

Varadharaja Of Kondaji



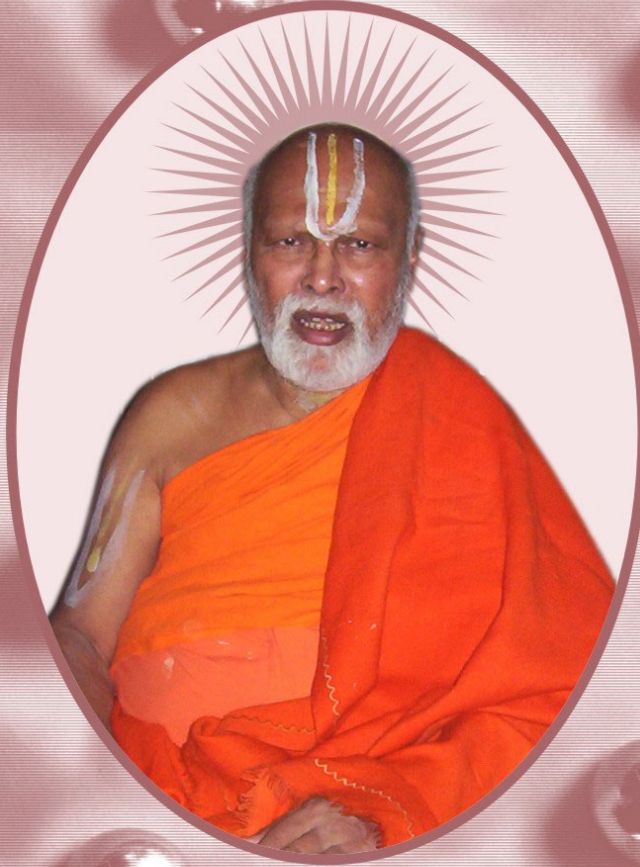
Sridhara of Javagal



Keshava of C R Patna

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and keshava of chanarayapatna*

Sri Rangapriya Swamigal Tiruvadigale Sharanam



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Asmath Acharyan's



Pearls of Wisdom



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Significance of Balipadyami

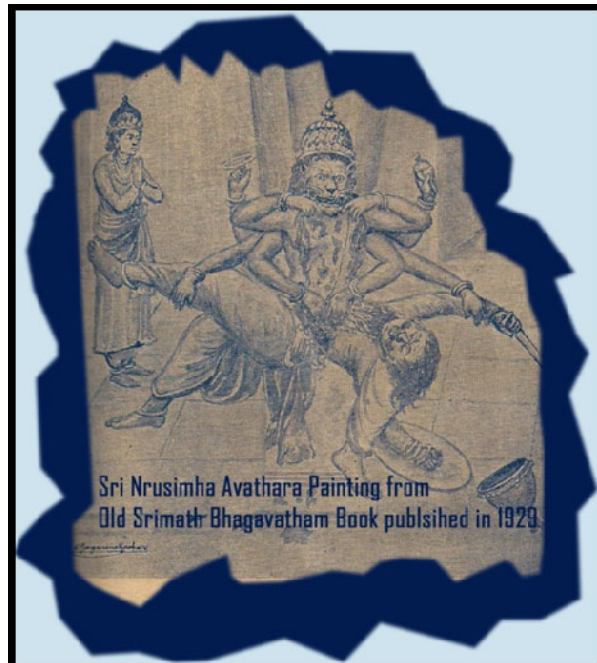
Today let me narrate about the Great King Bali Chakravarthy. This is the 10th pearl in our pearls string, I am sure I will be able to join 108 pearls in this string. This is the Samarpanam in "Pearls of Wisdom". This Episode was recorded on 19th October 2009. Here in Melnadu (Karnataka). People celebrate it the next day



after Deepavali as Balipadyami. It is celebrated in honour of King Bali Chakravarthy. Since today is a Public Holiday, my wife Geetha also Joined me to Visit Asmath Acharyan's Ashram. We landed during Ardhanai time and Swami did the Aradhani then gave us all theertha Prasadam. Then Swami gave a short discourse.

