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SRI VISHNU's PANCHJANYA SHANKHA

In "Nachiyar Thirumozhi" Sri Andal yearningly asks Panchajanya how Prabhu's lips smell.

"Karpooram naarumo kamala poo naarumo?"

Do they smell of camphor or lotuses, she wonders, envying the conch's closeness to Krishna.

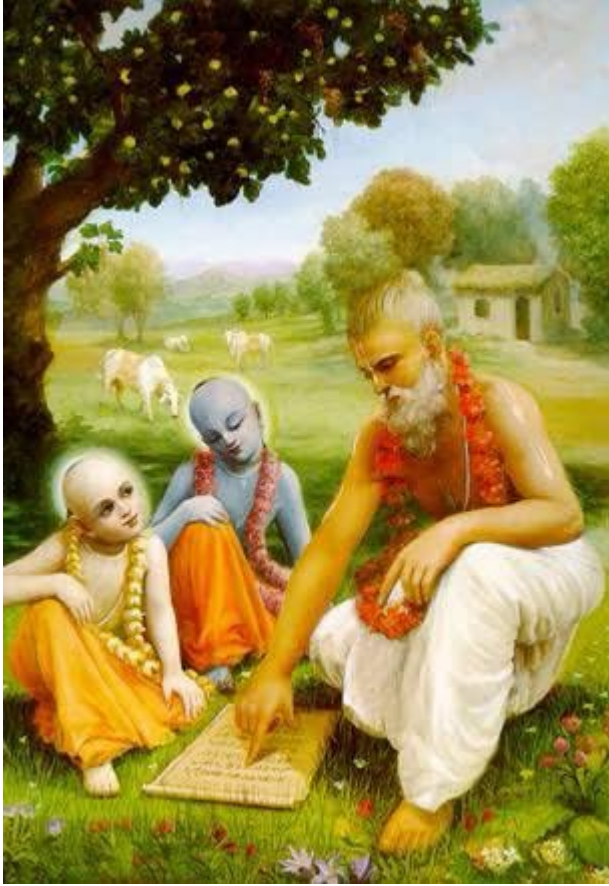
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Panchjanya/Shankhasur was a demon who lived in a conch in the depths of ocean. He kidnapped the son of Rishi Sandipani (Guru of Sri Krishna) and kept him as captive in this conch.

As Guru Dakshina, Sandipani asked Krishna to bring back his son.

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Krishna slew the demon, brought back his Guru-Bhai and took the conch which he gave the name Panchjanya.

Since then, the 5-fingered Panchjanya became a symbol of terror for evil and the herald of peace for the devoted.

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