

The Way to Transcendence - Part 5

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the transcription of a lecture delivered by our beloved spiritual master, His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on Srimad Bhagavad Gita 5.20. In the first four parts we heard Maharaj speak about,

- 1) how to clear the contaminations from our lives;
- 2) what is the real process of atonement and
- 3) understanding the transcendental nature of the Lord.

Let us continue to hear further from Maharaj on the transcendental nature of the Lord and His activities, particularly cow grazing. "You will be surprised to hear, we were in Uganda for four to five months. The President of Uganda whenever he goes on holiday, his enjoyment is to graze the cows. This is Vedic culture. That is the best enjoyment. If we try, we will also find out how blissful it is. Take some prasadam with you and go after the cows. Cows are grazing and you are in fresh air. We don't like to stay in the palace. Once it so happened that there was a grazing ground around the palace and it was a big palace. One cowherd boy was always visiting that grazing ground and there was a princess, daughter of the king always looking at the cowherd boy. Somehow or the other they developed the love. Princess loved cowherd boy like anything. She proposed to the father that she wants to marry the cowherd boy. Father said that he is cowherd boy and you are princess and the marriage will not continue. We will find out a nice prince for you, but she was very much adamant that she wants to marry the cowherd boy. Eventually they were married and it so happened that the cowherd boy was brought into the palace, big bedroom, this and that. Cowherd boy tried to sleep, he couldn't sleep. In the middle of the night he got up and took the blanket and his stick and went to the garden and was sleeping under the tree. This is how once we try this life, we will not enjoy the palaces. Palace is not enjoyment. It is our creation. The natural atmosphere is real enjoyment. We stay in a nice hut, it is much more pleasing than to be locked up in one apartment in a skyscraper. In the villages you can get out and see nice grass and cows and everything. This is impossible in the cities." Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Krishnarati devi dasi

Singapore.

The Way to Transcendence - Part 6

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Let us continue to hear further from Maharaj.

"Natural atmosphere is always enjoyment because that is Krishna's eternal enjoyment and by His energies the whole thing is carried out. *parāsyā śaktir vividhaiva śrūyate* (Caitanya Caritamṛta Madhya - 13.65 purport) - He has multifarious energies. He Himself enjoys, but His energies work. Srila Prabhupada mentions very nicely that the killing of demons, He does not do Himself. It is the Vāsudev manifestation of Krishna, killing the demons. Vāsudev manifestation is coming from Sankarshan. That is the *caturvyuha*. From Baladev, Sankarshan, and then Vāsudev, Vāsudev manifestation is the expansion of Krishna but not Krishna Himself. He is always enjoying there. These things when we try to understand with the help of Guru, Krishna Krupa, the mercy of Guru and Krishna, then we can enter into the inner quarters of Krishna. Otherwise, it is very difficult to understand these things. As soon as we come here then Srila Prabhupada again guides us.

There is a nice verse from Caitanya Caritamṛta (CC Adi 1.5), you must be knowing that - *rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir hlādinī śaktir* - from *hlādinī shakti* this Radha manifestation comes out. *rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir* - Krishna always wants to enjoy. As we have seen, He always enjoys in a natural atmosphere because He is spiritual. His enjoyment is not like us. We want definitely someone else to enjoy. But for His own enjoyment, He may expand Himself. He has that pleasure potency. From His pleasure potency, Radha is manifested. They are one but they become two and again in the same verse it is very nicely described *sri caitanyākhyam* - He is known as Caitanya then, *ākhyam*, and They were two but again in Caitanya form They join together. That's why Caitanya has Radha's complexion and Radha bhava. *rādhā-bhāva-dyuti-suvalitaṁ* - He has obtained the luster of Radha. *tapta-kāñcana-gaurāṅgitapta-kāñcana-* like the gold, molten gold, He has the complexion and that's why Caitanya Mahaprabhu's complexion is golden in colour, like Radharani. The purport of this verse is beautiful. This verse we have to understand and remember if you want to understand the pastimes of Radha and Krishna - *rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir hlādinī śaktir asmād*.

Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

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The Way to Transcendence - Part 7

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- 2) What is the real process of atonement,
- 3) Understanding the transcendental nature of the Lord and His activities, especially cow grazing.
- 4) How Krishna's potencies work and the highest manifestation of His internal potency.

