

śrī-mathurā-māhātmyam

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harir api bhajamānebhyaḥ prāyo muktim dadāti na tu bhaktim |
vihita-tad-unnati-satram māthure dhanyam namāmi tvām ||1||

dhanyānām hṛdayānanda-pradam saṅgrhyate mudā |
māhātmyam mathurā-puryāḥ sarva-tīrtha-śiromaṇeḥ ||2||

tatrāsyāḥ pāpa-hāritvam

ādi-vārāhe –

viṁsatir yojanānām tu
mathurām mama maṇḍalam |
yatra tatra naro snāto
mucyate sarva-pātakaiḥ ||3||

pade pade tīrtha-phalam
mathurāyā vasundhare |
yatra tatra naro snāto
mucyate ghora-kilbiṣaiḥ ||4||

sarva-dharma-vihīnānām
puruṣāṇām durātmanām |
narakārti-harā devi
mathurā pāpa-ghātinī ||5||

kṛtaghnaś ca surapaś ca
cauro bhagna-vratas tathā |
mathurām prāpya manujo
mucyate sarva-kilbiṣaiḥ ||6||

sūryodaye tamo naśyed
yathā vajra-bhayān nagaḥ |
tarkṣam dṛṣṭvā yathā sarpā
meghā vāta-hatā iva ||7||

tattva-jñānād yathā duhkham
simham dṛṣṭvā yathā mrgāḥ |
tathā pāpāni naśyanti

mathurā-darśanat kṣanāt ||8||

śraddhayā bhakti-yuktaś ca
gatvā madhupurīm naraḥ |
brahmahāpi viśuddhyeta
kiṁ punas tv anya-pātakī ||9||

mathurā-snāna-kāmasya
gacchataś tu pade pade |
nirāśāni vrājanty asya
pāpāny eva śarīrataḥ ||10||

anuṣaṅgena gacchan hi
vāṅijyenāpi sevayā |
mathurā-snāna-mātreṇa
pāpāni tyaktvā divāni vrajet ||11||

nāmāni grhṇatām asyāḥ
sadaiva tv amhasaḥ kṣayaḥ |
sadā kṛta-yugaṁ cātra
sadā caivottarāyaṇam ||12||

yaḥ śṛṇoti varārohe
mathurām mama maṇḍalam |
anyenoccāritam śāśvat
so'pi pāpaiḥ pramucyate ||13||

tri-ratram api ye tatra
vasanti manujā mune |
teṣāṁ punanti niyatam
sprṣtaś caraṇa-reṇavaḥ ||14||

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe hara-gaurī-saṁvāde –

kṛṣṇa-kṛīḍā-karam sthānam
mathurāyās tataṁ bhuvī |
puṇya-madhu-purī yatra
sarva-pāpa-praṇāśinī ||15||

yathā tṛṇa-samūham tu
jvalayanti sphuliṅgikāḥ |
tathā mahānti pāpāni
dahate mathurā-purī ||16||

skānde kāśī-khaṇḍe –

hṛdyaṁ madhu-vanaṁ prāyo
yamunāyās taṭe mahat |
ādyāṁ bhagavataḥ sthānaṁ
yat puṇyaṁ hari-medhasaḥ |
pāpo'pi jantus tat prāpya
niṣpāpo jāyate dhruvam ||17||

atha puṇya-pradatvam

yathā ādi-vārāhe –

yat puṇyam aśvamedhena
yat puṇyaṁ rājasūyataḥ |
mathurāyāṁ tad āpnoti
tri-rātra-śayanād yamī ||18||

viṁśatir yojanānām tu
mathurāṁ mama maṇḍalam |
pade pede'śvamedhīyaṁ
puṇyaṁ nātra vicāraṇā ||19||

snānena sarva-tīrthānām
yat syāt sukṛta-saṁcayaḥ |
tato'dhikataṁ proktam
māthure sarva-maṇḍale ||20||

catūrṇām api vedānām
puṇyam adhyāyanāc ca yat |
tat puṇyaṁ jāyate puṁsām
mathurāṁ vadatām satām ||21||

svodbhava-papa-harivam

yathā ādi-vārāhe –

anyatra hi kṛtaṁ papam
tīrtham āsādyā naśyati |
tīrthe tu yat kṛtaṁ pāpam
vajra-lepo bhaved dhruvam ||22||

mathurāyāṁ kṛtaṁ pāpam
mathurāyāṁ vinaśyati |

jñānato'jñānato vāpi
yat pāpaṃ samupārjitaṃ |
sukṛtaṃ duṣkṛtaṃ vāpi
mathurāyāṃ praṇaśyati ||23||

yatra kṛṣṇena saṃcīrṇaṃ
krīḍitaṃ ca yathā-sukhaṃ |
cakrāṅkita-pade tena
sthāne brahma-maye śubhe ||24||

eṣā divyā purī devi
nitya-kālaṃ su-gopitā |
bhaktā tvaṃ mama śiṣyā ca
kathitā te vasundhare ||25||

na mayā kathitaṃ devi
brahmaṇās ca mahātmanaḥ |
rudrasya na mayā pūrvaṃ
kathitaṃ ca vasundhare |
mayā su-gopitaṃ hy etad
guhyād guhyatamaṃ smṛtaṃ ||26||

anyatra daśabhir varṣaiḥ
prārabdhaṃ bhujyate tu yat |
kilbiṣaṃ tan mahā-devi
māthure daśabhir dinaiḥ ||27||

atha sarva-tīrthādhikatvam

yathā ādi-vārāhe –

na vidyate hi pātāle
nāntarīkṣe na mānuṣe |
samaṃ tu mathurāyā hi
tīrthaṃ mama vasundhare ||28||

tatra dharaṇī-praśnaḥ –

naimiṣaṃ puṣkaraṃ caiva
purīm vārāṇasīm tathā |
etān hitvā mahā-bhāga
mathurām kiṃ praśamsasi ||29||

śrī-varahenoktam –

mathureti su-vikhyātam
asti kṣetraṁ paraṁ mama |
su-ramyā ca praśastā ca
janma-bhūmiḥ priyā mama ||30||

sarveṣāṁ devi tīrthānāṁ
mathurāṁ paramaṁ mahat |
kṛṣṇena krīḍitaṁ yatra
tac ca śuddham pade pade ||31||

cakrāṅkitaṁ hi tat sarvaṁ
kṛṣṇasyaiva padena tu |
bāla-krīḍana-rupāṇi
kṛtāni saha gopakaiḥ ||32||

yāni tīrthāni tāny eva
sthāpitāni maharṣibhiḥ |
etat te kathitaṁ sāram
mayā satyena suvrate ||33||

na tīrthaṁ mathurāyā hi
na devaḥ keśavāt paraḥ ||34||

vārāhe –

śṛṇu tattvena me bhūmi
kathyamānam atho'naghe |
mathureti su-vikhyātā
yasmin kṣetre priyā mama ||35||

su-ramyā su-praśastā ca
janma-bhūmir mama priye |
bhaviṣyati varārohe
dvāpare saṁsthite yuge ||36||

yayāti-nṛpa-vamśe'ham
utpatsyāmi vasundhare |
śatāni pañca varṣāṇām
atra sthāsyāmi niścayaḥ ||37||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe nārada-vakyam –

śṛṇu dharmaṁ mahā-prājña
yat tvaṁ pṛcchasi dharmā-vit |

gopyaṁ sapta-purīṇāṁ tu
mathurā-maṇḍalaṁ smṛtam ||38||

triṁśad-varṣa-sahasrāṇi
triṁśad-varṣa-śatāni ca |
yat phalaṁ bhārate varṣe
tat phalaṁ mathurāṁ smaran ||39||

tathā hi ādi-vārāhe –

mahā-māghyaṁ prayāge ca
yat phalaṁ labhate naraḥ |
tat phalaṁ labhate devi
mathurāyāṁ dine dine ||40||

kārttikyāṁ caiva yat puṇyam
puskare tu vasundhare |
tat phalaṁ labhate martyo
mathurāyāṁ dine dine ||41||

vārāṇasyāṁ tu yat puṇyam
rāhu-graste divākare |
tat phalaṁ labhate devi
mathurāyāṁ jitendriyaḥ ||42||

pūrṇe varṣe sahasre tu
vārāṇasyāṁ tu yat phalam |
tat phalaṁ labhate devi
mathurāyāṁ kṣaṇena hi ||43||

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

pūrṇe varṣa-sahasre tu
tīrtha-rajeṣu yat phalam |
tat phalaṁ labhate devi
mathurāyāṁ dine dine ||44||

godāvāri-dvādaśako nara yaḥ
kṣetre kurūṇāṁ kṣiti-dāyako yaḥ |
ṣaṇ-māsakān sādhyate gayāyāṁ
samaṁ bhaven no dinam ekaṁ māthure ||45||

na dvārakā kāśī kāñcī na māyā
gadābhṛto yasya samaṁ na tīrtham |
santarpitā yad yamunā-jalena

vāñchanti no pitarah piṇḍa-dānam ||46||

ata evottara-khaṇḍe –

mathurāyām prakurvanti
purī-sādhāraṇī-drśam |
ye narās te'pi vijñeyāḥ
pāpa-rāśibhir anvitāḥ ||47||

śrī-kṛṣṇākhyam param brahma
yatra krīḍati sarvadā
tad-anyākhila-tīrthebhyo
'dhikam yat tat kim ucyate ||48||

nirmāṇa-khaṇḍe ca

tām purīm prāpya mathurām
madiyām sura-durlabhām |
khañjo bhūtvāndhako vāpi
prāṇān eva parityajet ||49||

pātāla-khaṇḍe ca

na dṛṣṭā mathurā yena
didṛkṣā yasya jāyate |
yatra tatra mṛtasyāpi
māthure janma jāyate ||50||

asaṅkhya-tīrthāśrayatvam

yathā ādi-vārāhe –

ṣaṣṭhi-koṭi-sahasrāṇi
ṣaṣṭhi-koṭi-śatāni ca |
tīrtha-sāṅkhyā tu vasudhe
mathurāyām mayoditā ||51||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

bhūme rajāmsi ganānā
kālenāpi bhaven nṛpa |
māthure yani tīrthāni
teṣāṃ sāṅkhyā na vartate ||52||

atha nivāsopadeśaḥ

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

kuru bhoḥ kuru bho vāsam
mathurāyāḥ purīm prati |
yatra gopyaś ca govindas
trailokyasya prakāśakāḥ ||53||

re re saṁsāra-magnādya
śikṣām ekam tu me śṛṇu |
yadīcchasi sukhaṁ sāndraṁ
vāsam kuru madhoḥ pure ||54||

yadīccheḥ para-saṁsāraṁ
vahitraṁ mathurām kuru |
nauko sa prerakaḥ kṛṣṇo
bhoḥ śive pāra-kāraḥ ||55||

aho loko mahān andho
netra-yukto na paśyati |
māthure vidyamāne'pi
saṁsṛtiṁ bhajate sadā ||56||

mānuṣīm yonim atulām
labdhvā bhāgyasya yogataḥ |
vṛthaivāyur gataṁ teṣām
na dr̥ṣṭvā mathurām purīm ||57||

aho mateḥ sudaurbalyam
aho bhāgyasya daurvidham |
aho mohasya mahimā
mathurā naiva sevyate ||58||

sa-padam sampadam jñātvā
sāpāyam kāyam uccakaiḥ |
capalām cañcalām caiva
dr̥ṣṭvā mat-puram āśrayet ||59||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

tatraiva bhavatām bandhuḥ
pāṇḍavānām suhṛt sakhā |
sātvatānām priyaḥ sāksād
yādavānām kuleśvaraḥ ||60||

kṛṣṇaḥ kamala-patrākṣaḥ
so'vatīrṇo yudhiṣṭhira |
rāmeṇa saha devakyām
vasudeva-gṛhottame ||61||

tasya karmāṇy anekāni
parigītāni sūribhiḥ |
jātāni māthure deśe
tām purīm ko na sevate ||62||

ata evādi-vārāhe –

mathurām ca parityajya
yo'nyatra kurute ratim |
mūḍho bhramati saṁsāre
mohito mama māyayā ||63||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

mathurām api samprāpya
yo'nyatra kurute spṛhām |
durbuddhes tasya kiṁ jñānam
ajñānena vimohitaḥ ||64||

athāgati-gatitvam

ādi-vārāhe –

mātrā pitrā parityaktā
ye tyaktā nija-bandhubhiḥ |
yeṣāṁ kvāpi gatir nāsti
teṣāṁ madhu-purī gatiḥ ||65||

pāpa-rāsibhir ākrāntā
ye dāridrya-parājitāḥ |
yeṣāṁ kvāpi gatir nāsti
teṣāṁ madhu-purī gatiḥ ||66||

ye ca yoga-paribhraṣṭā
ye tapo-dāna-varjitāḥ |
yeṣāṁ kvāpi gatir nāsti
teṣāṁ madhu-purī gatiḥ ||67||

