

## Glories of Lord Varadaraja - Part 6

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Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**Glories of Lord Varadaraja**" wherein we were meditating on the glorious rising of Lord Athi Varadar in Kanchipuram and the pastimes with His dear devotees. Now we shall see try to meditate few more.

Sripada Ramanuja acharya, incarnation of Lord Anantasesh is very dear to Lord Varadaraja. In Kanchipuram he served the Lord by drawing water from the temple well and carrying it to the altar. Lord Anantasesh is glorifying the Lord for millions of years using His millions of hoods. But since Lord is unlimited, His glories are also unlimited. So when He descended in this world as Ramanuja acharya - He continued this eternal service in this world as well.

He used to very nicely glorify the Lord everyday . When he begins to speak Krishna-katha, not only did the people who were listening to the katha were immersed in pools of ecstasy, but Lord Varadaraja was also very very pleased. Once unable to remain within the altar (sanctum sanctorum) the Deity of Lord Varadaraja began to come out towards the outside hall where Ramanujar was doing Krishna-katha. The two Deities of Jaya and Vijaya at the entrance stopped the Lord and asked Him what He was upto? Lord Varadar replied that He loved to see and hear what Sripada Ramanujar was speaking and so He had come out. Jaya and Vijaya said, "If the devotees listening to the katha, notice that Deity is coming out, then all their attention would be turned to You and there will be interruption in Krishna katha spoken by Ramanujar. Do You want it that way?" Lord Varadar responded, "No, no. I don't want Ramanujar's speech to be interrupted. So let Me go back to the altar and hear from there."

This pastime also reminds us of how Lord Krishna, Lord Balaram and Subhadra Ma also became ecstatic when they happened to hear the childhood pastimes of Krishna from Rohini and Yashoda and they manifested the forms of Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev and Subhadra. Our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami very often quotes this shloka from shastras

*naaham tishtaami vaikunthe / yoginaam hridayeshu vaa  
tatra tishthaami naarada / yatra gaayanti mad-bhaktaah*

**"My dear Narada, actually I do not reside in My abode, Vaikuntha, nor do I reside within the hearts of the yogis, but I reside in that place where My pure devotees chant My holy name and discuss My form, pastimes and qualities."**

Lord is Bhagavata priya and the above pastime shows His transcendental love for pure Bhagavatas. He is fond of both the book Bhagavatam as well as person Bhagavatam. And He is always present whenever and wherever devotees meet and glorify Him. May we always engage ourselves in Krishna katha so that Lord loves to stay in our hearts and life always.

Krishna willing we shall continue to meditate more on Lord Varadaraja's glories in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much,

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

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