Let us continue to hear further from Maharaj. In Caitanya Caritamrta Adilila verse 1.5, Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami says,

*rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir hlādinī śaktir asmād
ekātmānāv api bhuvī purā deha-bhedaṁ gatau tau
caitanyaḥkhyam prakāṣam adhunā tad-dvayam caikyam āptam
rādhā-bhāva-dyuti-suvalitam naumi kṛṣṇa-svarūpam*

The loving affairs of Sri Radha and Krishna are transcendental manifestations of the Lord's internal pleasure-giving potency. Although Radha and Krishna are one in Their identity, They separated Themselves eternally. Now these two transcendental identities have again united, in the form of Sri Krishna Caitanya. I bow down to Him, who has manifested Himself with the sentiment and complexion of Srimati Radharani although He is Krishna Himself.

The first line we have already seen. *rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir* - as soon as we try to experience the love between Radha and Krishna, then we must understand that it is coming from *hlādinī śakti*. That is blissful pleasure potency of the Lord. Then He says *ekātmānāv api bhuvī purā* - from time immemorial - They are only one but *deha-bhedaṁ* - They have accepted two bodies as Radha and Krishna. So where there is Krishna, there will always be Radha. Srila Prabhupada gives a very nice example of fire and heat. The fire and heat cannot be separated. The same way Radha and Krishna can never be separated. That is the beauty of Their relationship. Even when they are separated, They enjoy more in separation than when They were together. In Vrindavan They were together in the Kishora lila, when Krishna was a child, They were in Vrindavan but as soon as Krishna was ten, eleven years old, He was taken to Mathura and that was separation.

In the separation Radha and her expansions the gopis, they enjoyed so much because they could remember Him more in the separation. Krishna sent Uddhava to explain to them that, "Krishna is still there, He remembers". They asked, "Where is Krishna? Krishna is always with us. When He was here He was not with all of us but now He is with all of us." Then the gopis sing very nicely in *viraha*, it is beautiful and if you want to understand this Radha bhaav then we must try to understand the gopis from the tenth canto.

Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Krishna Rati devi dasi

Singapore.

Miraculous Change

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

Today is the auspicious occasion of disappearance day of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, the day when His Divine Grace again re-entered into Goloka Vrindavana after successfully fulfilling the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu - spreading the Holy Name in every nook and corner of the world, in accordance to the instruction of his spiritual master His Divine Grace Sri Bhakti Siddhanta Swami Prabhupada.

In one of the Bhagavatam classes of Srila Prabhupada on verse 1.2.6, given in Bombay on 26th March 1972 Srila Prabhupada explains how bhakti is unconditional and cannot be hampered by any material conditions - place of birth, economical status, marital status, gender, occupation, etc. He then quotes verse 2.4.18 from Srimad Bhagavatam wherein Sukadeva Goswami glorifies the Supreme Lord as follows:

*kirāta-hūṇāndhra-pulinda-pulkaśā
ābhīra-śumbhā yavanāḥ khasādayaḥ
ye 'nye ca pāpā yad-apāśrayāśrayāḥ
śudhyanti tasmai prabhaviṣṇave namaḥ*

Kirāta, Hūṇa, Āndhra, Pulinda, Pulkaśā, Ābhīra, Śumbha, Yavana, members of the Khasa races and even others addicted to sinful acts can be purified by taking shelter of the devotees of the Lord, due to His being the supreme power. I beg to offer my respectful obeisances unto Him.

The life of His Divine Grace is a personal example for the above verse. By his purity, he could bring a revolution in the minds of the world's misdirected civilization and change all hippies to happies throughout the world. He was never proud of this most amazing achievement and always said that this miracle was possible only because of the mercy of Guru and Krishna. In fact in this class His Divine Grace also very nicely mentions about this miracle - **"You cannot understand how it has happened. How it has happened, this is the miracle. Just like when I went to America, I was thinking that "Who will hear me? As soon as I will say that 'You cannot eat meat, you cannot have illicit sex, you cannot have any intoxication up to smoking and you cannot indulge in gambling,' the next day they will say, 'Please go home.' "Yes. Because it was actually experienced by one of my Godbrother. He went to London, and Lord Zetland, Marquis of Zetland, he was talking with him, this gentleman, at my Godbrother, that "Can you make me brahmana?" He said, "Yes, I can make you brahmana." "How?" "Then give up these four things = don't drink, don't have illicit sex, don't indulge in gambling, and don't eat meat." He said, "Impossible." He said, "Impossible. This is our life." This was a fair talk. So I was thinking that "As soon as I will prescribe these things, these boys, or these people of America, they will say, 'Please go home.' "But it is Krishna's mercy."**