śruti-smṛti-vihīnā ye
śaucācāra-vivarjitāḥ |
yeṣāṃ kvāpi gatiḥ nāsti
teṣāṃ madhu-purī gatiḥ ||68||

parāt parataram sthānam
guhyānāṃ guhyam uttamam |
gatim anveṣamāṇānāṃ
māthure paramā gatiḥ ||69||

pade pade samākrāntā
ye vipadbhir ahar-nīṣam |
yeṣāṃ kvāpi gatiḥ nāsti
teṣāṃ madhu-purī gatiḥ ||70||

atha nitya-hari-sannidhānatvam,

ādi-vārāhe –

mathurāyāḥ param kṣetram
trailokye nāpi vartate |
yasyāṃ vasāmy aham devi
mathurāyāṃ tu sarvadā ||71||

aho'ti-dhanyā mathurā
yatra sannihito hariḥ |
sarveṣāṃ yatra pāpānāṃ
praveśo na hi vidyate ||72||

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

aho madhu-purī dhanyā
yatra tiṣṭhati kamsahā |
tatra deva-muniḥ sarvo
vāsam icchati sarvadā ||73||

śrī-bhāgavate prathama-skānde

aho alam ślāghyatamam yadoḥ kulam
aho alam puṇyatamam madhor vanam |
yad eṣa puṃsām ṛṣabhaḥ priyaḥ śriyaḥ
sva-janmanā caṅkramaṇena cāñcati ||74||

caturtha-skānde [BhP 4.8.42] –

tat tāta gaccha bhadraṁ te
yamunāyās taṭaṁ śucim |
puṇyaṁ madhuvanaṁ yatra
sannidhyaṁ nityadā hareḥ ||75||

śrī-daśame [BhP 10.1.28] –

rājadhānī tataḥ sābhūt
sarva-yādava-bhūbhujām |
mathurā bhagavān yatra
nityaṁ sannihito hariḥ ||76||

śrī-viṣṇu-purāṇe prathame'mśe [1.12.4-5]

hatvā ca lavaṇaṁ rakṣo-
madhu-putraṁ mahā-balam |
śatrughno mathurāṁ nāma
purīm tatra cakāra vai ||77||

yatra vai deva-devasya
sānnidhyaṁ hari-medhasaḥ |
sarva-pāpa-hare tasmīns
tapas tīrthe cakāra saḥ ||78||

vāyu-purāṇe –

catvarimśad yojanānām
tatas tu mathurā smṛtā |
yatra devo hariḥ sāksāt
svayaṁ tiṣṭhati sarvadā ||79||

atha śrī-bhagavat-kṛpā-labhyatvam

ādi-vārāhe –

na tat-puṇyair na taj-jñānair
na tapobhir na taj-japaiḥ |
na labhyaṁ vividhair yajñair
labhyaṁ mad-anubhāvataḥ ||80||

śrī-viṣṇoḥ kṛpayā nūnam
tatra vāso bhaviṣyati |
vinā viṣṇoḥ prasādena
kṣaṇam ekaṁ na tiṣṭhati ||81||

pādme uttara-khaṇḍe

harau yeṣām sthirā bhaktir
bhūyasī yeṣu tat-kṛpā |
teṣām eva hi dhanyānām
mathurāyām bhaved ratiḥ ||82||

atha bhagavad-dhyanadi-labhyatvam

ādi-vārāhe –

yadā viśuddhās tapa-ādinā janāḥ
śubhāśrayā dhyāna-dhanā nirantaram |
tadaiva paśyanti mamottamām purīm
na cānyathā kalpa-śatair dvijottama ||83||

mokṣa-pradatvam

ādi-vārāhe –

yā gatiḥ yoga-yuktasya
brahmajñasya maṇiṣiṇaḥ |
sa gatiḥ tyajataḥ prāṇān
mathurāyām narasya ca ||84||

tīrthe caiva gṛhe vāpi
catvāre pathi caiva hi |
yatra tatra mṛtā devi
muktiṁ yānti na cānyathā ||85||

kāśy-ādi-puryo yā hi santi loke
tāsām tu madhye mathurāiva dhanyā |
ā janma-mauṅji-vrata-mṛtyu-dāhair
nṛṇām caturdhā vidadhāti mokṣam ||86||

na yogair ya gatiḥ labhyā
manvantara-śatair api |
anyatra helayā sātra
labhyate mat-prasādataḥ ||87||

na papebhyo bhayaṁ yatra
na bhayaṁ yatra vai yamāt |
na garbha-vāsa-bhīr yatra

tat kṣetraṁ ko na saṁśrayet ||88||

vinā sāṅkhyena yogena
vinā svātma-vicintanam |
vinā vrata-tapo-dānaiḥ
śreyo vai prāṇinām iha ||89||

kṛmi-kīṭa-pataṅgādyā
mathurāyām mṛtā hi ye |
kulāt patanti ye vṛkṣās
te'pi yānti parām gatim ||90||

vārāhe –

viṁśa-yojana-vistāro
mathurāyāś ca maṇḍalam |
yatra prāṇān vimuñcanti
siddhā yānti parām gatim ||91||

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

caṇḍāla-jada-mūkānām
jīva-himsā-ratasya ca |
mathurā-piṇḍa-dānena
punar janma na vidyate ||92||

prāṇālyām iṣṭa-khacite
śmaśāne vyomni mañcake |
atṭāle vā mṛto devi
māthure muktim āpnuyuḥ ||93||

vāmana-purāṇe –

mathurā-tīrtham atulam
viśrutam loka-sat-kṛtam |
yatra kṛṣṇas tu gopālaiḥ
samam krīḍitavān jale ||94||

tatra gatvā naro brahman
mucyate sarva-pātakaiḥ |
tri-rātram uṣitas tatra
nirāhāro jitendriyaḥ |
viharantaṁ jale kṛṣṇam
dhyāyan mukto bhaven naraḥ ||95||

saura-purāṇe –

astīha mathurā nāma
triṣu lokeṣu viśrutā |
kṛṣṇa-pāda-rajo-miśra-
bālukāpūta-vīthikā |
sparśanena naras tasya
mucyate sarva-bandhanāt ||96||

mathurā-khaṇḍe –

mathurāyām vasiṣyāmi
yāsyāmi mathurā-purīm |
iti yasya bhaved buddhiḥ
so'pi bandhād vimucyate ||97||

atha viṣṇu-loka-pradatvaṁ brahmāṇḍe –

ye paśyanty acyutaṁ devaṁ
māthure devakī-sutam |
te viṣṇu-lokam āsādyā
na cyavante kadācana ||98||

yātrām karoti kṛṣṇasya
śraddhayā yaḥ samāhitaḥ |
sarva-pāpair vinirmukto
viṣṇu-lokaṁ sa gacchati ||99||

mūkā jaḍāndha-vadhirās
tapo-niyama-varjitāḥ |
kālenaiva mṛtā ye ca
gacchanti viṣṇu-mandiram ||100||

sarpa-daṣṭāḥ paśu-hatāḥ
pavakāmbu-vināsitāḥ |
labdhāpa-mṛtyavo ye ca
māthure hari-loka-gāḥ ||101||

ādi-vārāhe –

kalpa-grāmeṇa kim tasya
vāraṇāsyām ca vā śubhe |
mathurāyām tu yat puṇyam
tasya puṇya-phalaṁ śṛṇu ||102||

mathurām ca samāsādyā
yaḥ kaścīd mriyate bhuvī |
api kītaḥ pataṅgo vā
jāyate sa caturbhujāḥ ||103||

gautamīya-tantre –

mathnāti sarva-pāpāni
dadāti paramām gatim |
uttamo hi naro yatra
tena sā mathurā smṛtā ||104||

sarvābhīṣṭa-pradatvaṁ

brahmāṇḍa-purāṇe –

satyaṁ satyaṁ muni-śreṣṭha
bruve śapatha-pūrvakam |
sarvābhīṣṭa-pradaṁ nānyan
mathurāyāḥ samaṁ kvacit ||105||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

kṣetra-pālo mahā-devo
vartate yatra sarvadā |
yatra viśrānti-tīrtham ca
tatra kiṁ durlabham phalam ||106||

pādmottara-khaṇḍe –

tri-varga-dā kāminām yā
mumuksūṇām ca mokṣadā |
bhaktīcchor bhaktidā kas tāṁ
mathurām nāśrayed budhaḥ ||107||

tatraiva pātāla-khaṇḍe pārvatī-prasnaḥ –

ukto'dbhutaś ca mahimā
mathurāyā jaṭādhara |
muner bhuvo vā saritaḥ
prabhāvaḥ kena vā vibho |
kṛṣṇasya vā prabhāvo'yam
saṁyogasya pratāpavān ||108||

tatraiva śrī-mahādevottaram –

na bhūmikā-prabhāvaś ca
sarito vā varāṇane |
ṛṣīṇām na prabhāvaś ca
prabhāvo viṣṇu-tārake ||109||

tathā pāraka-cic-chakter
ubhe tat-pada-kārake |
tad eva śṛṇu bho devi
prabhāvo yena vartate ||110||

