthyurukaalena, yooyam dhersanamaathrathah

More bodies of water do not constitute holy places, nor lifeless or powerless statues of Dhevathaas or Deities are actually not Worshipable deities; because external vision fails to appreciate the essence of the holy rivers and the deities, these purify only after considerable time. But devotees like you – Maarkkandeya and other Self-Realized Braahmanaas – purify immediately, just by being seen.

ब्राह्मणेभ्यो नमस्यामो येऽस्मद्रूपं त्रयीमयम् ।
बिभ्रत्यात्मसमाधानतपःस्वाध्यायसंयमैः ॥ २४ ॥

24

Braahmanebhyo namasyaamo yeasmadhroopam threyeemayam
Bibhrathyaathmasamaaddhaanathapahsvaaddhyaayasamyemaih.

I offer my obeisance and worship to the Braahmanaas because they have attained Aathmasaakshaathkaaram or Self-Realization by meditating upon The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan, by performing austerities, by engaging in Vedhic studies, by strictly following regulative religious principles stipulated in Vedhaas, and by sustaining within themselves the Three Vedhaas – Rik, Yejur, and Saama – and thus knowing that they are not different from Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan, Bhagawan Brahmadheva, and Me -Rudhra -.

श्रवणाद्दर्शनाद्वापि महापातकिनोऽपि वः ।
शुध्येरन्नन्त्यजाश्चापि किमु सम्भाषणादिभिः ॥ २५ ॥

Srevanaadhdhershanaadhvaapi mahaapaathakinoapi vah
Sudhddhyerannanthyaajaaschaapi kimu sambhaashanaadhibhih.

If even the worst sinners those who listen to your virtuous stories and or see great self-realized personalities like you would be purified and released of all effects of their sinful deeds, then imagine what would be the result or how purified would be those who are able to meet and directly speak with personalities like you, Maarkkandeya Maharshe!

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

इति चन्द्रललामस्य धर्मगुह्योपबृंहितम् ।
वचोऽमृतायनमृषिर्नातृप्यत्कर्णयोः पिबन् ॥ २६ ॥

Iti chandhralelaamasya ddharmmaguhyopabrimhitham
Vachoamrithaayanamrishirnaathripyath karnnayoh piban.

Even after drinking the nectar like words, which was full of confidential essence of Vedhic Religious Principles, of Chandhra Mauli or Mahaadheva Siva, Maarkkandeya Maamuni could not be satiated, neither happy nor unhappy, as he was fully self-realized.

स चिरं मायया विष्णोर्भामितः कर्शितो भृशम् ।
शिववागमृतध्वस्तक्लेशपुञ्जस्तमब्रवीत् ॥ २७ ॥

Sa chiram maayayaa Vishnorbhraamithah karsitho bhrisam
Sivavaagamrithaddhvasthaklesapunjjasthamabreveeth.

The Maarkkandeya Braahmana Maharshi who was under the bewilderment of Maayaa Sakthi or Power of Illusory Energy of Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan or Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan and wandering for a long time in the waters of dissolution had become totally exhausted. But the Amritha or Nectar like words of Sree Rudhra Bhagawan or Mahaadheva Sambhu vanquished all his accumulated material sufferings and distressed. Thus, he spoke to Mahaadheva Siva as follows:

ऋषिरुवाच

RishirUvaacha (Rishi or Maarkkandeya Maharshi Said):

अहो ईश्वरलीलेयं दुर्विभाव्या शरीरिणाम् ।
यन्नमन्तीशितव्यानि स्तुवन्ति जगदीश्वराः ॥ २८ ॥

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Aho Eeswaraleeleyam dhurvibhaavyaa sareeraanaam
YennamanthEesithavyaani sthuvanthi Jegadheeswaraah.

Aho or Wow! What a wonder that it is most difficult for embodied Souls or living beings to understand the Maayaa Prebhaava or The Effulgent Power of Illusory Energy and pastime plays of the Universal Controllers like Brahma Vishnu Sankara and because of that embodied Souls do not know how and when and to whom to bow down and offer obeisance and prayers and prostrate! It is beyond their power of thinking and knowledge.

धर्मं ग्राहयितुं प्रायः प्रवक्तारश्च देहिनाम् ।
आचरन्त्यनुमोदन्ते क्रियमाणं स्तुवन्ति च ॥ २९ ॥

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Ddharmmam graahayithum praayah prevakthaarascha dhehinaam
Aacharanthyanumodhayanthe kriyamaanam sthuvanthi cha.

Even authorized scholastic teachers of Ddharmma or Religious Principles exhibit ideal behavior and encourage and praise proper behaviors of others to induce embodied Souls to accept, practice, and maintain Ddharmma or Religious Principles.

नैतावता भगवतः स्वमायामयवृत्तिभिः ।
न दुष्येतानुभावस्तैर्मायिनः कुहकं यथा ॥ ३० ॥

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Naithaavathaa Bhagawathah svamaayaamayavritthibhih
Na dhookshyethaanubhaavasthairmmaayinah kuhakam Yetthaa.