Srila Prabhupada himself was extremely merciful and tolerant to the people who came and joined the movement. Most of them were unaware of Vedic culture, good behavior, etc and they could not even understand the philosophy. But they were simply attracted by the purity and serenity of Srila Prabhupada and tried to serve His Divine Grace to the best of their ability. And in due course of time, they not only started relishing devotional service, but engaged in doing services which they never ever imagined to do in their lives - like building temples, painting beautiful pictures of Krishna's pastimes, translating scriptures. Above all, they were able to get rid of their anarthas and sinful lives and lead a life of sanity. The legacy of His Divine Grace does not stop with the initial group of devotees who met him, but His Divine Grace continues to remain amidst us through his books. If we also take shelter of the instructions His Divine Grace has given in his books, then we can also purify our existence, by his mercy.

Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada ki Jai! Srila Gurudeva ki Jai!

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Sudarshana devi dasi.

The Way to Transcendence - Part 8

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Let us continue to hear further from Maharaj.

"Always we tend to think the pastimes of Krishna through the material eye and that is the mistake." There is a nice verse from Bhakti Rasamirta Sindhu (1.2.234) quoted frequently by Srila Prabhupada:

*ataḥ śrī-kṛṣṇa-nāmādi na bhaved grāhyaṃ indriyaiḥ
sevonmukhe hi jihvādau svayam eva sphuraty adaḥ*

No one can understand Krishna as He is by the blunt material senses. But He reveals Himself to the devotees, being pleased with them for their transcendental loving service unto Him.

However hard we try with our senses, we cannot see Krishna. We cannot hear Him. This is the fact because our senses are completely imperfect. So we should not try to see Him with our imperfect senses, if we try with our senses, then we are a failure. Devotional service is the only window through which we can peep into the confidential matters. Srila Prabhupada nicely explains in the purport to verse Adi Lila chapter 4 and verse number 56. Please read that purport and you will understand. More explanation is given in the Teachings of Lord Caitanya regarding the confidential matters of Radharani and Krishna.

I will give you the two verses to recite always and you will be able to understand these confidential matters with these two verses. The first is the gopi's verse and as I told you that we have to study about the gopis in order to understand these matters. Radha bhav is very popular, but even then we have to be careful how we follow the Radha bhav. This is the verse which gives us direction SB 10.31.15:

*aṭati yad bhavān ahni kānanam
truṭi yugāyate tvām apaśyatām
kuṭila-kuntalam śrī-mukham ca te
jaḍa udīkṣatām pakṣma-kṛd dṛśām*

There are so many verses, but this is the best one.

Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Thank you very much.

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The Way to Transcendence - Part 9

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- 5) Understanding the gopi-bhāva

Maharaj began to explain verse 10.31.15 of Srimad Bhagavatam which will help us to understand the confidential matters of Sri Radha and Krishna in the right manner. Now let us continue to hear further from Maharaj.

*aṭati yad bhavān ahni kānanam
truṭi yugāyate tvām apaśyatām
kuṭīla-kuntalam śrī-mukham ca te
jaḍa udīkṣatām pakṣma-kṛd dṛśām*

The gopis say *aṭati yad bhavān* - the day the sun rises and You go after the cows and You move about in *kānanam*- that is forest. During the day, for the whole day, You are in forest. That is why we are not able to see You, *aṭati yad bhavān ahni kānanam*- and in Your absence, *truṭi yugāyate, tvām apaśyatām*: *truṭi* - means a fraction of a second. Srila Prabhupada translates it as, you divide the second into seventeen hundred parts, and then one part is known as *truṭi* . Very small fraction of a second is *truṭi*. But *truṭi yugāyate* - it becomes long as *yuga*, long as a millennium. When we like some person and if that person is not there, then one hour also, we feel as if it is a day or two or a month. In the beginning, when young boy and girl come together, they cannot be without them. Afterwards, it is very difficult to carry on these things but in the beginning, at least they are attracted and they cannot pass time without each other. Then they feel it is long time.

