

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita

Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri
Gurubhyo Namah ||

Chapter 14

**O Lotus-eyed, O Meritorious
Master, O thread of all worlds**

O Pure hearted, O Merciful to your
devotees, O Friend of the Poor,

O Veda-Praising worthy man, O
always pervasive one,

Silencing angry tiger, O good one
protect us.

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita

Chapter 14

Your holy body has been bathed in a crucible in which the merits of all intense seekers are placed. If I tell that Your birth on the earth, you have taken it to show your leela.. Your company even for a second destroys the bondage of birth and death. When I try to describe such Sadguru, my intellect ceases to continue further because there is none equal to You in three worlds. 'One gets the fruit of pilgrimage done in the holy places after sometime, but the fruit of Your darshan will be gained then and there', says Shruti. If You remain in the formless form, who is there to uplift the devotees? Therefore you have incarnated in the human form. Such story is auspicious in all the three worlds. Your story comes forth in order to give solace and comfort to the devotees. You protect Your *bhaktas* when they are in trouble. In return they serve You with love and affection. As a result they get purified their mind and become *adhikaris* for knowledge. You have also found remedy to cross the relative world even for the wicked, showing mercy to them. O Merciful Master, now You Yourself narrate Your story.

There is a town named Kumata situated on the sea shore. There lived a couple, named Harihara and Saraswati. They were struggling on amidst rough and tumble of mundane existence though they were great devotees. The couple used to pray to Lord Krishna and worship Shripati everyday. So they attained purity of mind. Gradually they showed no interest in the worldly affairs. They became detached from worldly things. Once, they heard the news of

Siddharudha of Hubballi Whom the people worshiped Him as incarnate Shiva. They decided to reach

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita

Hubballi soon. Facing so many difficulties on the way, they came on foot to the Siddhashrama. They were very much pleased to see Siddharudha and they fell at the Lotus like feet of Siddharudha. The merciful Siddharudha asked them where they came from and what they wanted. Hearing the soft words, Harihara said, 'O Kind Sadguru, we have rushed here to have Your darshan. We've suffered a lot in *Samsara* (mundane existence) and we found no one to cross us from it. Therefore, we've surrendered to You. O Sadgurunatha, You Yourself save us and cross us.' Siddharudha told them not to worry about anything and he would be there to help them. Since then, they began to live in the ashrama. Having abandoned the body conscious ('I am the body' idea), they served Guru. They used

to listen to Vedanta daily. They lived on the alms to satisfy their hunger. Having seen their wonderful devotion towards the Guru, the people would say to them, 'You are really blessed. You've gained the Grace of Siddharudha'. Thus, they lived for about a year. Then, they had to go back to Kumata on some unavoidable work. They were upset at the idea of separating from Sadguru. The tears rolled down their cheeks. Both came near Sadguru and said to Him, 'O Merciful, please call us back as early as possible'. Hearing their humble request, Sadguru said to them, 'Don't worry. If you meditate upon the Guru you won't face any difficulties on the way. I'll be there with you. Believe it firmly in your heart. Doing japa day and night, move forward'. Saluting the Sadguru, the couple set off. While on their way they recited the *Naam* of Sadguru and often described the stories of Siddharudha. They had to cross through a thick forest. There were tall trees on either side of the road. They could hear the cries of wild animals and birds. As there were huge trees it was full of dark. There was hardly light on the road. The couple was going on by singing the praises of Sadguru and they were fearless. While they were going, Harihara was left behind for some reason. While she was a few meters ahead of her husband,

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita

suddenly a tiger appeared on her way. She was greatly terrified. It was looking at her, but Saraswati had no body conscious. Once she looked ahead of her and remained neutral. Suddenly the tiger roared. The roar echoed all over the forest. Hearing this she began to shiver and she remembered her Sadguru. The tiger came jumping near her. When the tiger was about to jump on her, she prayed to Sadguru, 'Siddharudha, come running and save me' Siddharudha appeared suddenly. Keeping His hand on her shoulder, Siddha told not to be afraid of. Raising His palm, He ordered tiger to stop. Seeing the divine nature of Sadguru, the tiger fell on the ground unconsciously all of a sudden. In the mean while, Harihara came there and saw Siddharudha. He said to Him, 'O Brother of the poor, Siddharaya, You've protected us when we are in great danger'. His wife was greatly terrified as any person would be. When she was about to fall down unconsciously, Siddharudha gave her support by holding her shoulder. The couple shed the tears and said to Him, 'O Merciful Siddharudha, You came to our rescue. We had left You in Hubballi how did You get here from that long distance? O Kind Siddharudha, You came running to save us from danger'. Hearing the words of the couple, Siddharudha said to them, 'I'd promised you that I'd be always with the devotees like you. Those who remember Me with love and affection, I'm always ready to protect them, don't worry about anything'. The tiger soon revived and started coming towards them. Seeing it, the terrified couple stood behind Siddharudha. He patted on the tiger's back as it came forward. Suddenly it fell at the feet

of Siddharudha. He then whispered something into the ear of the tiger and it went into the forest. He reassured the couple and after taking a few steps with them, He disappeared. The couple moved on and reached Kumata. They attended to their work and later they again left for Hubballi. When they came to the spot where they had met the tiger, the tiger was there again. But this time it behaved well and fell at

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita

their feet. It soon disappeared into the forest. Then the couple reached Hubballi and sang the praises of Siddharudha. Harihar and Saraswati told the devotees what had happened in the forest. Since then the couple began to live happily at Lotus-like feet of Siddharudha.

O listeners, you have heard the full story which is the holiest in the world. The story of incarnates like Siddharudha is always in agreement with spiritual thought (*adhyatma-vichara*). They pay their attention to both the Manifested (*Saguna brahma*) and Unmanifested (*nirguna brahma*) but they give equal importance to both. The moment you hear the

saguna charita (the story of saguna with form), your mind will get purified but the story of unmanifested (*nirguna charita*) must be told for the intense seekers (mumukshus). Therefore you should pay your attention to the hidden meaning of *nirguna charita*. If you hear such real meaning, knowledge of self manifests in the inner heart. Here dispassion and purified mind themselves are the couple. As per the order of Sadguru both the husband and the wife go into the forest of bondage. While they are going happily the tiger as anger comes there to swallow peace (wife). Peace (wife) begins to remember her Sadguru. Suddenly Sadguru appeared in the internal heart and in a moment the anger becomes calm. In this way protecting them Sadguru releases them to the eternal bliss. One, who attains the knowledge of self, is never perturbed in the ocean of bondage. All the *brahmanandas* live in the heart of Sadguru, Who is the God of Gods. He is a charioteer to Ishwara. Ishwara captivates all the animals but Sadguru sets all the animals free who surrender to him. Shesha (king of serpents) cannot describe the name and fame of Sadguru. Hence how can I describe Him? O listeners, in the next chapter, listen to the wonderful story patiently. Mere hearing the story enables the seeker to cross the ocean of mundane existence. Here Shivadas dedicates the fourteenth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

nn

Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita