

TEN INCARNATIONS OF BISHNU

In Hindu religion, the scientific chronology of earth's evolution is explained through Bishnu's ten incarnations. In Hindu religion, Bishnu is synonym with Paramatma i.e. *Ishwara*. Every living being has a soul i.e. *Atma*, which is part of *Param-atma*.

How *Bishnu* (i.e. *Ishwara*) has made evolution from nothing to today's human form is explained by the history of ten incarnations of *Bishnu* i.e. ten various states of soul (Atma). Ten incarnations of *Bishnu* are *Matsya* (Fish), *Kurma* (Tortoise), *Baraha* (Boar) *Nara Singha* (Half man half lion), *Baman* (Dwarf), *Parasuram*, *Ram*, *Sri Krishna*, *Bhagaban Buddha* and *Kalki*.

Long long ago, through the will of *Ishwara* a portion of the hot gaseous material escaped from Sun and started rotating around Sun. On being cooled, it consolidated into planet Earth. At the early stage, earth was full of water and first life came to planet Earth as fish (i.e. *Matsya*). Paleozoic Silurian-Devonian time period of earth's evolution is known as Fish period of Earth's evolution. During that time *Veda* dealt with the art of procreation. Fish was the first incarnation of *Bishnu*.

The next period of earth's evolution was the Carboniferous epoch of Paleozoic era, i.e. the time when life was amphibious. Here animals learned to live by taking oxygen directly from air. The second incarnation of *Bishnu* was in the form of Tortoise i.e. an animal, which can live in both water and land.

The third incarnation of Bishnu was in the form of Boar (*Baraha*). Here the character of the animal-though it lives on land but feels comfortable in slash and mud. It learnt to give birth on earth and was a mammal. By nature it used its teeth to find food from beneath the earth's surface. (It is Eocene -Paleocene epoch in the tertiary period of earth's evolutionary process).

The fourth incarnation of *Bishnu* was *Nrishingha* i.e. half man and half animal. For example Chimpanzee, Orang Otang, Gorilla etc. were part human and part animal. Stories tell that *Nrishingha* vanquished the harmful

Hiranyakashipu through use of his teeth and nail. In evolution, food for human consumption were continuously destroyed by insects. The human were living on forest and their main staple food was banana. Banana plantations were being destroyed by a type of insect. Here the half man half animal *Nrishingha* developed a technique to save banana plantation from the insect by the use of teeth and nail and saved the food for human consumption. Till date these banana insects are enemies of Orang Otang, Bebum etc. Thus banana took a special place in Hindu religious functions as it always remained very important food for human survival. This was the Oligocene-Miocene epoch of Cenozoic era of earth's evolution process.

The fifth incarnation of *Bishnu* was known as *Baman* i.e. Dwarf (Homogan. It is in Neogene period and Miocene division of evolution). In this form man was standing on two legs but took help of hands to move and in height it was almost half the size of today's man. It is known as *Baman* (Dwarf) Avtar of *Bishnu*.

The sixth incarnation of *Bishnu* was the full form of man i.e. *Parashuram*. He took the help of axe for his survival. He is not surviving on physical strength alone but by intellectually devised means of survival. He learnt the use of axe in producing food through methods of agriculture. He also learnt the use of fire. That is why in old religious literature he is called *Agnihotri* i.e. one who learnt to control the use of fire (Agni). *Parashuram* killed *Kartabijarjuna* (known as *kshatria* tree) and made the *Kshatria's* rootless twenty-one times and put his axe on the mother's chest to justify his duty. *Kartabijarjun* is a hard wood huge tree with thousand branches. *Parashuram* discovered axe and using axe and cleaned the forest of *Kartabijarjun* trees twenty-one times. He developed the technique of using axe to clean forest and to make land suitable for agriculture. This is the inner story of uprooting the *Khatrias* for twenty-one times. He used his axe to cut the mother earth's chest to make hard land into small dust so that he could use it for agriculture. From his time human existence saw agriculture based human civilization and *Parasuram* became invincible through use of new weapons i.e. his axe. *Parashuram* as the harbinger of agricultural revolution was respected as the sixth incarnation of *Bishnu*. *Parashuram* was in the Pleistocene epoch of quaternary period of earth's

evolution, i.e. the time period when primitive method of agriculture only was known to man.

The seventh incarnation of *Bishnu* was *Ram*. He used Bow and Arrow and could attack from a distance. His Bow and Arrow proved more effective than Axe in ensuring safety against ferocious animal and enemy. *Ram's* Bow and Arrow proved superior to *Parasuram's* Axe. From the time of *Lord Ram*, actual human civilization on the basis of kingdom started. He introduced the importance of public opinion in making the state laws. *Ram* not only introduced democracy but he also saved *Ahalya* i.e. using plough to make agriculture in fallow land. *Ram* is also called '*Sitapati*' i.e. lord of *Sita*. *Sita* in Sanskrit language means '*Plough head*'. He introduced plough and plough head in the use of agriculture. He used his knowledge for vast improvement in agriculture and it resulted in economic upliftment of common man. He was from Holocene epoch of Cenozoic era of earth's evolution.

The eighth incarnation was *Lord Krishna*. He was a perfect human being from all sides. He propagated the utility of knowledge in science, philosophy and ethical values. He set the standards of good and evil. He introduced modern thinking in political theory where all human can live in peace and with dignity.

The ninth incarnation of *Bishnu* was *Lord Buddha – Siddhartha Gautam* or *Buddhadev*. He gave the world the sweetest three words '*Ahimsa Parama Dharma*' i.e. nonviolence is a greatest virtue.

The tenth incarnation of *Bishnu* is yet to come. His name is destined to be '*Kalki*' which mean one who will eradicate the sufferings of common mass by use of thermo-nuclear means.