The same way without Krishna, without looking at Krishna, the gopis cannot feel alright for a single second, fraction of a second. *tvām apaśyatām*- we don't see You and in the evening, *kuṭīla-kuntalam śrī-mukham ca te* - *kuṭīla-kuntalam* means 'nice hair'. He has curly black hair. And those hair get dirty because of the dust coming from the hooves of the cows. The gopis say, "The face is dirty and Your hair is dirty, but we like to see You. For the whole day we didn't see You. Then what happens that Brahma who has created our body, *pakṣma-kṛd dṛśām* - he has created eyelids on our body and because of this eyelids, we have to blink again and again and till that time also, we cannot tolerate missing You." This is *radha bhāva*.

Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Thank you very much.

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The Way to Transcendence - Part 10

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- 4) How Krishna's potencies work and highest manifestation of His internal potency (Radharani)
- 5) Understanding the *gopi bhāva* or *Radha bhāva*
- 6) How to get into the *gopi bhāva* or *Radha bhāva*

Let us continue to hear further from Maharaj.

The service has got to continue unbroken, apratihātā and then only yayātmā suprasīdati. This is *gopi bhāva* or this is *radha bhāva*. Srila Prabhupada's example is in front of us. Till he was on the death bed, he dictated the purports of Srimad Bhagavatam. He didn't value these sentiments too much. Don't be victimized by the sentiments. You don't have to dress like Radha and dance in Vrindavan. No! **But you have to devote your full time to the service of Krishna and then you become attached to Radha-bhāva.** Otherwise, there is no way. Constantly remember Krishna as Kunti very nicely prays to Krishna and in her prayers, there are five names. You can repeat that verse very nicely. Krishna, then Vāsudeva, then Devakinandana and Nandagopa kumara and Govinda. Five names in one verse Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.8.21:

*kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya govindāya namo namaḥ*

Let me, therefore, offer my respectful obeisances unto the Lord, who has become the son of Vasudeva, the pleasure of Devaki, the boy of Nanda and the other cowherd men of Vrindavana, and the enlivener of the cows and the senses.

Chanting this verse get into the *Radha bhāva* and do your service, whatever service you are doing. Hare Krishna!!!

We are extremely grateful to Maharaj for giving such wonderful nectar in the most practical way for dull brains like me to understand and more importantly put into practice.

Jai Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki jai!!! Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!!

Thank you very much.

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Vedic Way of Life - Part 1

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The following is an attempt to transcribe the wonderful class given by our beloved spiritual master H H Mahavishnu Goswami on the occasion of Vyasa Puja celebration of Srila Prabhupada in Houston, many years ago.

"His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada has given us so many things. Frankly speaking everything in our life is coming from him. He has shown us how to take rest. He has very nicely and lovingly guided us as to how to get up and what time to get up. He has forcefully insisted on what we should do after waking up. To that extent as to how we should clean our body and why we should do that, every detailed activity regarding the maintenance of our body and value of human existence - everything is coming from him. And he always insisted this verse that we should remember and understand this. Bhakti Rasamirta Sindhu (1.2.234)

*ataḥ śrī-Kṛṣṇa-nāmādi na bhaved grāhyaṃ indriyaiḥ
sevonmukhe hi jihvādau svayam eva sphuraty adaḥ*

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Indriyaiḥ means "**by our senses**". *śrī-Kṛṣṇa-nāmādi* - The name, form, and pastimes of Sri Krishna are there. And His Names are exactly according to His characteristics or pastimes. His names, pastimes, instructions, topics, and something written about Him, everything is present in front of us. But *na bhaved grāhyaṃ indriyaiḥ* - we cannot catch them by our own senses. We cannot see because our eyes are imperfect. We cannot hear because our ears are imperfect. And not only that regarding ears, we have to be very clear about the formation of this sense. We take it for granted that we can hear. But, no. It cannot. Inside the ear - there are fine hairs and each hair vibrates by our sound. And somehow or the other it is reflected on the diaphragm and then we hear. And if you scream or shout, if you are angry, very angry or upset, or if you are too much worried, then these hairs get affected inside our ear. It is a big channel, very narrow channel, within our ear. And these hairs inside are very delicate. They are not very strong. And because they are not strong, they vibrate nicely. And these vibrations of the hairs are conveyed to the diaphragm and immediately diaphragm sends the messages to the brain. And that's why we can very well hear. Even this is imperfect because as soon as something happens, it gets damaged and so we have to be very careful about these bodily limbs because it is very easy to get it damaged. But unfortunately, there are no spare parts for the human body."

