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Lord Krishna Destroys the Demon Vyomasura

Value: Good Association and Honesty



☉ Late one morning, Krishna went to play with His cowherd boyfriends on the top of Govardhan Hill. They were pretending to be thieves and policemen. Some of the boys became police constables, some became thieves, and some took the role of little lambs. While they were enjoying their fun pastimes, a demon known as Vyomasura, "the demon who flies in the sky," appeared on the scene. He was the son of another great demon named Maya. These demons could perform wonderful magic.

☉ 2. Vyomasura took the

part of a cowherd boy playing as a thief and stole many boys who were playing the parts of lambs. One after another, he took away almost all the boys and put them in the caves of the mountains and sealed the mouths of the caves with stones.

- ☉ Krishna could understand the trick the demon was plying. He caught hold of Vyomasura just like a lion catches hold of a lamb. The demon tried to expand himself like a hill to escape arrest, but Krishna wouldn't let him get away. He was immediately thrown on the ground with great force and killed.
- ☉ After killing the Vyoma demon. Lord Krishna released all His friends from the caves of the mountain. He was then praised by His friends and by the demigods for these wonderful acts. He returned to Vrindavan with His cows and friends.
- ☉ The Vyomasura demon represents the need for us to stay away from thieves and cheaters.
- ☉ Our behavior and our spiritual life are influenced very much by the company we keep. If we are good friends with people who are not of good character we will pick up some of their bad habits. And if we spend time with nice saintly people, we will develop their good qualities.
- ☉ Stealing and cheating are two more undesirable qualities we must rid ourselves of if we want to become pure. Stealing is a form of dishonesty. Krishna owns everything and whatever we have is given to us by Krishna. We should only take what is our share. He will provide whatever we need; it is not necessary to steal. It is said that we should view another's belongings as garbage in the street.
- ☉ In our own behavior we must not cheat others. Our dealings with everyone, friend or enemy, should be truthful and straightforward. We must also be careful not to be cheated ourselves.
- ☉ **How can Krishna help?**
 - a. When times are difficult, take shelter of the Lord by chanting His holy name.
 - b. Offer your food to Krishna. By doing this we please Him and we remind ourselves that He gave us everything. Whatever we have should be offered to Krishna for His enjoyment.
 - c. Follow Krishna's instruction in Bhagavad Gita. If you know His teaching, you won't be misled by a cheater.

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