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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Opulence of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna - All Strong

- Strength is one of the opulence which many people possess. The dictionary definition of strength means -
  - ❖ Force, power, toughness, durability
  - ❖ The power to resist stress, strain
  - ❖ The power to resist attacks.
- Every body possesses some strength, but our strength is limited. We may be really strong when we are young, but we don't have the same strength when we grow old.
- We have many examples in history about people who possessed great strength but with the passing of time we have seen that their strength has been slacken and even lost in many cases. For e.g. Alexander the great, Napoleon Bornaparte, Hitler etc.
- But in case of Krishna The Supreme Personality of Godhead is always all strong in all time, place and circumstances.
- Krishna may look like a simple cowherd boy, yet He performs many wonderful pastimes, which shows how strong He is. Sometimes He comes to earth to protect His devotees and kill demons.
- In the Bhagavad Gita, 10.36 He says :
 

*'smi sattvaà sattvavatäm aham*  
*asmi—I am; sattvam—the strength; sattva-vatäm—of the strong; aham—I am.*  
*Translation: I am the strength of the strong.*



### KRISHNA --- ALL STRONG

- When Krishna was one week old, He killed a witch called Putana.
- On His first birthday, He killed a cart-demon, Shakatasura.
- He killed many demons like the wind demon, Trinavarta and a huge bird demon named Bakasura. There was a fat serpent demon called Aghasura who tried to swallow the cowherd boys, of course Krishna killed him, too.
- Pastime of lifting of Govardhan Hill.



Once there was a terrible storm in Vrindavan. It became very dark. Heavy rain was pouring from the sky.



It seemed as if the whole of Vrindavan was being drowned. The cowherd men and women all called out to Krishna for protection.



Although He was only seven years old, Krishna performed an amazing pastime by lifting huge Govardhan Hill on the little finger of His left hand as easily as a child lifts a mushroom.



Krishna said, "My dear devotees, I lifted this hill which will protect you exactly like a huge umbrella. Be happy here along with your animals."



Krishna stood in this way for seven days and seven nights."

5. Once Krishna's wicked uncle, Kamsa, had arranged a sacrifice called Dhanur Yagna.
6. He had placed a huge bow near the sacrificial arena. Krishna lifted the bow and very easily broke it into two pieces.
7. Later He killed the powerful elephant named Kuvalayapida.
8. Kamsa had two powerful wrestlers, Chanura and Mustika. Krishna defeated them too.
9. In the end Krishna dragged Kamsa from His seat and threw him in the wrestling arena.
10. Then Krishna beat Kamsa, repeatedly, on his chest, until he died.
11. In this way Krishna showed His supreme strength even as a small child.
12. Besides this, Krishna is holding the Sun, Moon, stars and all the planets of the Universe. Indeed we cannot understand how strong Krishna is!

Therefore, Krishna is the source of all strength. He has the most superior physical strength of any being and it is eternal with no barriers in regard to age, time, place and circumstances.

We should always remember that the strength we possess is a gift from Krishna to us hence we should not be proud or misuse this gift.