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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This is in continuation of the transcription of the wonderful class, given by our beloved spiritual master H H Mahavishnu Goswami on the occasion of Vyasa Puja celebration of Srila Prabhupada in Houston, many years ago. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj about,

- 1) Vedic life suggested by Srila Prabhupada.
- 2) The miracle of Krishna's creation.

Maharaj was telling how wonderfully Krishna has created the ears. When misused, it gets damaged and we don't have any spare-part shop to replace it. Now we shall hear further on the miracle of Krishna's creation.

You can change the spare parts for your motor car - like wheel, carburettor, etc. But you cannot replace the bodily parts like that. That's why when it loses its capacity, we have to fix it with so many machines and other things. The same with eyes also, if you stretch them too much, by being awake after 9'o clock in the night, then the cells in our eye start burning. And if we force ourselves to be awake then it becomes red, because the burning is going on. Then the eye is damaged. In Vedic days there was no electricity. There is a village in Rajasthan where even now, fortunately, there is no electricity. So it is custom that before it becomes dark, they will finish the supper and go to the roof of the house. Rajasthan is very dry, no rain at all. So the roof-tops are completely flat. The roofs serve as bedroom also. And there are no separate bedrooms.

3) **Disadvantage of separate bedrooms:** Separate bedrooms are brain products of the modern civilization. I will give you an example as to how these separate bedrooms harm us. Under the name of advancements, we claim that we have one bed-room, double bed-room or triple bed-room house, four, five, etc. The more bedroom one has, he is regarded to be a more civilized person. But frankly speaking, he is most uncivilized because we don't want to stop our sense of gratification and so we want the young children to be separated. The child is hardly two years old and hankers for the mother's association. And the demoniac father forces the child, "You must be habituated to sleep alone". Father is 40 years old and he cannot sleep without the wife and how can the child be separated within 2 years?

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 3

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 1) Vedic life suggested by Srila Prabhupada.
- 2) The miracle of Krishna's creation.
- 3) Disadvantage of separate bedrooms.

Now we shall hear further from Maharaj.

3) **Disadvantage of separate bedrooms:** Children need affection from mother and in no way they want to be separated from the mother. And in modern civilization, we have six bedrooms and all six children are sleeping in six different rooms and the father is preparing for another child again. So this is the most degraded condition we have come to under the name of advancement. We were in Canada, Vancouver and there is a place called Calgary. It is bit of a drive from Vancouver. It is very cold and during winter the temperatures go very down - may be -40 or something like that. So what happened there were three-four children sleeping in all the bedrooms in a house and there was one small child, three-year-old girl. Mother did not have any idea as to what the children are doing, whether they are sleeping or not. She was busy with her own things. And father had to leave the house early in the morning for work. And this girl got up and she began to follow the father. The mother did not have any idea. And nobody in the house had any idea about this. And the father was very busy. He didn't notice her. This child unknowingly followed the father.

She didn't know that father is busy and going to work. Father was not in his senses, because he was already dreaming about his work/business. So he just went straight to the car and nobody saw her. It was -4 degrees and she was in her nightdress. And the father sat in the car and drove off, without knowing that the girl is out. Mother did not have any idea. She might have been snoring. And this girl was left outside in such a freezing temperature, much much below freezing temperature for 6 hours. She got frostbites, but somehow she survived. Somehow or the other after 6 hours mother realized that the child is not in the bedroom and is missing. So she called the police and they could find the body under the snow at the door-step. This is the effect of separate bedrooms. We have to come to our senses regarding the children. Children must come first in our lives. They are very young. They want mother, they want father also. They want tender loving relationships. We should not create difficulty for young children, under the name of modern advancement. On one hand, we claim that we love the children and on the other hand, this is the effect of separate bedrooms. If we can do, all the walls of the bedrooms should be knocked. Make a big hall and parents and children should all take rest together. Unless the children have grown big and they want a separate room for themselves. That is another thing. But this is how Srila Prabhupada has given us the intellect for understanding these things.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 1) Vedic life suggested by Srila Prabhupada.
- 2) The miracle of Krishna's creation.
- 3) Disadvantage of separate bedrooms.

