

Advent of Lord Krishna

Distress on Earth (Narrator):

Once Mother Earth, known as Bhumi, assumed the form of a cow
She went to see Lord Brahma with tears in her eyes to tell
Of the burden on the earth from the unnecessary defense force
Of kings who were really demons but were posing as the rulers
Hearing of the distressed condition on the Earth
Lord Brahma started at once for the ocean of milk
Bhumi and all the demigods accompanied him
And they prayed for Lord Vishnu to save them
Within the heart of Brahma, Lord Vishnu gave His reply
Brahma then told the demigods so they would all comply
And the message was that very soon, Lord Krishna would appear
To execute His mission upon the planet Earth
The demigods and their wives should immediately take birth
In the dynasty of Yadu wherein the Lord would come
And they should all remain there to assist Him

Vasudeva's Promise (Narrator):

Once upon a time, Vasudeva, just after marrying Devaki
Was going home on his chariot along with her father's dowry
Kamsa, her brother, was driving and as they were passing through
A voice from the sky said, "Kamsa, you fool, your sister's eighth child will kill you!"
Kamsa grabbed Devaki's hair and raised his sword to kill her
But Vasudeva began to speak, astonished by Kamsa's behavior:

(Vasudeva):

My dear brother-in-law, Kamsa
You are the greatest warrior. How is it you are so infuriated
You're prepared to kill your sister on this auspicious day; why should you be so afraid?
Why should you be so afraid of death? Your death is born along with your birth
At death, this body is annihilated, See the plantworms change from twig to twig
Carefully, so we accept our next body
These bodies are like we see in a dream. When awake, we forget just who we've been
We've also forgotten our bodies of the past
And by our mental condition at death, accordingly we take our birth
The luminous planets like the moon and stars show their reflections on reservoirs
The moving water makes the moon seem to move
So we think: with these bodies we have some connection, but this is due to illusion
On account of illusion, we think we belong to a certain place or to the human form

Such mental concoction and desire are the cause of a body we don't require
Therefore, I beg you not to listen to your body and mind's dictation
Kamsa, please consider: you have no danger from your sister
If there are sons in the future, I promise I shall present them to you

The Danger (Narrator):

In time, Devaki and Vasudeva gave birth to eight sons and a daughter
Vasudeva took the first-born son and brought him before King Kamsa
Kamsa was pleased that the promise was kept and began to speak as follows:

(Kamsa):

My dear Vasudeva, you need not present this child to me
The danger is to come from the 8th-born son of Devaki
Why should I accept this child unnecessarily? You can take him back

Narada's Warning (Narrator):

Narada Muni was anxious to accelerate Lord Krishna's descent
Narada Muni came to Kamsa, the king and spoke this warning:

(Narada):

Kamsa, beware! The demigods are taking birth
In the families of cowherd men and their wives
And on the other side, Vasudeva and others born in the family of Vrishni
In the Yadu dynasty, all are preparing for the appearance of the Lord
Kamsa, beware the demigods are taking birth
They have come to assist Lord Vishnu. Kamsa become alert
The demigods are taking birth; Kamsa, become alert; Lord Vishnu will be coming soon!

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(Krishna):

Vasudeva and Devaki are prison-bound by Kamsa
Lying in Devaki's womb is My expansion, Sesa
Yogamaya, transfer Sesa to the womb of Rohini
Then I shall become the son of Vasudeva and Devaki
In Vrindavan, you take birth from Nanda and Yasoda
As their daughter, you'll be known as Durga and Ambika

(Narrator):

The Lord of the whole creation, Krishna, entered within the mind of Vasudeva
Then like rays of the setting sun are transferred to the rising moon
So Lord Krishna's form of eternity was transferred to the mind of Devaki
From the mind of Vasudeva within the prison of King Kamsa
Seeing the beauty of his sister, Kamsa knew who had come within her

(Kamsa):

What can be done with Devaki? Krishna is in her womb

Seeing her wonderful beauty, surely Lord Vishnu has come!

If I kill Devaki now, I would lose my reputation

And if Krishna is to kill me, no one can stop His mission

I will await the inevitable future, then kill the baby when He is delivered

Prayers by the Demigods

Dear Mother Devaki, within your womb the Supreme Personality of Godhead has come
Krishna will appear with Balarama; Do not be afraid of your brother, King Kamsa

Lord Krishna is true to His vow, and He comes within this material world
So that the pious will be protected and the demons will be destroyed
Before creation Krishna was existing, and within Him everything is resting
After creation Krishna will remain; so He is the truth for all of time

Our dear Lord, You are personally here to show Your actual form
And one can meditate upon Your lotus feet at any time
Your feet are the boat to cross the ocean of material existence
And devotees find that ocean reduced to the water in a calf's hoofprint
So they simply cross over immediately, and the boat of Your feet
Is never taken away from this side of that ocean

Your transcendental form and Your holy name
Your pastimes and qualities; all are the same
This absolute nature that is Yours can only be known to one who serves
With love and devotion. Oh dear Lord, such a soul returns to the spiritual world

You are always unborn; we find no reason for You to descend
Demons can be killed by material nature, so it must be of Your own sweet pleasure
You come and meet with Your loving devotees. Oh Lord, please protect us throughout our lives

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Do not be afraid of your brother, King Kamsa

Signs of Good Fortune (Narrator):

When the time was mature for the Lord to appear, signs of good fortune were everywhere
The stars and planets above the earth; all were adjusted for Krishna's birth
The rivers were running full of water. Lakes were filled with lotus flowers
Within the forest, birds were singing. Peacocks danced, and the wind was pleasing
Brahmanas lit the sacred fires, and their minds were joyful to hear
Loud vibrations of transcendental sound proclaiming Lord Krishna would soon appear
The time was mature for the Lord to appear, and signs of good fortune were everywhere

Prayers of Vasudeva

See the wonderful child born as a baby with four hands
Holding the signs of Lord Vishnu, the Supreme Personality of Godhead
He is dressed in yellow silk, wearing jewels and ornaments
In my mind I will have a celebration
And give many thousands of cows to the brahmanas
See His eyes are lotus-like, and His hair is fully-grown
He is dazzling like a bright, blackish cloud. He is very wonderful!

Prayers of Devaki

My dear Lord, You have millions of eternal forms of incarnation
And they all exist outside of this material creation
After this creation ends, You will remain
With Your transcendental pastimes and Your holy name

Everyone is under the control of time
By time you are directing whatever we do
So I offer my respectful obeisances
For You are the Supreme Lord, Vishnu

O my Lord, please save me from the cruel hands of Kamsa; I pray to You to rescue me
I'm in a most fearful condition, and You are always ready to give Your servitor protection

All the souls who live within this temporary world
Are continually fleeing from one body to another
But their ongoing fear of death will cease
When they come to rest under Your shelter

Please, save me from the cruel hands of Kamsa; I pray to You to rescue me
I'm in a most fearful condition, and You are always ready to give Your servitor protection

You hold the symbols of Lord Vishnu, but please conceal this four-armed form
Just assume the form of an ordinary child, for Kamsa may harm you if he knows You are born
All this universe will some day enter into You, yet You came in my womb by Your mercy
I'm surprised You'd imitate an ordinary man just to please me

My dearest Lord, please save me from the cruel hands of Kamsa; rescue me somehow
My only fear is Kamsa may harm You, so please protect me now
Please protect me now