Today's subject was King Bali who was the Grandson of Bhaktha Prahaladha. Swami told Bali was the Chakravarthi of all three lokas. He annexed all rajyas and he was truly a Chakravarthy. Then Swami asked us do we know the other names of Bali Chakravarthy, we could not reply, so Swamy

continued and told He was also known as Balindra, and his parents named him as Indrasena Maharaja. Then asked a child sitting there was the name of the Maharaja, and immediately replied that his name was Indrasena Maharaja. Swami name Indrasena is mentioned Srimath Bhagavatham. Since powerful he got the name Bali. maha bhagwath bhaktha, big mahathma, big dhanasura, nishta, he was a Agraganya in bhakthi, In parakarma there one equal to or greater than Then once again Swami asked



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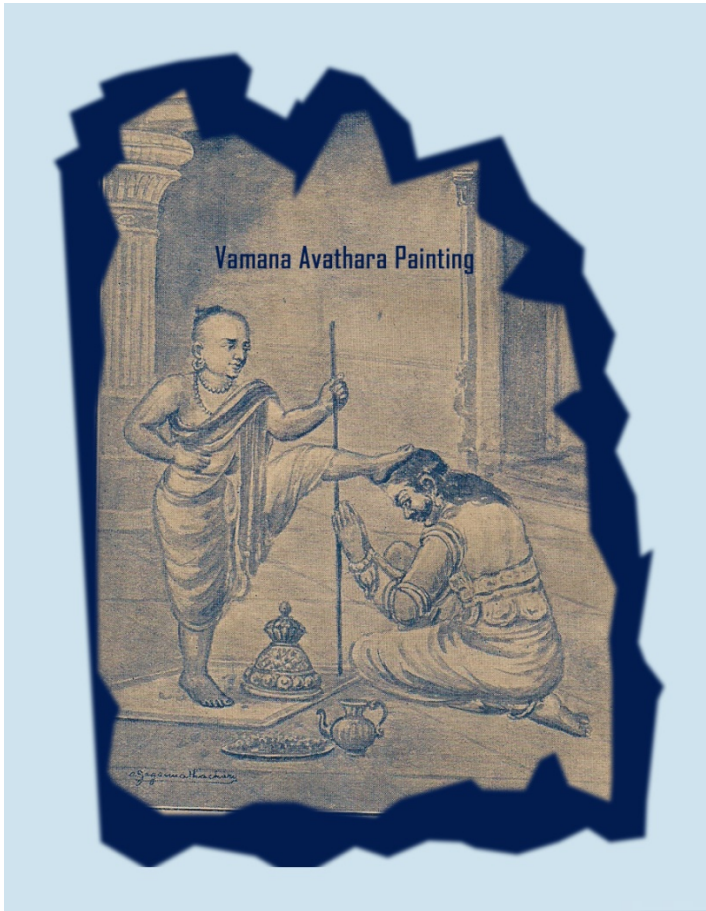
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small child about whom he was describing and for that the child replied Bali, Swami told that we should call him Balindra or Bali Chakravarthi to pay due respect. Swami told Bali Padyami is celebrated in his honour in Karnataka. Then he asked how we will celebrate

Balipadyami?. Swamy said for worshipping GOD we keep his Vighraha and worship.

Disciples told we will keep the cow dung and then in it pumpkin flowers (similar to people doing it in Tamil Nadu during Dhanur masa) and call it Bali Kote. Then Swami continued that in cow dung (sagani in Kannada, sanni in Tamil, penta in Telugu and gomedha in Sanskrit) they will do Avahana of Bali Chakravarthi in gomedha and say daya mads beko, daya mads beko, (That is greeting in Kannada) do upachara and then do the puja. They greet him by saying Honu Honu since he is a Chakravarthy, Swami asked do you know what Honu means, it



means chinna, I know you will ask me to break the suspense, it means gold, When Chakravarthi is coming he will walk in gold and walk majestically. Then he will sit, then we greet him and say Maharaja when you were ruling it was very nice , but now we are ok not so good, then he will see and go back happily to his