Now we shall hear further from Maharaj. Maharaj continued to explain the verse (*ataḥ śrī-Kṛṣṇa-nāmādi*) verse from Bhakti-rasamṛta-sindhu verse 1.2.234.

4) **Experience Krishna by service:** Srila Prabhupada has given us the intellect and with that intellect, we can very well understand that *śrī-Kṛṣṇa-nāmādi na bhaved grāhyaṃ indriyaiḥ* - by our own senses we cannot catch Krishna. And because we cannot catch Krishna by any of our sense, so we have to experience Him. That is the only way to know Krishna. We cannot use our senses, because our senses are completely imperfect. And because our senses are imperfect, we cannot have faith in His existence. We become completely faithless. And the way out is given in the second line of this verse - *sevonmukhe hi jihvādau* - By our *jihvā* - tongue, it starts from our tongue. Tongue has two duties to perform. Tongue vibrates - speech and 99% of the time we speak non-sense. Hardly for one percent, if we are lucky, we may hear or speak about Krishna. Otherwise, 99% we just brag. *sevonmukhe hi jihvādau* - If we serve Krishna by all our senses, then *svayam eva sphuraty adaḥ*- then automatically you get the experience of Krishna. There is no need for any separate endeavor. As soon as you engage yourself in hearing and reciting of these verses or hearing the pravacans and discussions about the Lord, then *svayam eva sphuraty adaḥ*. It is automatically suggested from within as to what is to be done and how Krishna is to be experienced.

Many times what happens, the pravacans are in Hindi or in some other Indian language which we may not know. But Srila Prabhupada has forced the devotees that ***even if you don't understand, you attend the lectures so that the vibrations, will help you to experience the Lord. The same is true with the Sanskrit verses of Bhagavad-Gita and Bhagavatam. If you understand so far, so better. But even if you don't understand, do not worry. You just go on reciting or you at least just hear and those vibrations will purify you. This is the beauty of transcendental matters.***

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 5

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 1) Vedic life suggested by Srila Prabhupada.
- 2) The miracle of Krishna's creation.
- 3) Disadvantage of separate bedrooms.
- 4) Experience Krishna by service.

Maharaj was explaining how we should attend the classes on Krishna-Katha even if we don't know the language as the transcendental vibrations will have a purifying effect on us. Now we shall hear further.

5) **Lack of affection disturbs us**: Unless we give the priority to these transcendental matters in our life, the whole life becomes completely useless. *mogham pārtha sa jīvati* - (**Living only for the satisfaction of the senses, such a person lives in vain** - Bhagavad-Gita verse 3.16). This is why our life has to be guided by the names and topics and everything regarding Krishna. Otherwise, you will not be able to experience Him. That's why we know that even now in India we had so many programs and there was not a single question from anybody. We ask always, "Do you have any questions or comments?". No. Everybody were completely quite. Even now we had a program before six months in India. So many programs we had. Completely quite.

One program was really strange program. We had to go to an orphanage. And that is imprisonment of orphanages. They were punished, as it is they were punished by Krishna - being an orphan - not knowing their father and mother. And then again it was an imprisonment. There were two groups in the children. One was from six years to twelve years and the other group was below six years. They were completely innocent children, but they were mental. **Because if the children lack the affection from parents, then they are bound to be mental.** That's why the population in the western world, most of them are mental because they don't experience the affection. The family unit is not a stable unit. And society which does not have a stable family unit, they create a havoc in the life of children particularly. Because they starve for the affection, the children become mental. And this is the very reason why we should come to Krishna or Guru. We want affection. It doesn't matter whether we are young or old. Doesn't matter at all. Always we look for father and mother. That is definite. There is no way that we can forget those living entities. Because we have tasted that affection. That pure love is the existence and when we lack that, even when we are grown-ups, so many times we remember that. The reason is that because of that love and affection, we remain in a stable condition.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 6

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 2) The miracle of Krishna's creation.
- 3) Disadvantage of separate bedrooms.
- 4) Experience Krishna by service.
- 5) Lack of affection disturbs us:

Maharaj was explaining how children become mentally disturbed when they lack the affection of parents and how this holds true even for grown-ups. Now we shall hear further.