śrī-kṛṣṇa-mahimā sarvaś
cic-chakter yaḥ pravartate |
tārakaṁ pārakaṁ tasya
prabhāvo'yam anāhataḥ |
tārakaṁ jāyate muktiḥ
prema-bhaktiś ca pārakāt ||111||

tatraiva śrī-bhagavad-vākyam –

ubhau mantrau ubhe nāmni
maḍīya-prāṇa-vallabhe |
nānā-nāmāni mantrāś ca
tan-madhye sāram ucyate ||112||

ajñātam athavā jñātam
tārakaṁ japate yadi |
yatra tatra bhaven mṛtyuḥ
kāśyām tu phalam ādiśet ||113||

vartate yasya jihvāgre
sa pumān loka-pāvanaḥ |
chinatti sarva-pāpāni
kāśī-vāsa-phalam labhet ||114||

iti tāraka-mantro'yam
yas tu kāśyām pravartate |
sa eva māthure devi
vartate'tra varāṇane ||115||

atha pārakam ucyeta
yathā-mantram yathā-balam |
pārakaṁ yatra varteta
ṛddhi-siddhi-samāgamaḥ ||116||

pūjyo bhavati trailokye
śatāyur jāyate pumān |
aṣṭa-siddhi-samāyukto
vartate yatra pārakam ||117||

pārakam yasya jihvāgre
tasya santoṣa-vartitā |
paripūrṇo bhavet kāmah
satya-saṅkalpatā tathā ||118||

dvi-vidhā prema-bhaktis tu
śrutā dṛṣṭā tathāiva ca |
akhaṇḍa-paramānandas
tad-gato jñeya-lakṣanaḥ ||119||

aśru-pātaṁ kvacin nṛtyam
kvacit premāti-vihvalaḥ |
kvacit tasya mahā-mūrcchā
mad-guṇo gīyate kvacit ||120||

atha prapañcātītam

ādi-vārāhe –

anyaiva kācit sā sṛṣṭir
vidhātur vyatirekiṇī
na yat kṣetra-guṇān vaktum
īśvaro'pīśvaro yataḥ ||121||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

tan-maṇḍalam māthuram hi
viṣṇu-cakropari sthitam |
padmākāram sadā tatra
vartate śāśvatam nṛpa ||122||

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

ṛṣir mathurā-nāmātra
tapaḥ kurvati śāśvate |
tato'sya mathurām nāmā-
bhavad aḍhyaṁ śriyā yutam ||123||

tatraiva nirmāṇa-khaṇḍe –

nityam me mathurām viddhi
vanam vṛndāvanam tathā |
yamunām gopa-kanyās ca
tathā gopāla-bālakān ||124||

aho na jānanti narā durāśayāḥ
purīm madīyām paramām sanātanīm |
surendra-nāgendra-munīndra-saṁstutaīm
manoramām tām mathurām parām gatim ||125||

atha deva-traya-rupatvam

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

ma-kāre ca thu-kāre ca
rā-kāre cānta-saṁsthite |
mathurā-śabda-niṣpaṇṇa
om-kārasya tataḥ samaḥ ||126||

mahā-rudro ma-kāraḥ syāt
thu-kāro viṣṇu-saṁjñakaḥ |
rā-kāro'ntyas tu brahmā syāt
tri-śabdaṁ mathurām bhavet ||127||

tadā varaḥ śreṣṭha uktaḥ
satya evābhavat tataḥ |
sā tri-devamayī mūrtir
māthurī tiṣṭhate sadā ||128||

atha śrī-viṣṇu-bhakti-pradatvam

pādme uttara-khaṇḍe –

anyeṣu puṇya-tīrtheṣu
muktir eva mahā-phalam |
muktaiḥ prārthyā harer bhaktir
mathurāyām ca labhyate ||129||

tri-rātram api ye tatra
vasanti manujā mune |
harir dadyāt sukhaṁ teṣām
muktānām api durlabham ||130||

brahmāṇḍa-purāṇe –

trailokya-varti-tīrthānām
sevanād durlabhā hi yā |
parānandamayī siddhir
mathurā-sparśa-mātrataḥ ||131||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

smaranti mathurām ye ca
mathureśam viśāmpate |
sarva-tīrtha-phalam teśām
syāc ca bhaktir harau parā ||132||

atha svataḥ parama-phalatvam

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe

aho madhu-purī dhanyā
vaikuṅṭhāc ca garīyasī |
dinam ekam nivāsena
harau bhaktiḥ prajāyate ||133||

atha sapta-purīṇām tu
sarvotkr̥ṣṭām tu mathurām |
śrūyatām mahimā devi
vaikuṅṭha-bhuvanottamaḥ ||134||

ādi-vārāhe –

bhūr-bhuvaḥ-svas-tale vāpi
na pātāla-tale'malam |
nordhva-loke mayā dr̥ṣṭām
tādṛṅ kṣetram vasundhare ||135||

vārāhe –

lābhānām mathurā-lābho
jñānānām jñānam uttamam |
prītīnām paramā prītir
gatinām gatiḥ uttamā ||136||

rahasyānām rahasyam ca
kriyānām ca mahā-kriyā |

etan maraṇa-kāle tu
smartavyaṁ manasāpi ca |
yadīcchet paramāṁ siddhiṁ
saṁsārasya ca mokṣanam ||137||

atha mathurā-maṇḍala-sīmā-jñānam

ādi-vārāhe –

viṁsatir yojanānām tu
mathurāṁ mama maṇḍalam ||138||

tathā pādme yamunā-māhātmye –

ramyam apsarasām sthānam
yasmimś cañcalatām gataḥ |
yāyāvaraḥ purā vipras
tapasvī vijitendriyaḥ ||139||

cira-kālam prataptaṁ tam
indra-śāpāgni-narditam |
sprṣṭa-vāri-kaṇenainam
mocayitvā tu pātakāt |
vimānenārka-varṇena
prāpayat taṁ surālayam ||140||

pūjyamāna-dareṇārghyair
vānaprasthair yathā-vidhi |
mathurā-maṇḍalam praptā
tasmad devarṣi-sevitā ||141||

pāvayitvā kurūn deśān
śurasenān samāviśat |
vanāni dvādaśa sphīta-
sphītāni guṇa-sampadā ||142||

kramād viśrāntim āsādyā
viśrāntā keśavālaye |
sudarśanopari-gatā
gata-śrama-samīpa-gā ||143||

ity upakramya,

āśliṣṭhā vāsudevena

sat-kṛtyābhyarcya tāpanī |
samprāptā puṇya-salilā
su-puṇyaṁ dhrauvyam āśramam ||144||

samprāptā puṇya-salilā
su-puṇyaṁ reṇukāśramam |
dīkṣito yatra rāmo'bhūt
sarva-kṣatra-kṣayādhvare ||145||

tataḥ prayātā yamunā
bhāratasyāśvamedhikam |
iṣṭaṁ śākuntaleyena
sāraṅgair yatra saptabhiḥ ||146||

atha sa saptabhir medhyaiḥ
somapendro'py amadyata |
tataḥ pratyaṅ-mukhī bhūtvā
samprāptaḥ śaukarīm purīm |
yasyām dharām samuddhartum
utpannaś cādisūkaraḥ ||147||

tatas tām nāgarīm śaurī
bhūtvā pratyaṅ-mukhī punaḥ |
parikramya viniṣkrāntā
jihmā-gatyeva pannagī ||148||

tataḥ sā śūrasenebhyaḥ
pāñcālānām vimukti-dā |
iṣṭakāśramam āpede
vāśiṣṭhāyatanam mahat ||149||

etena yāyāvaram adhikṛtya śaukarī baṭeśvara-paryantaṁ
mathurā-maṇḍalam jñeyam | evam eva sarvāsu dikṣv api jñeyam
viṁśati-yojanātmake bahu-tīrthavat tvayā viśeṣaḥ ||150||

mathurā-khaṇḍe –

mathurā-maṇḍalam tad dhi
yojanānām tu dvādaśe |
yatra tīrtha-sahasrāṇi
kṛṣṇa-rāma-kṛtāni ca ||151||

tathā hi vaiśiṣṭhyam --

gavyūtir dvādaśa-mayī

dvādaśāranya-saṁyutā |
tatrāpi mathurā devi
sarva-siddhi-vidhāyinī ||152||

tatrāpi padmākṛter vaiśiṣṭhyam –

idaṁ padmaṁ mahā-bhage
sarveśāṁ mukti-dāyakam |
karṇikāyāṁ sthito devi
keśavaḥ kleśa-nāśanaḥ ||153||

karṇikāyāṁ mṛtā ye tu
te narā mukti-bhāginaḥ |
madhya-patre mṛtā ye ca
teṣāṁ muktir vasundhare ||154||

paścime tu hariṁ devaṁ
govardhana-nivāsinām |
dṛṣṭvā taṁ deva-deveśāṁ
kiṁ manaḥ paritapyate ||155||

uttareṇa tu govindam
dṛṣṭvā devaṁ param śubham |
nāsau patati saṁsāre
yāvad āhūta-samplavam ||156||

viśrānti-samjñakam tīrtham
pūrva-patre vyavasthitam |
yam dṛṣṭvā tu naro yāti
muktim nāsty atra saṁśayaḥ ||157||

dakṣiṇena tu mām viddhi
pratimām divya-rūpiṇīm |
mahā-kāyaṁ su-rūpaṁ ca
keśavākāra-sannibham |
mām dṛṣṭvā manujo devi
brahma-loke mahīyate ||158||

athātra kāla-viśeṣe nivāsa-phalam

tatra jyaiṣṭhe, ādi-vārāhe –

jyaiṣṭhasya śukla-dvādaśyāṁ
snātvā tu niyatendriyaḥ |

mathurāyām harim dr̥ṣṭvā
prāpnoti paramām gatim ||159||

cāturmāsye, ādi-vārāhe –

pr̥thivyām yāni tīrthāni
ā-samudra-sāraṁsi ca |
mathurāyām gamiṣyanti
supte caiva janārdane ||160||

caturō varṣikān māsān
madhu-puryā vasemahi |
sarvāṇi tatra tīrthāni
vividhāni vasanti ca ||161||

tatraiva janmāṣṭamyām –

janmāṣṭamī-dine prāpte
tatra yo maṁ prapaśyati |
janma-koṭi-kṛtaṁ pāpaṁ
tat-kṣaṇād eva naśyati ||162||

bhādre māsi mamāṣṭamyām
yaḥ karoti mamārcanam |
sarvaṁ pāpaṁ parityajya
mama sthānaṁ sa gacchati ||163||

sarvaṁ taptaṁ tapas tena
sarvaṁ dānaṁ ca taiḥ kṛtam |
yaiḥ kṛtaṁ mathurām gatvā
bhādre'ṣṭamyām vasundhare ||164||

snātvā viśrānti-tīrtheṣu
pūjanaṁ me'valokānām ||165||

viśeṣataḥ kārttike, pādme kārttika-māhātmye nārada-vākyam –

yatra kutrāpi deśe ca
kārttike snāna-dānataḥ |
agni-hotra-samaṁ puṇyaṁ
pūjāyām tu viśeṣataḥ ||166||

kurukṣetre koṭi-guno
gaṅgāyām api tat-samaḥ |
tato'dhikaḥ puṣkare syād

dvārakāyām tu bhārgava ||167||

kṛṣṇa-sālokya-do māsaḥ
pūja-snānaiś ca kārttikaḥ |
anyaḥ puryas tat-samānā
bhavanti mathurām vinā ||168||

dāmodaratvaṁ hi hares
tatraivāsīd yataḥ kila |
mathurāyām tatas tūrjo
vaikuṅṭha-prīti-varḍhanaḥ |
kārttiko mathurāyām vai
paramāvadhir iṣyate ||169||

yathā māghe prayāgaḥ syād
vaiśākhe jāhnavī tathā |
kārttike mathurā sevā
tatrokṛṣṇaḥ paro na hi ||170||