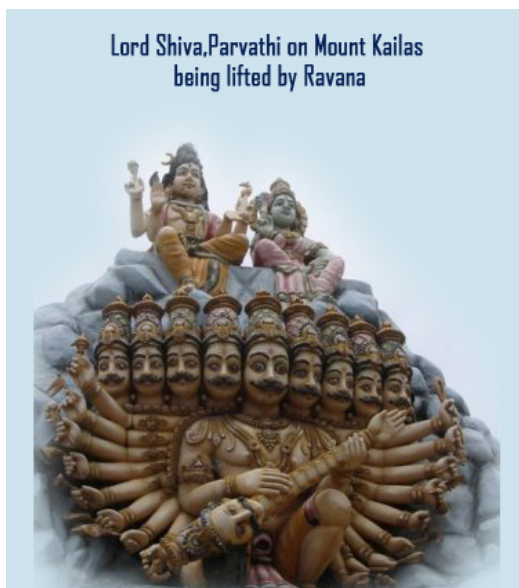




Bale Rudvari Gadhapanihi

pathala loka. Then Swami asked in thretha yuga who was maha parakrami and who was slain by Lord Sri Ramachandra? we all told in chorus that it is Ravana. Then Swami continued , he told Ravana conquered all ashta digbalakas, then he wanted to conquer the pathala loka and win over Bali Chakravarthi. Then without informing anybody and accompanied only by a few trusted lieutenants he went to pathala loka. At the entrance of pathala loka he saw a Maha Purusha whose face was glowing with radiance standing holding gadha in hand; Swami told "Bale Rudvari Gadhapanihi" Seeing him itself the person accompanying Ravana ran away as if fire had fallen on them. With great difficulty Ravana went inside. The Maha Purusha with Gadha told now I will not do anything to you , but in future I will see you. Please go inside the palace, please see the Bali Chakravarthy. You will be welcomed, He will educate you nicely please go

inside. Then as soon as Ravana entered the Palace, Bali Chakravarthy himself greeted him saying "come my child come. Bali called Ravana as Child! Swami explained - Bali Chakravarthy can call him as child because he belonged to Kritha Yuga and and Ravana belonged to Thretha Yuga. Ravana also did not object,

