

Thus I have today bestowed a boon on you. This is true. This is true. There is no doubt about it. Viṣṇu resides in my heart and I reside in the heart of Viṣṇu.

उभयोरन्तरं यो वै न जानाति मनो मम।

वामाङ्गजो मम हरिर्दक्षिणाङ्गोद्भवो विधिः॥५६॥

I do not feel any difference between the two, because Brahmā has emerged out of my right side and Viṣṇu has emerged from my left side.

महाप्रलयकृद्द्रो विश्वात्मा हृदयोद्भवः।

त्रिधा भिन्नो ह्यहं विष्णो! ब्रह्मविष्णुभवाख्यया॥५७॥

Rudra- the soul of the universe has been born out of my heart. O Viṣṇu, in this way I have been divided into three parts viz., Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Bhava.

सर्गक्षालयकरस्त्रिगुणै रजआदिभिः।

गुणभिन्नः शिवः साक्षात्प्रकृतेः पुरुषात्परः॥५८॥

I create, maintain and destroy with the three *guṇas*, *sattva*, *rajas* and *tamas*. Lord Śiva has three different *guṇas* (i.e. *sattva*, *rajas* and *tamas*) and is beyond *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa*.

परं ब्रह्माद्वयो नित्योऽनन्तः पूर्णो निरञ्जनः।

अन्तस्तमो बहिःसत्त्वस्त्रिजगत्पालको हरिः॥५९॥

अन्तः सत्त्वस्तमोबाह्यस्त्रिजगत्प्रकृद्भ्रः॥६०॥

I am the Supreme Brahman the eternal one, endless, perfect, complete and spotless. Viṣṇu, the protector of the three worlds, has *tamas* inside, but *Sattva* outside. Hara who causes dissolution of three worlds has *sattva* within, but *tamas* outside.

अन्तर्बहिरजश्चैव त्रिजगत्सृष्टिकृद्विधिः।

एवं गुणास्त्रिदेवेषु गुणभिन्नः शिवः स्मृतः॥६१॥

Brahmā on the other hand having *rajoguna* inside as well outside, creates the three worlds. Thus all the three gods have their respective qualities while Śiva is different

from all the *guṇas*.

विष्णो सृष्टिकरं प्रीत्या पालयैनं पितामहम्।

सम्पूज्यस्त्रिषु लोकेषु भविष्यसि मदाज्ञया॥६२॥

O Viṣṇu, you protect Brahmā, the creator of the universe, making all the efforts, quite lovingly. At my command, you will be adorable in all the three worlds.

तव सेव्यो विधेश्चापि रुद्र एव भविष्यति।

शिवपूर्णावतारो हि त्रिजगत्प्रकारकः॥६३॥

Rudra will be worshipped by you as well as Brahmā. The one who destroys the three worlds, is the complete incarnation of Śiva.

पादो भविष्यति सुतः कल्पे तव पितामहः।

तदा द्रक्ष्यसि मां चैव सोऽपि द्रक्ष्यति पद्मजः॥६४॥

In the Padma-kalpa, Pitāmaha will be born as your son. There you will meet me together with the lotus born Brahmā."

एवमुक्त्वा महेशानः कृपां कृत्वाऽतुलां हरः।

पुनः प्रोवाच सुप्रीत्या विष्णुं सर्वेश्वरः प्रभुः॥६५॥

After saying this and showering enormous mercy, Śiva, the Lord of universe, again spoke lovingly to Viṣṇu.

इति श्रीशिवमहापुराणे द्वितीयायां रुद्रसंहितायां प्रथमखण्डे  
सृष्ट्युपाख्याने शिवतत्त्ववर्णनं नाम नवमोऽध्यायः॥१॥

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