mathurāyām narair ūrje
snātvā dāmodaro'rcitaḥ |
kṛṣṇa-rūpā hi te jñeyā
nātra kāryā vicāraṇā ||171||

durlabhaḥ kārttiko vipra
mathurāyām nṛṇām iha |
yatrārcitaḥ svakaṁ rūpaṁ
bhaktebhyaḥ samprayacchati ||172||

bhuktim muktim harir dadyād
arcito'nyatra sevinām |
bhaktim tu na dadāty eva
yato vaśya-karī hareḥ ||173||

sa tv añjasā harer bhaktir
labhyate kārttike naraiḥ |
mathurāyām sakṛd api
śrī-dāmodara-sevanāt ||174||

mantra-dravya-vihīnaṁ ca
vidhi-hīnaṁ ca pūjanam |
manyate kārttike devo
mathurāyām mad-arcanam ||175||

yasya pāpasya yujyeta

maraṇāntā hi niskṛtiḥ |
tac-chuddhy-artham idam proktam
prāyaścittam su-nīcitam |
kārttike mathurāyām vai
śrī-dāmodara-pūjanam ||176||

sulabhā mathurā loke
pratyabdam kārttikas tathā |
tathāpi saṁsaranānā
narā mūḍhā bhavāmbudhau ||177||

kim yajñaiḥ kim tapobhir vā
tīrthair anyaiś ca sevitaḥ |
kārttike mathurāyām ced
arcyate rādhikā-priyaḥ ||178||

yāni sarvāni tīrthāni
nadā nādyāḥ sarāṁsi ca |
kārttike nivasanty atra
māthure sarva-maṇḍale ||179||

paropahāsam uddīśya
kārttike hari-sevayā
mathurāyām labhed bhaktim
kim punaḥ śraddhayā naraḥ ||180||

tatraiva dhūmra-keśam prati yama-vākyam –

tasmān nṛpātmaja śreyaḥ
param kiñcin na vidyate |
kārttike mathurāyām ca
śrī-dāmodara-pūjanāt ||181||

na cātra saṁśayaḥ kāryaḥ
īśitṛtvam idam hareḥ |
rājā hi kasyacid dhṛtvā
sarvasvam cet prayacchati |
parasmai kasya kas tatra
niyantā syāt prabhor yathā ||182||

ayam sarveśvaraḥ śrīmān
anyathā kartum īśvaraḥ |
aty-alpaṁ bhūri kurute
bahu tucchaṁ ca manyate ||183||

tatrāpi prabodhinyām ati-viśeṣaḥ, pādme kārttika-māhātmye –

tāvad garjanti tīrthāni
vājimedhādayo makhāḥ |
mathurāyām priyā viṣṇor
yāvan nāyāti bodhinī ||184||

saṁsāra-dāva-taptānām
kāma-saukhya-pipāsinām |
śrī-kṛṣṇa-pāda-padmasya
sannidhyaṁ śītalām gṛham ||185||

mathurāyām tu kiṁ vācyam
jāgare hari-sannidhau |
kārttike bodhinīm prāpya
tataḥ śreyaḥ paraṁ hi na ||186||

rājyam anyatra santyajya
sphītaṁ nihata-kaṇṭakam |
kārttike mathurāyām vai
kaimutyam jāgaram caret ||187||

atha dvādaśyām viṣṇu-purāṇe –

ūrjasya śukla-dvādaśyām
snātvā vai yamunā-jale |
mathurāyām hariṁ dr̥ṣṭvā
prāpnoti paramām gatim ||188||

atha bhīṣma-pañcake, pādme bhīṣmaṁ prati śrī-kṛṣṇa-vacanam –

tvayā kṛte vrate paścāt
khyāsyate bhīṣma-pañcakam |
ye tatra janma-bhūmau me
kariṣyanti mahā-vratam |
mathurāyām tu gāṅgeyā
teṣāṁ bhaktiḥ kare sthitā ||189||

sārvabhaumas tv indra-padam
brahmalokas tathākṣayam |
yoga-siddhiṁ ca muktiṁ ca
prīto yacchāmi sarvaśaḥ ||190||

durlabho bhakti-yogo me
mama vaśya-vidhāyakaḥ |

kārttike mathurāyām ca
vratenānena labhyate ||191||

purāṇāntare ca –

sarvābhīṣṭa-pradaṁ proktaṁ
māthure bhīṣma-pañcakam ||192||

yathā bhaviṣye –

bhīṣma-pañca-dine prāpte
mathurā-maṇḍale hareḥ |
nidrā-ccheda-kare puṇye
pāduke cāvalokayet ||193||

atha mathurā-vanantargata-madhupurī-māhātmyam

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

madhor vanam prathamato
yatra vai mathurā-purī |
madhu-daityo hato yatra
hariṇā viśva-mūrtinā ||194||

tatraiva bhagavad-vaśa
āvīrbhāvo harer nṛpa |
viśrāmaś ca hares tatra
devānām ca nṛpottama ||195||

yo vai madhu-vane snāti
yamunā-jalam āśritaḥ |
sarva-tīrtheṣu sa snātas
tat-phalam labhate dhruvam ||196||

sarveṣām nṛpa siddhiḥ syāt
tasmin madhuvane nṛṇām |
tapasā bhakti-yogena
snāna-mātreṇa karmaṇā ||197||

aho madhu-vanam dhanyam
yatra rāmaḥ sahānujaḥ |
karoti karma lokānām
hitāya ca manīṣiṇām ||198||

mardito yatra kṛṣṇena
cograsenātmajo'suraḥ |
pāvitaḥ sparsa-mātreṇa
gatim nītaś ca yoginām ||199||

tasmin madhuvane rājan
durghaṭam kim hari-priye |
vaktum nāmāni tīrthānām
śakyante na mayādhunā |
tasmin madhu-vane yāni
māhātmyam ca nṛpottama ||200||

aho madhuvanam dṛṣṭam
śrutam vā tat su-sevinam |
sthitam vā yaiḥ surātītam
dhanyās te bhuvi mānavāḥ ||201||

evam pradakṣinam kṛtvā
navamīm śukla-kaumudīm |
sarvān kulān samādāya
viṣṇu-loke mahīyate ||202||

kramataḥ pada-vinyāsā
yāvantaḥ sarvato diśaḥ |
tāvantaḥ kula-sambhūtāḥ
svarge tiṣṭhānti śaśvataḥ ||203||

anya-deśa-gato dūrāt
parikrāmati yo naraḥ |
tasya sandarśanād eva
pūtāḥ syur gata-kalmaṣāḥ ||204||

śruto yais tu vidura-sthaiḥ
kṛta-yātro naro naraiḥ |
sarva-pāpa-vinirmuktās
te'pi yānti parām gatim ||205||

mathurāyām naro gatvā
dṛṣṭvā devam svāyambhuvam |
pradakṣiṇāyām yat puṇyam
tat puṇyam labhate hi saḥ ||206||

atha janma-sthāna-māhātmyam skānde

japopavāsa-nirato

mathurāyām ṣaḍānana |
janma-sthānam samāsādyā
sarva-pāpaiḥ pramucyate ||207||

atha kārṭtike pādme –

kārṭtike janma-sadane
keśavasya ca ye narāḥ |
sakṛt praviṣṭāḥ śrī-kṛṣṇam
te yānti param avyayam ||208||

tatraiva prabodhanyām –

ekaiṅkaśī kṛṣṇa-
janma-gehe kṛtā naraiḥ |
tato'dhikam prakartavyam
loke kiñcin na vidyate ||209||

rātrau jāgaraṇam tatra
prītyā kurvanti ye narāḥ |
saṁsāra-moha-svapnānte
sadā jāgrati jāgrati ||210||

anyatrāpi priyā viṣṇor
jāgare syāt prabodhinī |
kiṁ punar mathurāyām sā
tato vai janma-sadmani ||211||

atha śrī-keśavasya mähātmyam, ādi-vārāhe –

pradakṣiṇī-kṛtā tena
sapta-dvīpā vasundharā |
pradakṣiṇī-kṛto yena
mathurāyām tu keśavaḥ ||212||

iha janma-kṛtam pāpam
anya-janma-kṛtam ca yat |
tat sarvam naśyate śīghram
kīrtane keśavasya ca ||213||

tatraiva suptothita-keśavasya darśana-phalam

suptothitam hariṁ dṛṣṭvā
mathurāyām vasundhare |
na tasya punar āvṛttir

jāyate sa catur-bhujah ||214||

pādme kārttika-māhātmye –

suptam utthāpya govindam
tan mukham sūtikā-grhe |
paśyanti kṛta-puṇya ye
teṣāṁ kiṁ bhāgyam ucyate ||215||

viṣṇu-purāṇe ṣaṣṭhe'mśe –

ūrjasya śukla-dvādaśyām
snātvā vai yamunā-jale |
mathurāyām harim dr̥ṣṭvā
prāpnoti paramām gatim ||216||

atha śrī-bhagavan-mūrtinām māhātmyam

ādi-vārāhe –

dīrgha-viṣṇuṁ samālokya
padmanābham svāyambhuvam |
mathurāyām sakṛd devi
sarvābhīṣṭam avāpnuyāt ||217||

tathā –

viśrānti-samjñakam dr̥ṣṭvā
dīrgha-viṣṇuṁ ca keśavam |
sarveṣāṁ darśanāt puṇyam
ebhir dr̥ṣṭaiḥ phalam labhet ||218||

udaye māmakaṁ tejah
sadā viśrānti-samjñake |
madhyāhne māmakaṁ tejo
dīrgha-viṣṇau vyavasthitam |
keśave māmakaṁ tejo
dina-bhāge caturthake ||219||

atha śrī-kṛṣṇa-parivārāṇām

ekānamśam tato devīm
yaśodām devakīm tadā |

mahā-vidyeśvarīm dṛṣṭvā
mucyate brahma-hatyayā ||220||

atha bhuteśvarasya –

mathurāyām ca deva tvam
kṣetra-pālo bhaviṣyasi |
tvayi dṛṣṭe mahā-deva
mama kṣetra-phalam labhet ||221||

[punas tatraiva --
dṛṣṭvā bhūta-patiṁ devam
varadam pāpa-nāśanam |
tena dṛṣṭena vasudhe
māthuram phalam āpnuyāt ||Brk 5.227||]

nirmāṇa-khaṇḍe –

yatra bhūteśvaro devo
mokṣadaḥ pāpinām api |
mama priyatamo nityam
deva bhūteśvaraḥ paraḥ ||222||

katham vā mayi bhaktim sa
labhate pāpa-pūruṣaḥ |
yo madīyam param bhaktam
śivam sampūjayen na hi ||223||

man-māyā-mohita-dhiyaḥ
prāyas te mānavādhamāḥ |
bhūteśvaram na smaranti
na namanti stuvanti vā ||224||

atha viśrānti-māhātmyam

skānde –

tatra tīrtham mahārāja
viśrānti-loka-viśrutam |
bhramitvā sarva-tīrthāni
viśrāntim yānti sattvataḥ ||225||

tatraiva bādarī-māhātmye –

viśrānti-tīrthe vidhivat
snātvā kṛtvā tilodakam |
pitṛṇ uddhṛtya narakād
viṣṇu-lokaṁ prapadyate ||226||

yadi kuryāt pramādena
pātakam tatra mānavaḥ |
viśrānti-snāna-mātreṇa
bhasmī-bhavati tat-kṣanāt ||227||

saura-purāṇe –

tato viśrānti-tīrthākhyam
tīrtham aṁho-vināśanam |
saṁsāra-maru-saṁcāra-
kleśa-viśrānti-dam nṛṇām ||228||

tatra tīrthe kṛta-snāno
yo'rcayed acyutaṁ naram |
sa mukto bhava-santāpād
amṛtatvāya kalpate ||229||

pādme yamunā-māhātmye –

kalinda-parvatodbhede
mathurāyām tathā purī |
pratyaṅ-mukhyaṁ ca saukāryam
bhagīrathyāś ca saṅgame ||230||

phalam uttara-kuloktaṁ
tat-kalindyām śatādhikam |
tad eva koṭi-guṇitam
viśrāntau kathyate budhaiḥ ||231||