As tricks shown by a magician never reduces or diminishes his name, fame, greatness, power, and talent, even after knowing that he was simply showing magical tricks; such behavior of Maayaa Prebhaava shown by The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan and His Associates and Incarnations which are the effects of His own bewildering potency never spoils or reduces His Greatness, Power, and Illusory Energy. What I am seeing right now, the apparent humility or what is exhibited by Rudhra Bhagawaan Mahaadheva Siva is simply a show of his mercy. [Maarkkandeya is accepting that the prayers and praises by Rudhra Bhagawaan is simply his humility and mercy.]

सृष्ट्वेदं मनसा विश्वमात्मनानुप्रविश्य यः ।
गुणैः कुर्वद्भिराभाति कर्तेव स्वप्नदृश्यथा ॥ ३१ ॥

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Srishtvedham manasaa visvamaathmanaanuprevisya yah
Gunaih kurvvadhbhiraabhaathi karththeva svapnadhrigytthaa.

Just like a dreamer acting to be within his dream The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who has created this universe simply by His desire then entered into it as the Super-Soul, by making the Modes of Material Nature act, He seems to be the Direct Creator of this world.

तस्मै नमो भगवते त्रिगुणाय गुणात्मने ।
केवलायाद्वितीयाय गुरवे ब्रह्ममूर्तये ॥ ३२ ॥

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Thasmai namo Bhagawathe thrigunaaya gunaathmane
Kevalaayaadhvitheeyaaya gurave Brahmamoorththaye.

Oh, Bhagawan Rudhra Moorththe! You always remain pure and alone. You are the One without any equal. You are the Owner and Ultimate Controller of The Three Modes of Material Nature. You are Aathma Jegath Guru or The Supreme Transcendental or Spiritual Master of all. You are the Brahma Swaroopa or The Original Personal Form of The Absolute Truth. I offer my devotional prayers and obeisance unto that Supreme Personality of God.

कं वृणे नु परं भूमन् वरं त्वद्वरदर्शनात् ।
यद्दर्शनात्पूर्णकामः सत्यकामः पुमान् भवेत् ॥ ३३ ॥

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Kam vrine nu param, bhooman, varam thvadhvaradhersanaath
Yedhdhersanaath poornnakaamah sathyakaamah Pumaan bhaveth.

Oh, Rudhra Bhagawaan! You are AnthakaAri or the enemy of Kaala or Death. What other benediction than getting the opportunity of your audience or the chance to see you is required for me? Nothing. You have already provided the greatest benediction and thus fulfilled all wishes and desires. Simply by seeing you, a person fulfills all his desires and can achieve anything imaginable.

वरमेकं वृणोऽथापि पूर्णात्कामाभिवर्षणात् ।
भगवत्यच्युतां भक्तिं तत्परेषु तथा त्वयि ॥ ३४ ॥

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Vamekam vrineatthaapi poornnaath kaamaabhivarshanaath

BhagawathyAchyuthaam bhakthim thathpareshu thatthaa thvayi.

Even if I do not need any more benediction, as you asked for, I do request One benediction from You, who is full of perfection and is able to shower down all desires for anyone. I request to grant me the benediction of unfailing and steadfast devotion for Achyutha Bhagawaan, Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan, and for His dedicated and steadfast devotees, and especially, for You – Rudhra Bhagawaan -.

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

इत्यर्चितोऽभिष्टुतश्च मुनिना सूक्तया गिरा ।
तमाह भगवाञ्छर्वः शर्वया चाभिनन्दितः ॥ ३५॥

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Ithyarchchithoabhishtuthascha muninaa sookthayaa giraa
Thamaaha Bhagawaannjcharvah sarvvayaachaabhinandhithah.

When Maarkkandeya Maharshi worshipped with glorifying words, offered devotional obeisance like that, and conveyed his only One desire to Sarvva or Mahaadheva Siva, Paarvatheedhevi – the consort of Sarvva - delightedly congratulated Maarkkandeya and Rudhra Bhagawaan and pleasingly spoke to him as follows:

कामो महर्षे सर्वोऽयं भक्तिमांस्त्वमधोक्षजे ।
आकल्पान्ताद्यशः पुण्यमजरामरता तथा ॥ ३६॥

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“Kaamo, Maharshe, sarvvoayam bhakthimaamsthvamAddhokshaje
Aakalpaanthaadhyasah punyamajeraamarathaa thatthaa.”

“Hey, Maarkkandeya Maharshe! You are definitely a staunch and steadfast devotee of Addhokshaja or Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan and all your desires and wishes would certainly be fulfilled. You will be liberated from the vicious cycles of birth and death and would become Eternal and Immortal One full Kalpa Yuga, until the end of this Creation Cycle, you will enjoy pious, fame, and freedom from old age and death.”

ज्ञानं त्रैकालिकं ब्रह्मन् विज्ञानं च विरक्तिमत् ।
ब्रह्मवर्चस्विनो भूयात्पुराणाचार्यतास्तु ते ॥ ३७॥

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“Jnjaanam thraikaalikam, Brahman, Vijnjaanam cha
Virakthimath
Brahmavarchchasvino bhooyaath puraanaachaaryathaasthu the.”