6) **Krishna - Our Eternal Supreme Loving Parent:** We may not find out some Guru, but we may find some living entity in the society also who is affectionate to us. So we feel like going to them again and again and sit with them and talk to them. But it is not that we always get such a living entity. And if those living entities are affectionate to us or show a bit of care to us, then we feel it is alright. This is the reason.

This is the reason we come to Krishna because now we are grown-ups and we are bound to be separated from our parents. That is definite. Even if parents are alive, you may leave the parents. You may marry or not marry - whatever the life may offer you, but at the same time, we lack the affection. So we go to this Supreme affection living entity, Krishna. Because He is Supreme and because He is very loving, we are very much attracted to Him. And this is unknown attraction between the soul and the Supersoul. And if we are properly guided and this attraction is properly nourished by the Gurus like Srila Prabhupada, then our life becomes completely sublime and there is nothing lacking. That's why by just chanting Bhagavad Gita verses, by just repeating the Mahamantra even the mentally deranged persons could be cured. We have seen that we were so many mental and all our inebrieties have gone out completely - *vidhunoti* - This word is very nice. Sb 1.2.17:

*śṛṇvatām sva-kathāḥ kṛṣṇaḥ puṇya-śravaṇa-kīrtanaḥ
hṛdy antaḥ stho hy abhadrāṇi vidhunoti suhṛt satām*

Sri Krishna, the Personality of Godhead, who is the Paramatma [Supersoul] in everyone's heart and the benefactor of the truthful devotee, cleanses desire for material enjoyment from the heart of the devotee who has developed the urge to hear His messages, which are in themselves virtuous when properly heard and chanted.

Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 7

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 3) Disadvantage of separate bedrooms.
- 4) Experience Krishna by service.
- 5) Lack of affection disturbs us.
- 6) Krishna - Our Eternal Supreme Loving Parent.

Now let us hear further.

7) **Krishna katha nourishes us:** The second chapter of first Canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, we always insist to learn by-heart and this verse 1.2.17 is very nice.

*śṛṇvatām sva-kathāḥ kṛṣṇaḥ puṇya-śravaṇa-kīrtanaḥ
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śṛṇvatām means hear and *sva-kathāḥ* means His own pastime. Because Krishna is present in everyone's heart, when we hear about His own pastimes, about His Names, then Krishna within our heart is very pleased. This is our experience also. When someone appreciates you, you become happy. If I praise some child, "Mukund, you are wearing nice dhoti", then he will put on dhoti again and again because he will remember it every time and wear dhoti - "I wore dhoti and Maharaj told that I look very good in it". So always, again and again, he will put. If I don't pay notice to you, then again and again you will come in front of me with dhoti, because again you want to hear the praise from me. This is how we behave.

If somebody praises Krishna, or if we praise Krishna, His names and, prayers, pastimes, then Krishna within our body becomes very pleased. Why? Because it is *puṇya-śravaṇa*. It is very good activity to hear about His pastimes. Anything else if we hear it spoils the hair within the ear. If you hear Krishna-katha, it nourishes the hair inside. As I told earlier, those hairs are very small. If you bisect and see, the diaphragm of the ear, then you can see the small cells in the form of hair. And those cells gets nourished by Krishna katha. That's why when we hear these discussions eternally, we never get tired. If you go to somebody else or speak some mundane topic, then within no time, you become tired. And as soon as you become tired, you fight with each other.

Krishna willing, we will continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj in the next offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 8

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 4) Experience Krishna by service.
- 5) Lack of affection disturbs us.
- 6) Krishna katha nourishes us.

Maharaj was explaining how when we talk of mundane matters we get tired of it, but same is not true in case of Krishna katha. Now we shall hear further.