ādi-vārāhe –

viśrānti-saṁjñakam nāma
tīrtham trailokya-durlabham |
yasmin snāto naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||232||

gaṅgā-śata-guṇam proktaṁ
yatra keśī-nipatitaḥ |
keśyāḥ śata-guṇam proktaṁ
yatra viśrāntito hariḥ ||233||

tathā –

ardha-candrād viśeṣo'sti
tīrthe viśrānti-samjñake |
dāhādi-karaṇe tatra
gadarbho'pi catur-bhujah ||234||

vāsudevo vasen nityam
tasmin sthāne nṛpottama |
viśrāntim kurute yena
tena viśrānti-samjñakam ||235||

purāṇāntare'pi –

kalpa-koṭi-śatenāpi
viśrāntau roma-romāsu |
kṣaura-karmaṇi dāhe ca
punar-janma na vidyate ||236||

atha gataśrama-deva-māhātmyam

ādi-vārāhe –

sarva-tīrtheṣu yat snānaiḥ
sarva-tīrtheṣu yat phalam |
tat phalam labhate devi
dṛṣṭvā devam gataśramam ||237||

kāla-trayaṁ tu vasudhe
yaḥ paśyati gataśramam |
kṛtvā pradakṣinaṁ bhīru
viṣṇu-lokaṁ sa gacchati ||238||

athārdhacandra-sthitāni yamunā-tīrthāni catur-vimśatiḥ

ādi-vārāhe –

avimukte naraḥ snātvā
muktim prapnoty asaṁśayam |
tatrātha muñcati prāṇān
mama lokaṁ sa gacchati ||239||

viśrānti-samjñakam nāma

tīrtham trailokya-viśrutam |
yasmin snātvā naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||240||

asti cānyataram guhyam
sarva-saṁsāra-mokṣaṇam |
tasmin snāto naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||241||

prayāgam nāma tīrtham tu
devānām api durlabham |
yasmin snāto naro devi
agniṣṭoma-phalam labhet ||242||

saura-purāṇe –

tatas tīrtham prayāgākhyam
pavitraṁ pāpa-nāśanam |
pitṛbhyas tatra yad dattaṁ
tad akṣayataram bhavet ||243||

tat tīrtham sevamānasya
kṛṣṇam ca jagatām gurum |
nihsaṁśayaṁ manuṣyasya
na punar-janma-sambhavaḥ ||244||

ādi-vārāṇe –

tathā kanakhalam tīrtham
guhyam tīrtham param mama |
snāna-mātreṇa tatrāpi
nāka-prṣṭhe sa modate ||245||

asti kṣetram param guhyam
tindukam mama nāmataḥ |
tasmin snātvā naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||246||

tataḥ param sūrya-tīrtham
sarva-pāpa-praṇāśanam |
vairocanaena balinā
sūryas tv ārādhitaḥ purā ||247||

āditye'hani saṅkrāntau
grahaṇe candra-sūryayoḥ |

tasmin snāto naro devi
rājasūya-phalam labhet ||248||

saura-purāṇe –

tataḥ param baṭa-svāmī
tīrthānām tīrtham uttamam |
baṭa-svāmīti vikhyāto
yatra devo divākaraḥ ||249||

tat tīrtham caiva yo bhaktyā
ravi-vāre niṣevate |
prāpnoty ārogyam aīśvaryam
ante ca gatim uttamam ||250||

ādi-vārāṇe –

yatra dhruvena santaptam
icchayā paramam tapaḥ |
tatra vai snāna-mātreṇa
dhruva-loke mahīyate ||251||

dhruva-tīrthe tu vasudhe
yaḥ śraddhām kurute naraḥ |
pitṛn santārayet sarvān
pitṛ-pakṣe viśeṣataḥ ||252||

saura-purāṇe –

dhruva-tīrtham iti khyātam
tīrtham mukhyaṁ tataḥ param |
yatra snānavato mokṣo
dhruva eva na saṁśayaḥ ||253||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

gayāyām piṇḍa-dānena
yat phalam hi nṛṇām bhavet |
tasmāc chata-guṇam tīrthe
piṇḍa-dānād dhruvasya ca ||254||

dhruva-tīrthe japo homas
tapo dānam surārcanam |
sarva-tīrthāc chata-guṇam
nṛṇām tatra phalam labhet ||255||

ādi-vārāha-purāṇe –

dakṣiṇe dhruva-tīrthasya
ṛṣi-tīrtham prakīrtitam |
tatra snāto naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||256||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

tasmin madhuvane puṇyam
ṛṣi-tīrtham hareḥ priyam |
snāna-mātreṇa bhū-pāla
harau bhaktiḥ parā bhavet ||257||

dakṣiṇe ṛṣi-tīrthasya
mokṣa-tīrtham vasundhare |
snāna-mātreṇa vasudhe
mokṣam prāpnoti mānavaḥ ||258||

ādi-vārāhe –

tatraiva koṭi-tīrtham tu
devānām api durlabham |
tatra snānena dānena
mama loke mahīyate ||259||

tatraiva bodhi-tīrtham hi
piṭṛṇām ati-durlabham |
piṇḍān dattvā tu vasudhe
piṭṛ-lokam sa gacchati ||260||

dvādaśaitani tīrthāni
devānām durlabhāni ca |
teṣām smarāṇa-mātreṇa
sarva-pāpaiḥ pramucyate ||261||

uttare tv asi-kuṇḍasya
tīrtham tu nara-samjñakam |
nara-tīrthat param tīrtham
na bhūtam na bhaviṣyati ||262||

tataḥ samyamanam nāma
tīrtham trailokya-viśrutam |
tatra snāto naro devi

mama lokam sa gacchati ||263||

dhārā-patanake snātvā
nāka-prṣṭhe sa modate |
athātra muñcate prāṇān
mama lokam sa gacchati ||264||

ataḥ param nāga-tīrtham
tīrthānām uttamottamam |
yatra snātvā divam yānti
ye mṛtās te'punar-bhavāḥ ||265||

ghaṇṭābharāṇakam tīrtham
sarva-pāpa-pramocanam |
yatra snāto naro devi
sūrya-loke mahīyate ||266||

tīrthānām uttamam tīrtham
brahmaloketi viśrutam |
tatra snātvā ca pītvā ca
samīyato niyatāsanaḥ |
brahmaṇā samanujñāto
viṣṇu-lokam sa gacchati ||267||

soma-tīrthe tu vasudhe
pavitre yamunāmbhasi |
tatrābhīṣekam kurvīta
sva-sva-karma-pratiṣṭhitaḥ |
modate soma-loke tu
evam eva na saṁsayāḥ ||268||

sarasvatyāś ca patanam
sarva-pāpa-haram śubham |
tatra snātvā naro devi
avarṇo'pi yatir bhavet ||269||

cakra-tīrtham tu vikhyātam
māthure mama maṇḍale |
yas tatra kurute snānam
tri-rātroṣito naraḥ |
snāna-mātreṇa manujo
mucyate brahma-hatyayā ||270||

daśāśvamedham ṛṣibhiḥ
pūjitaṁ sarvadā purā |

tatra ye snānti niyatās
teṣāṃ svargo na durlabhaḥ ||271||

tīrthaṃ tu vighna-rājasya
puṇyam pāpa-haraṃ śubham |
tatra snātaṃ ca manujam
vighna-rājo na pīdayet ||272||

tataś ca koṭi-tīrthaṃ tu
pavitraṃ paramaṃ śubham |
tatraiva snāna-mātreṇa
gaṅgā-koṭi-phalaṃ labhet ||273||

mathurā-khaṇḍa-mate tu viśrāntim vinā caturviṃśatitvam, tathā
hi –

catur-viṃśati-tīrthāni
tat-tīrthad dakṣinottare |
dasāśvamedha-paryantaṃ
mokṣāntaṃ ca yudhiṣṭhira ||274||

athātrātya-parama-prasiddha-tīrthānām mähātmyam

atra gokarṇasya, yathā saura-purāṇe –

tato gokarṇa-tīrthakhyam
tīrthaṃ tri-bhuvana-śrutam |
vidyate viśvanāthasya
viṣṇor atyanta-vallabham ||275||

kr̥ṣṇa-gaṅgāyāḥ, ādi-vārāṇe –

pañca-tīrthābhiṣekāc ca
yat phalaṃ labhate naraḥ |
kr̥ṣṇa-gaṅgā daśa-guṇam
diśate tu dine dine ||276||

vaikuṇṭha-tīrthasya –

vaikuṇṭha-tīrthe yaḥ snāti
mucyate sarva-pātakaiḥ |
sarva-pāpa-vinirmukto
viṣṇu-lokaṃ sa gacchati ||277||

asi-kunḍasya –

ekā varāha-samjñā ca
tathā nārāyaṇī parā |
vāmanā ca tṛtīyā vai
caturthī laṅgalī śubhā ||278||

etāś catasro yaḥ pasyet
snātvā kuṇḍe'si-samjñake |
catuḥ-sāgara-paryantā
krāntā tena dharā dhruvam |
tīrthānām mathurānam ca
sarveṣām phalam aśnute ||279||

catuḥsāmudrikasya –

catuḥ-sāmudriko nāma
kūpaḥ lokeṣu viśrutaḥ |
tatra snāto naro bhadre
devais tu saha modate ||280||

atha kalindi-māhātmyam

ādi-vārāhe –

gaṅgā-śata-guṇā proktā
māthure mama maṇḍale |
yamunā viśrutā devi
nātra kāryā vicāraṇā ||281||

tatra tīrthāni guhyāni
bhaviṣyanti mamānaghe |
yeṣu snāto naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||282||

yamunā-salile snātaḥ
śucir bhūtvā jitendriyaḥ |
samabhyarcyācyutaṁ samyak
prāpnoti paramām gatim ||283||

vārāhe –

nadī tatra varārohe
śubhā puṇyojjvalodakā |
vivasvataḥ sutā puṇyā
yamunā vai bhaviṣyati ||284||

sa prayāge tu suśroṇi
brahma-kṣetre mahā-yasaḥ |
sameśyati na sandeho
gaṅgāyās tad-anantaram ||285||

mātsye yudhisthira-nārada-saṁvāde –

tatra snātvā ca pītvā ca
yamunāyām yudhiṣṭhira |
kīrtanāl labhate puṇyam
dṛṣṭvā bhadraṇi paśyati ||286||

avagāhya ca pītvā ca
punāty ā-saptamaṁ kulam |
prāṇāms tyajati yas tatra
sa yati paramām gatim ||287||

viṣṇu-dharmottare –

yatra kvacana kālindyām
kṛtvā śrāddham narādhipa |
akṣayaṁ phalam āpnoti
nāka-prṣṭhe sa modate ||288||

