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'Yadhavadh budhyam', the great grantha, was recited by Swamy Nigamantha Maha Desikan and it contains 24 sargas (*parts*) and 2641 slokas. This work is based on Ramayana, Mahabharatha and Bhagavatham.

A fundamental requirement of an epic is that it should contain a minimum of 18 sargas. This grantha contains 24 sargas and the slokas mainly based on Bhagavatham; hence known as 'Yadavadh budhyam'. '*Vande Brinda Vana Charam*' – here the word 'brinda' mean 'to protect bhagavathas'.

The Brindavan area is also known as 'Sugandha vanam' or 'a forest area emanating pleasant fragrance'. The reason for such fragrance is due to presence of Veda; and the presence of Bhagwan Krishna in that area – 'Brindavanam'. It is well known that the breath of Perumal is Vedhas. Hence the area emanates full of Vedic fragrance or Sugandha vanam.

The Brindavan or Sugandhavan is near Mathura in North India. Swamy Nigamantha Desikan says, "*Mathura Bhagyam Ananya Bhogy Meede*" which mean that Mathura is a very fortunate town due to presence of Bhagwan Krishna. Because of Krishna's avathar or birth the town Mathura is considered fortunate.

Srirangam is considered a divya kshethram due to the presence of Bhagwan Ranganatha. This place gets its sanctity as the Lord of Vaikuntham Himself resides here. We are very fortunate to live here at Srirangam with our Rangan. This place is also a Brindavan as Bhagwan Krishna lives here! Yes. Our Rangan has two birth stars – 'Rohini' and 'Revathi'; the star of main deity is Rohini and for Uthsavar the birth star is Revathy!

Therefore, the main deity of Srirangam Himself is Lord Krishna only! Observe the body colour of the main deity. Black! Sky black Shyamalan! Hence, Srirangam is also considered as Brindavan, a place where Krishna is present, a Sugandha vanam.

The meaning of the word 'Brinda' is 'Gathering' or 'a place where the gathering of bhagavathas was blessed by Bhagwan Krishna'. This is the place where we all will be saved by Bhagwan. Here, the meaning of the word 'we' is all living beings; not a specific group of people. '*Sarvam Vishnumayam Jagath*'. Who could save all of us except our Bhagwan?

Therefore, the word 'Brindam' mean 'a gathering of living beings' and He who saves the gathering of Gopas! Hence, Sri Vaikundam is Brindavanam only as Bhagwan resides in Sri Vaikundam. We all are blessed and protected only by Him. A place that relieves and rescues from our routine life is Vaikuntham. The great people are destined to reach Vaikuntham.

What we should do to aim Vaikuntham? First we have to approach our Acharyan; through him we can reach Vaikuntham after obtaining 'Pancha samskarams' and 'Bharanyasam' from him. The meaning of the word 'Bharanyasam' is to 'Surrender our Jeeva' to an Acharyan; to surrender our physical body containing Jeeva to him by simply accepting that we cannot achieve anything without the help of Guru.

We can reach 'Moksha' through 'Bhakthi path' also; but it is very difficult to practice in our normal course of our life circle. Therefore, we choose an easy way to reach moksha by surrendering ourselves to the holy feet of Acharya through Bharanyasam. Now our Acharyan will recommend us to Him for Moksha prapthi and it is possible to attain Vaikuntham through Acharyan.

Who resides at Vaikuntham? Our real parent Sri Ranganathan and Ranganayaki Thayar resides there. They are our parent to all of us in this world. "*Matha Devi Thamasi Bhagwan Vasudeva Pithamahe*"; that means 'Your consort Vasudevan is my father and You are my mother'. What is more creditable to us than this status?

Great people in this world teach us that we have to consider our Bhagwan and Thayar as our Father and Mother. The parents with whom we now live are for the purpose of the current birth. But only Bhagwan and Thayar will be with us in all our births, as real parents, as told by Andal Nachiyar through her Thirupavai as '*Etraikkum Ezhu Ezhu Piravikkum Unthannodu*' (I will always remain with you in the current birth and in all the seven births).

Are we truthful to our real parents who gave us this birth? As we are true to our parents we should be more truthful (*Maha Viswasam*) to our real parents, Namperumal and Sriranga Nachiyar also who will be with us in all of our births. All our blood relatives in the current life may help us or reject us; but not our true relatives, Bhagwan and Thayar, who will always help us in all the births of our life cycle. Therefore we all should gather together to pray to Him.

We should remember that the word 'brindam' mean 'gathering' and the word 'avanam' mean 'protecting'; hence 'Brindavanam' mean 'the place which protects the gathering of bhakthas like us'.

Who are all will live together as a gathering or a crowd? All living beings in the world viz. human beings, animals like lion/elephant, birds, ants etc. live together as a

gathering. Then who live alone in the world? The answer is 'No one'. Every one of us live together as families and all of us in our family are protected by Bhagwan and Thayar.

But, without understanding the above truth, we all waste our life in search of money. We forget what is real. All the money, gold, silver etc. are really uncertain. Only our Namperumal and Sriranga Nachiyar are 'Certain' or 'Real'. Both of them are our real wealth. All the uncertain objects in this world including our Jeeva (*life matter*) belong to Him only. '*Swasmai Swapreeyathe Swayameva Karayathi*'. Therefore only Krishna Bhagwan is our real wealth to all of us.

We should keep great faith in Him who protects all living being in this world at all times in our life cycle. How should we keep great faith (*Maha Viswasam*) to Him? Who will teach the secrets of the Maha Viswasam? Only our Acharyan could do that!

Who is an Acharyan? An Acharyan is he who learns Veda Sasthras, understands the real meaning of teachings in the Vedhas, follows such teachings, lead his life as per the divine principles and guide his Sishyas to follow his path as per the Sashthras! He will be our real Guru or Acharyan. Every Gurus in this world lives like this only. Through their spiritual life the Guru protects the world by teaching and establishing dharma!

Therefore we should digest the qualities of Bhagwan. We should drink his beauty through our eyes. Once we see Him thoroughly then He occupies in our mind permanently. Could we take off our eyes from the beauty of Sri Ranganatha? How much beautiful is He?

Thirukkurungudi Perumal is also known as 'Sundara Paripoorna Vadivavazhagiya Nambi'. The word 'Sundara' mean 'Beauty'; not a simple beauty; a 'complete beauty'. Hence Sundara Paripoorna Vadivazhagiya Nambi is 'Nambi who is completely beautiful'. Such a beautiful Thirukkurungudi Perumal and our Namperumal will look alike. As like Namperumal, Thirukkurngudi Perumal also will accept only a single garland. Also all the streets of Thirukkurungudi will look alike as Srirangam! And, of course, Emperumal at Thirukkurngudi will look very beautiful like our Namperumal!

Therefore, we should meditate Him always and utter the sthothras in praise of Him during our day to day life to get His blessings always.

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