“Oh, Braahmana Sreshtta Maarkkandeya Maharshe! You may have perfect Thri-Kaala-Jnjaana or perfect knowledge of past, present, and future, along with Aathmasaakshaathkaaram or Transcendental Realization of Paramaathma Parambrahma or The Supreme Absolute Truth, enriched by Virakthi or Renunciation of Material Life. Thus, you will also achieve the position of Puraana-Aachaarya or Spiritual Master of Puraanaas.”

सूत उवाच

Sootha Uvaacha (Sootha Mahaasaya Said):

एवं वरान् स मुनये दत्त्वागात्र्यक्ष ईश्वरः ।
देव्यै तत्कर्म कथयन्ननुभूतं पुरामुना ॥ ३८॥

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Evam varaan sa Munaye dheththvaagaath threkshya Eeswarah
Shevyai thathkarmmakatthayannanubhootham puraamunaa.

After granting all such benedictions and boon to Maamuni Maarkkandeya, Mukkaanna Bhagawaan or the Three-Eyed Threkshya Bhagawaan Mahaadheva Siva went on his way. On the way he continued to describe to Goddess Paarvatheedhevi the accomplishments of Maarkkandeya Maharshi and the direct exhibition of the Illusory Power of Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan that he had experienced.

सोऽप्यवाप्तमहायोगमहिमा भार्गवोत्तमः ।
विचरत्यधुनाप्यद्धा हरावेकान्ततां गतः ॥ ३९॥

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Soapyavaapthamahaayogamahimaa Bhaarggavoththamah
Vicharathyaddhunaapyadhddhaa Haraavekaanthathaam gethah.

Maarkkandeya Maamuni who is the best of the descendants of Bhrigu dynasty is so gloriously famous because of his Sidhddhees in Yoga Prebhaava or achievement of perfection in Mystic Yoga. Even today he travels all around in all Three worlds of the universe as fully renounced Yogi and fully absorbed in unalloyed devotion for Sree Kaantha or The Consort of Goddess of Auspiciousness and Prosperity or Achyutha Bhagawaan Who is The Supreme Personality of God or Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan.

अनुवर्णितमेतत्ते मार्कण्डेयस्य धीमतः ।
अनुभूतं भगवतो मायावैभवमद्भुतम् ॥ ४०॥

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Anuvarnnithamethatththe Maarkkandeyasya ddheemathah
Anubhootham Bhagawatho maayaavaibhavamadbhutham.

Thus, I have narrated to you the glorious stories and activities of the highly intelligent Maarkkandeya Maamuni, especially and more specifically how

he experienced the amazing power of The Illusory Energy of The Supreme Lord or Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan.

एतत्केचिदविद्वांसो मायासंसृतिरात्मनः ।
अनाद्यावर्तितं नृणां कादाचित्कं प्रचक्षते ॥ ४१ ॥

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Ethath kechidhavidhvaamso maayaasamsrithimaathmanah
Anaadhyavarthitham nrinaam kaadhaachith kam prechakshathe.

Although it was only momentary, this event of experiencing the Illusory Power of Supreme Lord was unique and unprecedented. Some unintelligent persons compare and relate it to the cycle of Illusory Material existence The Supreme Lord has created for the conditioned souls – an endless cycle that has been continuing since time immemorial. Such unintelligent persons do not believe that there was a time when the Material Existence was not there, meaning the material existence is without a beginning and without an end just like Aathma or Soul or Brahma or Parabrahma, the Absolute Truth.

य एवमेतद्भृगुवर्यवर्णितं
रथाङ्गपाणेननुभावभावितम् ।
संश्रावयेत्संशृणुयादु तावुभौ
तयोर्न कर्माशयसंसृतिर्भवेत् ॥ ४२ ॥

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Ya evamethadh, Bhriguvarya, varnnitham
Retthaanggapaaneranubhaavabhaavitham
Samsraavayeth samsrinuyaadhuthaavubhau
Thayornnaa karmmaasayasamsrithirbhaveth.

Oh, The best of Bhrigu or Bhaarggava Dynasty or Saunaka! The story which I have narrated about Mrikandu Thanaya or Son of Mrikandu who

Maarkkandeya Maamuni is also incorporates and conveys the Transcendental Potency of The Supreme Lord Who is Yedhooththama Uththamasloka Vaasudheva Sree Krishna Bhagawaan Who is the Incarnation of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan. Anyone who properly narrates or hears, or listens would never again undergo material existence which is based on the desire to perform fruitive activities and would be detached from the material world and would be liberated from material life.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां
संहितायां द्वादशस्कन्धे दशमोऽध्यायः ॥ १०॥

Ithi Sreemadh Bhaagawathe MahaaPuraane Paaramahamsyaam
Samhithaayaam DhvaaDhesaSkanddhe [Maarkkandeya Charitham
-Thutarchcha] [Naama] DhesamoAddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Tenth Chapter – Named [Continuation Of The Story of Maarkkandeya Maharshi] Of the Twelfth Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and the Greatest Mythology Known as Sreemadh Bhaagawatham.

Om Shree Krishnaaya Param Brahmane Namah!
Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!
Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!
Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!