padma-purāṇe pātāla-khaṇḍe –

raso yaḥ paramādhāraḥ
sac-cid-ānanda-lakṣaṇaḥ |
brahmety-upaniṣad-gītaḥ
sa eva yamunā svayam |
pāvanāyāsya jagataḥ
sarid bhūtvā sasāra ha ||289||

tathā –

pātaki pātakān muktaḥ
puṇyādhyah syād apātakī |
phalābhisandhi-rahitaḥ
kālindyām eva mucyate ||290||

snānādi-karma kālindyām
yena kenāpi yat kṛtam |
yathāvad ayathāvad vā
tat sādhu phalavad bhavet ||291||

viśeṣa eva kālindyām
mr̥te yāti hareḥ padam |
mathurā-saṅgatāyām tu
harir eva bhaven naraḥ ||292||

tatraiva hara-gauri-saṁvāde –

brahma-jñānena mucyante
kāśyām ca maraṇe naraḥ |
athavā snāna-mātreṇa
kṛṣṇāyām kṛṣṇa-sannidhau ||293||

yamunā-jala-kalole
kr̥ḍāte devakī-sutaḥ |
tatra snātvā mahā-devi
sarva-tīrtha-phalam labhet ||294||

aho abhāgyam lokasya
na pītam yamunā-jalam |
go-gopa-gopikā-saṅge
yatra kr̥ḍāti kamsa-hā ||295||

tatraiva nirmāṇa-khaṇḍe –

cid-ānandamayī sāksād
yamunā yama-bhīti-nut ||296||

kāla-viśeṣe tatra snānādi-phalam

ādi-vārāhe –

jyaiṣṭhasya śukla-dvādaśyām
samabhyarcya janārdanam |
dhanyo'sau piṇḍa-nirvāpaṁ
yamunāyām kariṣyati ||297||

śrī-viṣṇu purane –

yamunā-salile snātaḥ
puruṣo muni-sattama |
jyaiṣṭha-mūle'male pakṣe
dvādaśyām upavāsa-kṛt ||298||

samabhyarcyācyutam samyag

yamunāyām samāhitaḥ |
aśvamedhasya yajñasya
prāpnoty adhikajam phalam ||299||

tatraiva pitṛṇām vākyam –

kaścid asmat-kule jātaḥ
kālindī-salilāplutaḥ |
arcayiṣyati govindam
mathurāyām upoṣitaḥ ||300||

jyaiṣṭha-mūle'male pakṣe
yenaiva vayam apy uta |
parām ṛddhim avāpa syāmas
tāritāḥ sva-kulodbhavaih ||301||

jyaiṣṭhasya śukla-dvādaśyām
samabhyarcya janārdanam |
dhanyo'sau piṇḍa-nirvāpaṁ
yamunāyām kariṣyati ||302||

brahma-vaivarte –

jyaiṣṭha-mūla-site pakṣe
samabhyarcya janārdanam |
dhanyānām kulajaḥ piṇḍān
yamunāyām pradāsyati ||303||

bṛhan-nāradīye –

jyaiṣṭhe māsi paurṇamāsyām
mūlarkṣe prāyato naraḥ |
snātvā ca yamunāyām vai
mathurāyām upoṣitaḥ ||304||

abhyarcya vidhinā viṣṇum
yat phalam labhate dvijaḥ |
tat pravakṣyāmi vaḥ samyak
śṛṇudhvaṁ gadato mama ||305||

janmāyutārjitaiḥ pāpair
muktaḥ koṭi-kulānvitaḥ |
brahmaṇaḥ padam āsādyā
tatraiva parimucyate ||306||

padma-purāṇe –

saṅkrantau ravi-vāre ca
saptamyām vai dhṛtau tathā |
vyatipāte ca hastarkṣe
tvaṣṭre pauñce punar-vasau ||307||

ekādaśyām caturdaśyām
aṣṭamyām ca vidhu-kṣaye |
paurṇamāsyām ca pūrvoktaṁ
phalaṁ śata-guṇaṁ bhavet ||308||

tad eva koṭi-guṇitaṁ
grahaṇe candra-sūryayoḥ |
dvādaśyām arcayed viṣṇum
ekādaśyām upoṣya yaḥ |
kālindyām tasya sulabham
tad visnoḥ paramaṁ padam ||309||

atha mathurā-brāhmaṇa-māhātmyam

ādi-vārāhe –

anṛco māthuro yaś ca
catur-vedas tathāparaḥ |
catur-vedaṁ parityajya
mathurām bhojayed dvijam ||310||

kṛṣi-balo durācāro
dharma-mārga-parāṇ-mukhaḥ |
īdṛśo'pi pūjanīyo
māthuro mama rūpa-dhṛk ||311||

māthurāṇām ca yad rūpaṁ
tad rūpaṁ me vasundhare |
ekasmin bhojite vipre
koṭir bhavati bhojitāḥ ||312||

māthurā mama pūjyā hi
māthurā mama vallabhāḥ |
māthure parituṣṭe vai
tuṣṭo'haṁ nātra saṁśayaḥ ||313||

bhavanti puṇya-tīrthāni

pun̄yāny ayatanāni ca |
maṅgalāni ca sarvāṇi
yatra tiṣṭhanti māthurāḥ ||314||

atha mathurā-vāsi-māhātmyam

ādi-vārāhe –

ye vasanti mahā-bhāge
mathurām itare janāḥ |
te'pi yānti parām siddhim
mat-prasādān na samśayaḥ ||315||

yas tatra nivased devi
sam̄yato hi jitendriyaḥ |
tri-kālam api bhujāno
vāyu-bhakṣa-samo hi saḥ ||316||

mathurāyām mahā-puryām
ye vasanti śuci-vratāḥ |
bali-bhikṣā-pradātāro
devās te nara-vigrahāḥ ||317||

mathurā-vāsino lokāḥ
sarve te mukti-bhājanāḥ |
api kīṭa-pataṅgā vā
tiryag-yoni-gatā api ||318||

tiṣṭhed yuga-sahasram tu
padenaikena yaḥ pumān |
tasyādhikam bhavet puṇyam
mathurāyām nivāsinaḥ ||319||

para-dāra-ratā ye ca
ye narā ajitendriyāḥ |
mathurā-vāsinaḥ sarve
te deva nara-vigrahāḥ ||320||

siddhā bhūta-gaṇāḥ sarve
ye ca deva-gaṇā bhuvi |
mathurā-vāsino lokāms
te paśyanti catur-bhujān ||321||

mathurāyām ye vasanti

viṣṇu-rūpā hi te khalu |
ajñānās tān na paśyanti
paśyanti jñāna-cakṣuṣaḥ ||322||

mathurāyām pure yas tu
prasādam pura-vāsinām |
kārayitvā tu manujo
jāyate sa catur-bhujāḥ ||323||

skānde –

mathurā-vāsino lokān
manasāpi dviṣanti ye |
na jātu bhavitā teṣām
viraho nirayaiḥ saha ||324||

mathurā-vāsinām kurvanty
upakārān manāg api |
ye lokā nāsti teṣām hi
puṇyasyāntaḥ kadācana ||325||

pādme pātāla-khaṇḍe –

dhanyā mathurā-vāsās te
vasanti hari-sannidhau |
catur-varṇa-varaḥ so'yam
pibate yamunā-jalam ||326||

svapacaḥ pāvanās te'tra
vasanti mathurā-pure |
anya-deśa-stha-viprāṇām
mathurā-vāsino'dhikāḥ ||327||

tatraiva nirmāṇa-khaṇḍe –

mathurā-vāsino dhanyā
mānyā api divaukasām |
agaṇya-mahimānas te
sarva eva catur-bhujāḥ ||328||

mathurā-vāsinām ye tu
doṣam paśyanti mānavāḥ |
te sva-doṣam na paśyanti
janma-mṛtyu-sahasra-dam ||329||

tatrādi-vārāha-mataṁ madhu-vanaṁ puradbhir apy astiti, tathā
hi

tena dr̥ṣṭa ca sā ramyā
vāsavasya purī yathā |
vanair dvadaśabhir yuktā
puṇya-pāpa-harā śubhā ||330||

atha dvādaśa-vanānāṁ mahātmyam

[tathā hi padma-purāṇe –

bhadra-śrī-lauha-bhāṇḍira-
mahā-tāla-khadirakāḥ |
bahulā kumudaṁ kāmyaṁ
madhu vṛndāvanaṁ tathā ||

dvādaśaitāny araṇyāni
kālindyāḥ sapta paścime |
pūrve pañca vanaṁ proktaṁ
tatrāsti guhyam uttamam || [Brk 5.397-398]

skānde –

pūrve tu pañca bhadrādyās
tālādyāḥ sapta paścime |
anyac copavanaṁ proktaṁ
kṛṣṇa-kṛīḍā-rasa-sthalam || [Brk 5.399]

tatra madhu-vanasya –

ramyaṁ madhu-vanaṁ nāma
viṣṇu-sthānam anuttamam |
yad dr̥ṣṭvā manujo devi
sarvān kāmān avāpnuyāt ||331||

tāla-vanasya ādi-vārāhe –

vanaṁ tāla-vanākhyāṁ ca
dvitīyaṁ vanam uttamam |
yatra snātvā naro devi
kṛta-kṛtyo'bhijāyate ||332||

tatra kuṇḍaṁ svaccha-jalaṁ

nīlotpala-vibhūṣitam |
tatra snānena dānena
vāñchitam phalam āpnuyāt ||333||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

aho tāla-vanam puṇyam
yatra tālair hato'surāḥ |
hitāya yādavānām ca
ātma-kriḍānakāya ca ||334||

yas tatra kurute snānam
yatra kutra sthite jale |
yādatvam avāpnoti
dehānte deva-darśanam ||335||

kumuda-vanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

vanam kumud-vanākhyam ca
ṛṭīyam uttamam param |
tatra gatvā naro devi
kṛta-kṛtyo'bhijāyate ||336||

kāmya-vanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

caturtham kāmyaka-vanam
vanānām vanam uttamam |
tatra gatvā naro devi
mama loke mahīyate ||337||

vimalasya ca kuṇḍe tu
sarvam papam vimoksyate |
yas tatra muñcati prāṇān
mama lokam sa gacchati ||338||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

tataḥ kāmya-vanam rājan
yatra bālye sthito hariḥ |
snāna-mātreṇa sarveṣām
sarva-kāma-phala-pradam ||339||

tatra kāma-saro rājan
gopikā-ramaṇam saraḥ |
tatra tīrtha-sahasrāṇi

sarāmsi ca pṛthaṅ pṛthak ||340||

bahulā-vanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

pañcamam bahulā-vanam
vanānām vanam uttamam |
tatra gatvā naro devi
agni-sthānam sa gacchati ||341||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

bahulā śrī-hareḥ patnī
tatra tiṣṭhati sarvadā |
tasmin padma-vane rājan
bahu-puṇya-phalāni ca ||342||

tatraiva ramate viṣṇur
lakṣmyā sārḍham sadaiva hi |
tatra saṅkarṣaṇam kuṇḍam
tatra māna-saro nṛpa ||343||

yas tatra kurute snānam
madhu-māse nṛpottama |
sa paśyati hariṁ tatra
lakṣmyā saha viśāmpate ||344||