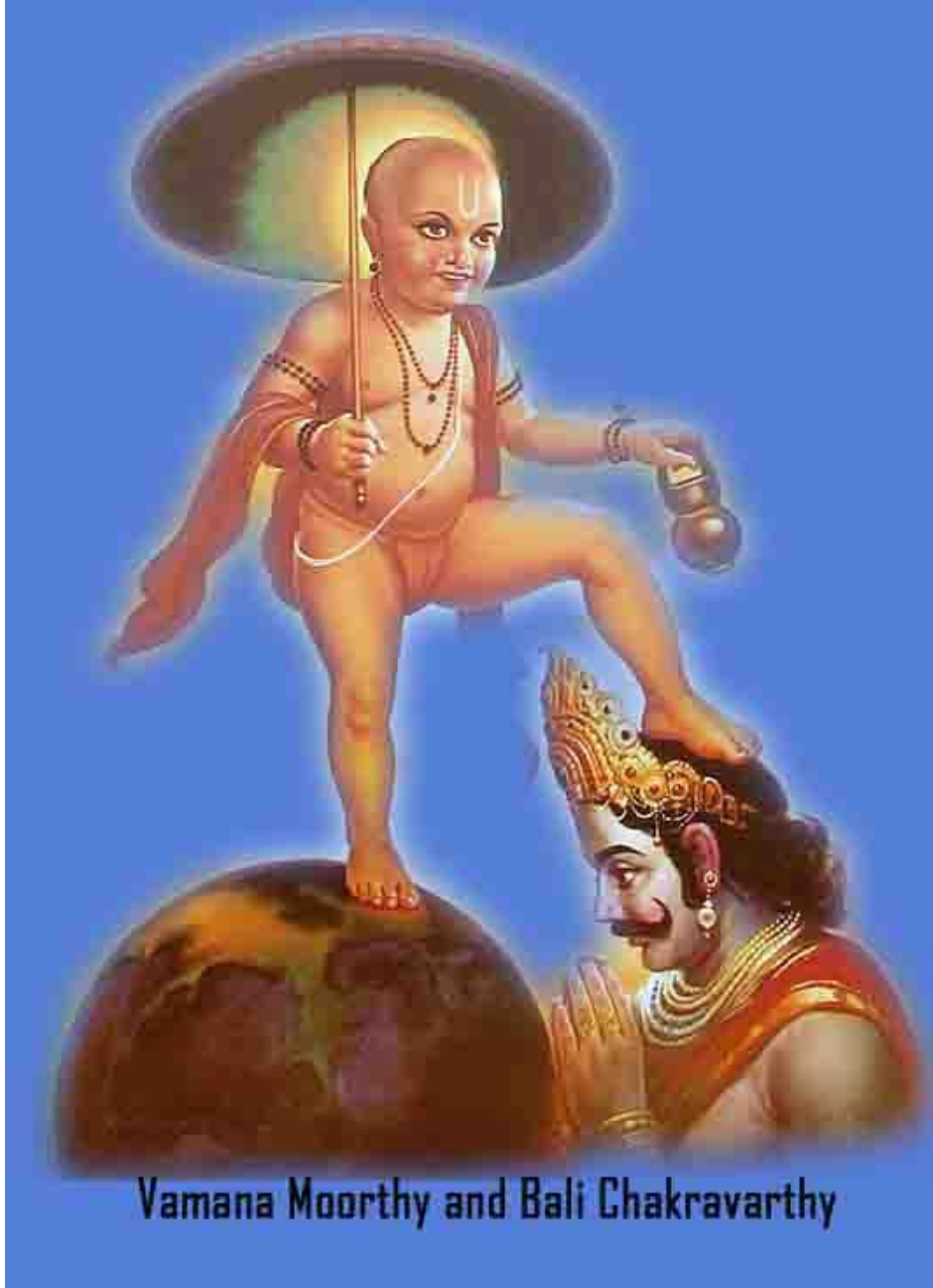


Lord Shiva, Parvathi on Mount Kailas
being lifted by Ravana

Ravana's intention was to do digvijaya on patala loka, but on seeing the Bali Chakravarthy the intention went off. With affection Bali took Ravana and made him sit on his lap. Then he told him to look at a glittering thing and asked him to fetch it, Ravana went to fetch it, Ravana was in similar situation when he went to lift Kailasha Parvatham. Swami Laughingly asked what happened to Ravana when he went to lift Kailasha Parvatham?, then he himself gave the answer that Ravana had "KAI LOSS" (He

nearly lost his hand)!! Then swami told Ravana was given first aid when he nearly lost his hand while lifting Kailasha Parvatham, then he prayed Shiva and got boon.

Swami satirically remarked why Kailasha Parvatham got the name Kailash, it was due to Ravana nearly losing his KAI (KAI LOSS). Swami is truly a very nice teacher and that too a nice Sanskrit teacher [I can imagine how fortunate his students of National College, Bengaluru must have been, to have such a wonderful teacher]. Then after Bali Maharaja extended the athithi sathkara, Ravana slowly asked Bali about what was the thing which was shining and too heavy to lift?. For that Bali casually replied "I had a grandfather Hiranyakashipu and those are



his Kundala which he wore in his ears and you could not lift it. And to top it all the great person who destroyed Hiranyakashipu is standing in the Gate and protecting our patala loka." Ravana was humbled by Bali maharaja and then Bali gave a warm send off to Ravana.

Then in another instance Yudhishtra/Dharmaraja was humbled by Bali Chakravarthy. You all know Yudhishtra is also known as Dharmaraja, as

name stands he is Dharmishta, and also Brahmishta (Means he was a great gyani like Brahma). He was very much attached to Lord Sri Krishna. Once after doing

Rajasuya Yaga a little pride came on Dharmaraja. Then Sri Krishna wanted to bring down his head weight. One day Lord Sri Krishna took him to Pathala loka the Kingdom of Bali Chakravarthi. Bali welcomed both Lord Sri Krishna and also Dharmaraja (he welcomed Dharmaraja because he accompanied Lord Sri Krishna), He did all athithi sathkara, then turning to Sri Krishna he asked Bhagavantha "I



am honoured by your visit, but by the way who is the person whom you have brought here?" Then Sri Krishna asks Bali how is that you dont know him, he is Dharmaraja and he has captured all three loka and has done Rajasuya Yagna and he has done lot of dhana and dharma. In his Kingdom if any yachaka goes no one goes back empty handed. He gives everyone handful of cash or kind, what a great man he is and you dont know him?." Then Bali remarks

"oh! If as you informed, in his Kingdom any Yachaka goes he gives them handful of Yachakam, I think this fellow should be a maha papi (Grave Sinner)!" Then Krishna asked Bali What is this Bali? You are calling him sinner for giving dhana to Yachakas?". Pat came Balis reply - "This fellow has made his citizens lazy by giving them alms and he has spoiled his name in doing so, I have also ruled the Kingdom but there were no Yachakas and kingdom was very prosperous." After hearing this statement Yudishtra's pride came down. Krishna brought back the good sense in Dharmaraja without hurting him. This is the day we celebrate to honour such a great soul. Entire world is lit with deepas. The festival of Light

starts and it ends on Krithika deepausthava, entire month we light lamp starting from Deepavali and on Karthika pournami we celebrate Shiva deepa and Vishnu deepa. Then He told we have worshipped GOD and heard about GOD and let every one be blessed by GOD. Then Prasadam was distributed.

