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Week 7

Devotional Hinduism: The Vishnu Purana [c. second century
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What must a worshipper do to receive the blessings of Vishnu?

1. The worshipper must, say the name of Vishnu over and over with faith and devotion.
“.....by the repetition of whose name man is undoubtedly liberated from all sin.” (P87, line 17)
2. The worshipping must fast,
“By hearing this Purana an equal recompense is obtained to that which is derived from the performance of an Aswameaha sacrifice or from fasting at the holy places, Prayago, Pushkara, Kurukshetra, or Arbuda. (P. 87 lines 32-36)
3. “The worshipper has to bathe in a river to cleanse their sins.
“The man who bathes in the waters of the Yamuna on the twelfth lunation of the light fortnight of the month in which the moon is in the mansion Jyeshtha and who fasts and worships Achyuta (Vishnu) in the city Mathura, receives the reward of an uninterrupted Aswamedha”. (Page87, line 39)
- 4, The worshipper must make an offering to the ancestors in the Yamuna.
“A man of good extraction will present obsequial cakes to his fortunate ancestors in the Yamana , having worshipped Janarddana in the ligh fortnight of Jyeshtha”.
5. The worshipper must read 10 chapters of the Purana, at least 10 chapters.

(Page 98, Line 17) " he who reads and retain with faith the Purana, will obtain such purity and eternal state of perfection.

6. The worshipper must fix his mind on the Vishu.

When he presents in the minds, their intellects will be free from "soil". And he will "confer upon then eternal freedom" (P.88, line38)

7. How difficult it is to get those blessings?

The writer believes that as long as you repeat the name of Achyuta your sins shall be wiped away (p 88. Line 39).

8. Hinduism is a personal religion.

Question 2.

What strikes me is that , one has to dedicated and committed to achieve their goal.

The screen image of Hinduism projects Pluralism.

The appeal of the image is that it all inclusive. Everyone can get their own salvation on their own action "Mat the unborn , eternal Hari, whose form is manifold, and whose essence is composed of both nature and spirit, bestow upon all mankind that blessed state which knows neither birth nor decay"