bhadra-vanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

tasmin bhadra-vanam nāma
ṣaṣṭham ca vanam uttamam |
tatra gatvā tu vasudhe
mad-bhakto mat-parāyaṇaḥ |
tad-vanasya prabhāvena
nāga-lokam sa gacchati ||345||

khadira-vanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

saptamam tu vanam bhūmau
khadiram loka-viśrutam |
tatra gatvā naro bhadre
mama lokam sa gacchati ||346||

mahāvanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

mahā-vanam cāṣṭamam tu

sadaiva hi mama priyam |
tasmin gatvā tu manuja
indraloke mahīyate ||347||

yamalārjuna-tīrtham ca
kuṇḍam tatra ca vartate |
paryastam yatra śakaṭam
bhinna-bhāṇḍa-kuṭi-ghaṭam ||348||

tatra snānopavāsena
anantam phalam āpnuyāt |
tatra gopīśvaro nāma
mahā-pātaka-nāśanaḥ ||349||

sapta-sāmudrikam nāma
kuṇḍam tu vimalodakam |
devasyāgre tu vasudhe
gopīśasya mahātmanaḥ ||350||

pitaraś cābhinandanti
pāṇīyam piṇḍam eva ca |
soma-vāre tv amāvaśyām
piṇḍa-dānam karoti yaḥ |
gayā-piṇḍam pradānam ca
kṛtam nāsty atra saṁśayaḥ ||351||

lohajaṅgha-vanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

lohajaṅgha-vanam nāma
lohajaṅghena rakṣitam |
navamam tu vanam devi
sarva-pātaka-nāśanam ||352||

bilva-vanasya –

vanam bilva-vanam nāma
daśamam deva-pūjitam |
tatra gatvā tu manujo
brahma-loke mahīyate ||353||

bhāṇḍira-vanasya –

ekādaśam tu bhāṇḍiram
yoginām priyam uttamam |
tasya darśana-mātreṇa

naro garbham na gacchati ||354||

bhāṇḍīraṁ samanuprāpya
vanānāṁ vanam uttamam |
vāsudevaṁ tato dṛṣṭvā
punar-janma na vidyate ||355||

tasmin bhāṇḍīrake snātvā
saṁyato niyatāsanah |
sarva-pāpa-vinirmukta
indra-lokaṁ sa gacchati ||356||

śrī-vṛndāvanasya, ādi-vārāhe –

vṛndāvanaṁ dvādaśamaṁ
vṛndayā parirakṣitam |
mama caiva priyaṁ bhūme
sarva-pātaka-nāśanam ||357||

tatrāhaṁ krīḍāyisyāmi
gopī-gopālakaiḥ saha |
su-ramyaṁ su-pratītaṁ ca
deva-dānava-durlabham ||358||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

tato vṛndāvanaṁ puṇyaṁ
vṛndā-devi-samāśritam |
hariṇādhiṣṭhitam tac ca
rudra-brahmādi-sevitam ||359||

vṛndāvanaṁ su-gahanaṁ
viśālaṁ vistr̥taṁ bahu |
munīnām āśramaiḥ pūrṇaṁ
vanya-vṛnda-samanvitam ||360||

yathā lakṣmiḥ priyatamā
yathā bhakti-parā narāḥ |
govindasya priyatamaṁ
tathā vṛndāvanaṁ bhuvi ||361||

vatsair vatsatarībhiś ca
sākaṁ krīḍāti mādhaveḥ |
vṛndāvanāntara-gataḥ
sa-ramair bālakāvṛtaḥ ||362||

aho vṛndāvanam ramyam
yatra govardhano giriḥ |
yatra tīrthany anekani
viṣṇu-deva-kṛtani ca ||363||

pādme nirmāṇa-khaṇḍe –

paramānanda-kaṇḍākhyam
mahā-pātaka-nāśanam |
samasta-duḥkha-samhantr-
jīva-mātra-vimuktidam ||364||

śrī-daśama-skānde [BhP 10.11.28] –

vanam vṛndāvanam nāma
paśavyam nava-kānanam |
gopa-gopī-gavām sevyaṁ
puṇyadri-trṇa-vīrudham ||365||

[BhP 10.21.10]

vṛndāvanam sakhi bhuvo vitanoti kirtim
yad devakī-suta-padāmbuja-labdha-lakṣmiḥ |
govinda-veṇum anu-matta-mayūra-nṛtyam
prekṣyādri-sānv-apatānya-samasta-sattvam ||366||

kim idam dvadaśābhikhyam
vṛndāranam viśāmpate |
śrotum icchāmi bhagavan
yadi yogyo'sti me vada ||367||

tatra śrī-kṛṣṇasyottaram –

idam vṛndāvanam ramyam
mama dhāmaiva kevalam |
atra ye paśavaḥ pakṣi-
vṛkṣa-kīṭa-narāmarāḥ |
ye ca santi mamadhiṣṭhe
mṛtā yānti mamālayam ||368||

atra yā gopa-kanyās ca
nivasanti mamālaye |
yoginyas tā mayā nityam
mama sevā-parāyaṇāḥ ||369||

pañca-yojanam evāsti
vanam me deha-rūpakam |
kālindīyam suṣumṇākhyā
paramāmṛta-vāhinī |
atra devās ca bhūtāni
vartante sūkṣma-rūpataḥ ||370||

sarva-deva-mayaś cāham
na tyajāmi vanam kvacit |
āvirbhāvas tirobhāvo
bhaved atra yuge yuge |
tejomayam idam ramyam
adṛśyam carma-cakṣuṣā ||371||

atha śrī-govindasya, ādi-vārāhe –

vṛndāvane ca govindam
ye paśyanti vasundhare |
na te yama-purim yānti
yānti puṇya-kṛtām gatim ||372||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe śrī-nāradoktau

tasmin vṛndāvane puṇyam
govindasya niketanam |
tat-sevaka-samākīrṇam
tatraiva sthīyate mayā ||373||

bhuvi govinda-vaikuṇṭham
tasmin vṛndāvane nṛpa |
yatra vṛndādayo bhṛtyāḥ
santi govinda-mānasāḥ ||374||

vṛndāvane mahā-sadma
yair dṛṣṭam purusottamaiḥ |
govindasya mahī-pāla
te kṛtārthā mahī-tale ||375||

atha śrī-govinda-tīrthasya, saura-purāṇe –

govinda-svami-tīrthākhyam
asti tīrtham mahottamam |
vasudeva-tanūjasya
viṣṇor atyanta-vallabham ||376||

govinda-svāmi-nāmātra
vasaty arcātmako'cyutaḥ |
tatra snātvā tam abhyarcya
muktim icchanti sādhaveḥ ||377||

atha śrī-brahma-kuṇḍasya –

ādi-vārāhe –

tatra brāhme mahā-bhāge
bahu-gulma-latāvṛte |
tatra snānaṁ prakurvīta
eka-ratroṣito naraḥ ||378||

gandharvair apsarobhiś ca
krīdamānaḥ sa modate |
tathātra muñcate prāṇān
mama lokān sa gacchati ||379||

skānde –

tatra kuṇḍaṁ mahā-bhage
bahu-gulma-latāvṛtam |
puṇyam eva mahā-tīrtham
su-ramya-salilāvṛtam ||380||

tatra snānaṁ prakurvīta
catuḥ-kāloṣito naraḥ |
modate vimale divye
gandharvāṇān kule sukham ||381||

tatrāpi muñcate prāṇān
satataṁ kṛta-niścayaḥ |
gandharva-kulam utsṛjya
mama lokān sa gacchati ||382||

tatrāścaryān pravakṣyāmi
tat śṛṇuṣva vasundhare |
labhante manujāḥ siddhim
mama kārya-parāyaṇāḥ ||383||

tasya tatrottara-pārśve
śoka-vṛkṣaḥ sita-prabhaḥ |
vaiśākhasya tu māsasya

śukla-pakṣasya dvādaśi ||384||

sa puṣpati ca madhyāhne
mama bhakta-sukhāvahaḥ |
na kaścīd abhijānāti
vinā bhāgavataṁ śucim ||385||

atha keśi-tīrthasya, ādi-vārāhe –

gaṅgā-śata-guṇaṁ puṇyaṁ
yatra keśi nipātitaḥ |
tatrāpi ca viśeṣo'sti
keśi-tīrthe vasundhare |
tasmin piṇḍa-pradānena
gaya-piṇḍa-phalaṁ labhet ||386||

atha kāliya-hradasya, tatraiva

kāliyasya hradam gatvā
krīḍam kṛtvā vasundhare |
snāna-mātreṇa tatraiva
sarva-pāpaiḥ pramucyate ||387||

vārāhe –

kāliyasya hradam puṇyam
asti guhyaṁ paraṁ mama |
yatrāham krīḍaye nityam
vimale yamunāmbhasi ||388||

tatrābhiṣekaṁ kurvīta
aho-ratroṣito naraḥ |
takṣakasya gṛhaṁ gatvā
mama loke mahīyate ||389||

atrāpi mahad āścaryaṁ
paśyanti paṇḍitā narāḥ |
kāliya-hrada-pūrveṇa
kadambo mahato drumahaḥ ||390||

śata-śakhaṁ viśālākṣi
puṣpaṁ surabhi-gandhi ca |
sa ca dvādaśa-māseṣu
manojñaḥ śubha-sitalaḥ |
puṣpayati viśālākṣi

bhāsvarāms tu diso dasa ||391||

saura-purāṇe –

tataḥ kāliya-tīrthākhyam
tīrtham amho-vināśanam |
anṛtyad yatra bhagavān
bālah kāliya-mastake ||392||

tatra yas tu kṛta-snāno
vāsudevaṁ samarcayet |
agaṇya-janma-duṣprāpaṁ
kṛṣṇa-sāyujyam aśnute ||393||

atha dvādaśāditya-samjñasya, ādi-vārāhe –

sūrya-tīrthe naraḥ snāto
dṛṣṭvādityam vasundhare |
āditya-bhavanam prāpya
kṛta-kṛtyaḥ sa modate ||394||