Since we had closed our Medical shop and planned to open it only in the evening, Geetha wanted to take blessings of Swami once again. As a special case we asked the Kainkaryaparas permission and requested to meet Swami in Ekantha. For that permission was granted as special case for 10 mins meeting. Then at 1.30 Swami came back as it was his Vishranthi time, but my Acharya sArva bhouma had granted us time inspite of his advanced age. Then we started with topic with Sathyagalam Function which was going to be held on 1st November. Acharyavallal told he would like to donate some amount for that day's Thadiaradhanai at Sathyagalam. Then after lot of hesitation we asked swami that we don't have children and it is more than 14 years, for that swami told "Perumal will bless you but do one thing, please contact Sri Anantharangan Swami (Sri Karyam Swami of Ashram). He has Santhanagopala Mantra Siddhi. For lot of people he has done upadesha and 99% have been blessed with children." Swami further told "Please



Navaneetha Krishnan of Doddamallur

contact and tell him I have personally told and get the mantra Upadesha, do recite it. Please do smaranai of Lord and he will definitely bless you both." Then as promised last time I asked Swami about the Opening of Lord Yoga

Lakshminarasimha's (Hedathale) eyes. For that Swami told it is a very powerful/yoga moorthy and even

though it is Lakshminarasimha, it is Yoga Moorthy. A Maha Yogi has done the Shakthi Prathistai in that Hedathale moorthy. Swami told "If you do the Upasana

of the Hedathale moorthy, you will attain Siddhi within 6 months where as in other places it will take years together." As an excited person I asked Swami whether I can do the japam of Hedathale Moorthy?. For that swami told that he will tell me at the appropriate time. Then Geetha and I asked about the Moorthy of Lakshminarasimhar at Sathyagalam where we saw that eyes of Sri Lakshmi was looking like real eyes and we felt as if thAyAr was looking straight at us (I know you all will call me and Geetha as mad people!). I told Swami that we narrated this to Writer and Hon' Secretary of Sathyagalam Desikan Temple Sri K R



Varadavallabha / Perun Devi Thayar
of Sathyagalam

Krishnaswami mama. Swami told that may be Mother Goddess Lakshmi is opening her eyes and blessing us! I too feel the same! With Mother's blessings we were able to donate five main kalasams of Sathyagalam Rajagopuram in memory of our great grand Father HH KaTandethi Andavan of Srirangam Srimath Andavan Ashram. (One small incident I would like to narrate, please dont mistake me! Other day I ordered the five main kalasam through my friend Senthil at Kumbakonam. Another Hon Secretary of Sathyagalam Desikan Temple Sri B S Shelvanarayan Mama went to Kumbakonam and went to see the Kalasam, at that time he ordered one for Perumal sannidhi also as someone had given the money for that. Then one for Thayar Sanathi

was pending, Geetha immediately told "Let us bear the cost of Thayar sannidhi kalasam as we had sent excess money for the kalasams and the authorities need not go in search of sponsors of Thayar sannidhi kalasam." We are thankful to Mother Perundevi Thayar also known as Vardhavallabha Thayar for having given us the opportunity to sponsor not only Raja Gopura Kalasam, but also the Kalasam for Her Sannidhi. I know all this is possible due to the Paripoorna Blessings of Asmath Acharyan only. Then I informed the same to Swami and he was very happy. He informed that Sathyagalam Lakshminarasimhan also is very powerful moorthy. Then

Swami blessed us. I am happy to inform you all that Kalasam are ready and by next month end it will reach Sathyagalam. I am also grateful to my cousin Sister Smt Ranganayaki who was Head Mistress of ARR School in Kumbakonam who gifted me the Srimath Bhagavatham Book which was published in 1929 and it was purchased in Singapore by grand Uncle Late Sri Kethandapati Sampath Kumar Chakravarthi (My father's Athai's Husband) who served as Post Master in Singapore in those days, latter settled in Innambur a small village near Kumbakonam and Swamimalai. I have scanned some photograph and done rework and used it in this episode of Pearls of Wisdom and some more will be coming in forthcoming issue.

**Sri Rangapriya Swamigal Thiruvadigale
Sharanam.**

Sri Ranga Smaranam

Lakshminarasimhan Sridhar