

Story of Bhrigupada





Once, long ago, on the shore of the river Sarasvati, a discussion arose among a group of sages as to which of the three chief lords - Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva - is the greatest

They deputed Bhrigu Muni to investigate the matter

I will test the lords' tolerance,
for that quality is a sure sign of
greatness

First he entered the court of Lord Brahma, his father, without offering him any respect...

Oh! He is so disrespectful



...this enraged Brahma, who suppressed his anger because Bhrigu was his son



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Then he walked off



Let me leave this place immediately. He is very angry because I did not offer him obeisances

Next Bhrigu went to Lord Shiva, his older brother, who rose from his seat to embrace him

Oh! I am so happy to see you. My younger brother let me embrace you

No! No!! You are deviant heretic



Because Bhrigu rejected the embrace, lord Shiva became very angry



Just as Shiva was about to kill Bhrigu with his trident, Goddess Parvati intercepted and pacified her husband. Meanwhile Bhrigu left kailash



He is your younger brother,
please forgive him

Next Bhrigu went to Vaikuntha to test Lord Narayan. Going up to the Lord, who was lying with His head on the lap of the goddess of fortune, Bhrigu kicked His chest



But instead of becoming angry, both the Lord and His consort stood up and offered Bhrgu respects



Welcome. Please sit down and rest awhile. Kindly forgive us, dear master, for not noticing your arrival



Your leg might have been badly hurt because my chest is too hard, please forgive me

Bhrgu went back to the assembly of sages and told them all that had happened....

...hence my answer to your question is that Lord Vishnu is the Supreme

Lord Vishnu ki jay

PURPORT:

Bhrigu Muni tested the tolerance of the Lord by purposely kicking His chest, but instead of being angry at Bhrigu Muni the Lord begged his pardon, saying that Bhrigu Muni's leg might have been badly hurt because His chest is too hard. The Lord has the sign of the foot of bhrigupada as the mark of tolerance