āditye'hani saṅkrāntāv
asmin tīrthe vasundhare |
manasābhīpsitam kāmam
samprāpnoti na samśayaḥ ||395||

saura-purāṇe –

dvādaśāditya-tīrthākhyam
tīrtham tad anu pāvakaṁ |
tasya darśana-mātreṇa
nṛṇām amho vinaśyati ||396||

athokta-kramam yātrāyāḥ kartavyopadesaḥ

ādi-vārāhe –

prathamam madhu-vanam proktam
dvādaśam vṛndikā-vanam |
etāni ye prapaśyanti
na te naraka-bhojinaḥ ||397||

yathā-kramena ye yātrām
vanānām dvādaśasya tu |

kariṣyanti varārohe
yānti te brāhmam ālayam ||398||

atha śrī-govardhanasya, tatraiva –

asti govardhanam nāma
kṣetram parama-durlabham
mathurā-pāścime bhāge
adūrād yojana-dvayam ||399||

anna-kūṭam tataḥ prāpya
tasya kuryāt pradakṣinām |
na tasya punar āvṛttir
devi sarvaṁ bravīmi te ||400||

snātvā mānasa-gaṅgāyām
dṛṣṭvā govardhane harim |
anna-kūṭam parikramya
kiṁ manaḥ paritapyase ||401||

indrasya varṣato'tyartham
gavām pīdā-karam jalam |
tāsām samrakṣanārthāya
dhṛto giri-varo mayā ||402||

anna-kūṭa iti khyātaḥ
sarvataḥ śakra-pūjitaḥ |
soma-vāre tv amāvaśyām
prāpya govardhanam naraḥ
dattvā piṇḍān piṭṛbhyaś ca
rājasūya-phalam labhet ||403||

skānde mathurā-khaṇḍe –

govardhanaś ca bhagavān
yatra govardhano dhṛtaḥ |
rakṣitā yādavāḥ sarva
indra-vṛṣṭi-nivāraṇāt ||404||

aho govardhano viṣṇur
yatra tiṣṭhati sarvadā |
yatra brahmā śivo lakṣmīr
vasaty eva na samśayaḥ ||405||

vārāhe –

asti govardhanam nāma
guhyam kṣetram param mama |
adūrād aṣṭa-krośāt tu
mathurāyās ca paścime ||406||

tatrāpi mahad āścaryam
yat paśyanti su-cetasaḥ |
tasmin samvartate bhūmir
sarva-bhāgavata-priyam ||407||

catur-vimśati-dvādaśyām
tasmin śikhara-parvate |
sthūlān paśyanti dipān vai
dyotayanto diśo daśa ||408||

yaś ca tān paśyate dipān
mama karma-parāyaṇaḥ |
labhate paramām siddhim
evam etān na samśayaḥ ||409||

bhādre pārśva-parivartinyām ekādaśyām govardhana-yātrā

ādi-vārāhe –

māsi bhādra-pade yā tu
śuklā caikādaśī śubhā |
govardhane sopavāsaḥ
kuryāt tasya pradakṣiṇām ||410||

govardhanam parikrāman
dṛṣṭvā devam hariṁ prabhūm |
rājasūyāśvamedhābhyām
phalam prapnoty asaṁśayaḥ ||411||

śrī-daśame [BhP 10.21.18] –

hantāyam adrir abalā haridāsa-varyo
yad rāma-kṛṣṇa-carāṇa-sparaśa-pramodaḥ |
mānam tanoti saha-go-gaṇayos tayor yat
pānīya-sūyavasa-kandara-kanda-mūlaiḥ ||412||

tatrastha-brahma-kuṇḍasya mathurā-khaṇḍe –

tatra snātvā brahma-kuṇḍe
brahmaṇā tosito hariḥ |
indrādi-loka-pālānām
jātāni ca sarāmsi hi ||413||

ādi-vārāhe –

hradaṁ tatra mahā-bhage
druma-gulma-latāvṛtam |
catvāri tatra tīrthāni
puṇyāni ca śubhāni ca ||414||

aindraṁ pūrvena pārśvena
yama-tīrthaṁ tu dakṣiṇe |
vārunaṁ paścime tīrthaṁ
kauveraṁ cottarena tu |
tatra madhye sthitaś cāham
krīḍayisyē yad-icchayā ||415||

śrī-govinda-kuṇḍasya mathurā-khaṇḍe

yatrābhiṣikto bhagavān
maghonā yadu-vairiṇā |
govinda-kuṇḍaṁ taj-jātaṁ
snāna-mātreṇa mokṣa-dam ||416||

ādi-vārāhe –

anna-kūṭasya sānnidhye
tīrthaṁ śakra-vinirmitam |
tasmin snāne tarpaṇe ca
śata-kratu-phalaṁ labhet ||417||

śrī-rādhā-kuṇḍādikasya

ādi-vārāhe –

ariṣṭa-rādhā-kuṇḍābhyām
snānāt phalam avāpyate |
rājasūyaśvamedhābhyām
nātra kāryā vicāraṇā ||418||

mathurā-khaṇḍe –

dīpotsave kārṭtike ca
rādhā-kuṇḍe yudhiṣṭhira |
dṛśyate sakalam viśvam
bhṛtyair viṣṇu-parāyaṇaiḥ ||419||

pādme kārṭtika-māhātmye –

govardhane girau ramye
rādhā-kuṇḍam priyam hareḥ |
kārṭtike bahulāṣṭamyām
tatra snātvā hareḥ priyaḥ ||420||

naro bhakto bhaved vipras
tat-sthitasya pratoṣaṇam |
yathā rādhā priyā visnos
tasyāḥ kuṇḍam priyam tathā ||421||

sarva-gopīṣu saivaikā
visnor atyanta-vallabhā |
tat-kuṇḍe kārṭtikāṣṭamyām
tatra snātvā hareḥ priyaḥ ||422||

natvā stutvā ca sampūjyo
deva-deva-janārdanaḥ |
prabodhinyām yathā pṛitas
tathā pṛitas tato bhavet ||423||

athākrura-tīrthasya

saura-purāṇe –

ananta-vasati-śreṣṭham
sarva-pāpa-vināśanam |
akrūra-tīrtham atyartham
asti priyataram hareḥ ||424||

pūrṇimāyām tu yaḥ snāyāt
tatra tīrtha-vare naraḥ |
sa mukta eva saṁsārāt
kārṭtikyām tu viśeṣataḥ ||425||

ādi-vārāhe –

tīrtha-rajam hi cākruram

guhyānām guhyam uttamam |
tat-phalam samavāpnoti
sarva-tīrthāvagāhanāt ||426||

akrūre ca punaḥ snātvā
rāhu-graste divākare |
rājasūyāśvamedhābhyām
phalam prāpnoti niścitam ||427||

atha bhāṇḍāgorasya

vārāhe –

bhāṇḍāgoram iti khyātam
guhyam asti tato mama |
labhante manujā bhūmi
siddhiṁ tatra na saṁśayaḥ ||428||

tatra kuṇḍam mahā-bhage
druma-gulma-latāvṛtam |
tatra snānam prakurvīta
aho-rātroṣito naraḥ ||429||

lokaṁ vaidyādharam gatvā
modate kṛta-niścayaḥ |
tatrāścaryam pravakṣyāmi
bhūmi guhyam param mama ||430||

catur-viṁśati-dvādaśyām
mama bhakti-vyavasthitaḥ |
ardha-rātreṣu śṛṇvanti
gītam karṇa-sukhāvaham ||431||

atha nāndīśvarasya

śrī-daśame [BhP 10.44.13] –

puṇyā bata vraja-bhuvo yad ayam nṛ-liṅga-
gūḍhaḥ purāṇa-puruṣo vana-citra-mālyaḥ |
gāḥ pālayan saha-balaḥ kvaṇayamś ca veṇum
vikrīḍayāñcati giritra-ramārcitānghriḥ ||432||

tathā ca pathanti –

pāvane sarasi snātvā
kṛṣṇaṁ nandīśvare girau |
dr̥ṣṭvā nandaṁ yasodāṁ ca
sarvābhīṣṭaṁ avāpnuyāt ||433||

śakaṭārohaṇasya, ādi-vārāhe –

śakaṭārohaṇaṁ nāma
tasmin kṣetre paraṁ mama |
mathurā-pāścime bhāge
adūrād ardha-yojane ||434||

anekāni sahasrāṇi
bhramarāṇāṁ vasanti vai |
tatrābhīṣekaṁ kurvīta
eka-ratroṣito naraḥ |
sa tu vaidyādharmaṁ lokaṁ
gatvā tu ramate sukham ||435||

tatrāpi mahad aścaryaṁ
paśyanti pathi saṁsthitāḥ |
sarva-puṣpa-varaṁ kuṇḍaṁ
māgha-māse tu dvādaśī ||436||

**atha grahaṇa-snānādy-arthaṁ keṣucit tīrtheṣu
kurukṣetratvātideśaḥ**

ādi-vārāhe –

govardhanaṁ tathākrūraṁ
dve koṭī dakṣinottare |
praskandanaṁ ca bhāṇḍīraṁ
kurukṣetra-samāni sat ||437||

atha yathārtha-kathanam

tatraiva –

asi-kuṇḍaṁ ca vaikuṇṭhaṁ
koṭī-tīrthottamaṁ tadā |
avimuktaṁ soma-tīrtham

saṁyamanam tindukam tathā ||438||

cakra-tīrtham tathākrūram
dvādaśāditya-saṁjñakam |
ete puṇyāḥ pavitrās ca
mahā-pātaka-nāśanaḥ |
kurukṣetrāc chata-guṇā
mathurāyām na saṁśayaḥ ||439||

ye paṭhanti mahā-bhāge
śṛṅvanti ca samāhitāḥ |
mathurāyās ca mähātmyam
te yānti paramām gatim ||440||

te kulāni tārayanti
dve śate pakṣayor dvayoḥ |
mähātmya-śravaṇād eva
nātra kāryā vicāraṇā ||441||

mathurā-mahā-tīrthāni –

viśrāntir asi-kuṇḍam ca
vaikuṇṭho dhruva eva ca |
kṛṣṇa-gaṅga cakra-tīrtham
sarasvatyās ca saṅgamaḥ ||442||

catuḥ-sāmudrikaḥ kūpo
gokarṇākhyā-śivas tathā |
govardhano nanda-gṛham
vatsa-kṛīḍānakas tathā |
vanāni dvādaśa tathā
mahā-tīrthāni māthure ||443||

atha māthure deva-varāḥ –

nārāyaṇānya-paryāyaḥ
keśavo madhya-saṁsthitaḥ |
svayambhūḥ padmanābhaś ca
dīrgha-viṣṇur gataśramaḥ |
govindo hari-varāhāv
iti mathurā-devatāḥ ||444||

mathurāyās tu mähātmyam sa-vanāyā mahādbhutam |
gopalottara-tāpanyām anyad apy asti kīrtanam ||445||
tīrthany uktani bhūrīṇi purāṇeṣv atra māthure |

khyātāny evādhunā teṣāṁ likhitānīha kānicit ||446||

Other verses found in Bhakti-ratnākara –

ardha-candra-tīrthaḥ –

tathā hi, ādi-vārāhe –

tatra madhye tu yat sthānam
ardha-candraṁ vyavasthitam |
tatraiva vāsino lokā
muktim yānti na saṁśayaḥ ||5.199||

ardha-candre tu yaḥ snānam
karoti nityatāśanaḥ |
tenaiva cākṣayā lokāḥ
prāptā eva na saṁśayaḥ ||5.200||

ardha-candre mṛtā devi
mama lokam vrajanti te |
anyatra tu mṛtā devi
ardha-candre kṛta-kriyāḥ |
te'pi muktim gamiṣyanti
dāhādi-karaṇair vinā ||5.201||

yāvad asthīny ardha-candre
yasya tiṣṭhanti dehinaḥ |
tāvat sa pāpa-kartāpi
brahma-loke mahīyate ||5.202||

brahma-ghnaś ca surāpaś ca
go-ghno bhagna-vratas tathā |
mathurām pradakṣiṇīkṛtya
pūto bhavati pātakāt ||5.203||

anya-deśāgato dūrāt
parikrāmati yo naraḥ |
tasya sandarśanād eva
pūtāḥ syur gata-kalmaṣāḥ ||5.204||

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yathā sparśa-maṇi-sparśāt
lauham yāti suvarṇatām |
tathā kṛṣṇā-jala-sparśāt

pāpaṁ gacchati puṇyatām ||5.347||

(yamunā)

yamunā-janakam sūryam
sarva-roḡāpahārakam |
maṅgalālaya-rūpaṁ tat
vande kṛṣṇa-rati-pradam ||5.788]