7) **Effect of Krishna katha:** When people go to see these football matches or cricket matches, thousands of people are squeezed in the stadium. But as soon as the match stops, the players have a break - they fight with each other, tear each other apart because their ears are completely tired, their eyes are completely tired and they don't know what they are looking at. And that is how we try to destroy ourselves if there is no Krishna katha. This knowledge is coming from Srila Prabhupada. It is his mercy that we have understood this point. And that's why he insists that eternally you must engage yourselves in this. And Krishna also insists this in Bhagavad-Gita *satataṁ kīrtayanto mām yaṭantaś ca dṛḍha-vratāḥ*. And frankly speaking daily we are repeating this point, that you should be attracted to Krishna. You should be attached to devotional service. Apart from this, we don't tell anything. But there even we talk something different comes. Thousands of discourses we have given on these same principles. But every time something new comes and that is the potency of Krishna. *śṛṇvatām* means we must hear. There is a nice verse in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.7.7:

*yasyām vai śrūyamāṇāyām kṛṣṇe parama-pūruṣe
bhaktir utpadyate puṁsaḥ śoka-moha-bhayāpahā*

Simply by giving aural reception to this Vedic literature, the feeling for loving devotional service to Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, sprouts up at once to extinguish the fire of lamentation, illusion and fearfulness.

It is nicely said by Vyasadv as what is to be heard - *yasyām vai śrūyamāṇāyām kṛṣṇe parama-pūruṣe*- we should hear about Krishna and what is the effect? This is very nicely described in the second line - *bhaktir utpadyate puṁsaḥ*- Then in your own existence, devotional service starts. When devotional service starts, what is the effect on your existence. *śoka-moha-bhayāpahā*- *śoka* means lamentation, *moha* means illusion and *bhayā* means fear. *apahā* means completely destroyed. Lamentation, Illusion and fear completely disappear by hearing Krishna Katha.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 9

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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Maharaj was explaining about the effects of Krishna katha as described in Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.7.7. Now we shall hear further.

8. Medicine for Material Disease - LIF: Lamentation, Illusion and Fear is our material disease. Our material activities force us to lament, to be in illusion and to always be afraid. We are always afraid. If anything comes we always think, "O I might lose something, I might die, I might lose my wife, my children, my money, this, that..", all these fears are there. And we should very well remember as to what is our material disease. So please take out "L" from lamentation, "I" from illusion and "F" from fear - LIF. If you remember this word '**LIF**' then you always remember the material disease. And in order to get rid of this disease, the solution is given in Srimad Bhagavatam 10.1.4:

*nivṛtta-tarṣair upagīyamānād
bhavauśadhāc chrotra-mano-'bhirāmāt
ka uttamaśloka-guṇānuvādāt
pumān virajyeta vinā paśughnāt*

Glorification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is performed in the parampara system; that is, it is conveyed from spiritual master to disciple. Such glorification is relished by those no longer interested in the false, temporary glorification of this cosmic manifestation. Descriptions of the Lord are the right medicine for the conditioned soul undergoing repeated birth and death. Therefore, who will cease hearing such glorification of the Lord except a butcher or one who is killing his own self?

The second line of the verse - *bhavauśadhāc chrotra-mano-'bhirāmāt* - *chrotra* - means you just hear and that is the bhavaushadi - medicine - Why for we are taking medicine? Because we are diseased by this "LIF" and if we want to eradicate that disease, no other medicine will work, but to hear. This is *ataḥ śrī-Kṛṣṇa-nāmādi na bhaved grāhyaṃ indriyaiḥ sevonmukhe hi jihvādau svayam eva sphuraty adaḥ*. As soon as you start using the senses in devotional service in any form, then bhakti sprouts automatically.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

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Vedic Way of Life - Part 10

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Maharaj was explaining about how by hearing Krishna katha we can overcome lamentation, illusion and fear. Now we shall hear further.

9. Effect of recitation: (Maharaj then recited the verses 10.8 - 10.14 from Bhagavad-Gita, followed by the translation of those verses). "Can you see the difference how it is when we were singing the verses and when we recite the English translations. When we were singing the Sanskrit verses, it was very pleasing and English is completely dry. This is the difference. Translations are powerful, but the hypnotic effect of Sanskrit verses is not in them. **If you pronounce Sanskrit clearly and if you know bit of the lyric, then you can go on reciting the same four five verses, for time immemorial to come and even then, you will never feel tired.** This is the freshness of Krishna and Krishna never gets old. Never. He is always young. And **if you associate with Krishna, in the form of Bhagavad-Gita, then you will also be young.** I will explain as to how this is possible.

When you recite the verses, (Maharaj soulfully sings - *aham sarvasya prabhavo*), then whole carbon-di-oxide comes out. This is breathing exercise. In our verses, the breathing exercise is in-built. You don't need to close the nose and inhale or exhale. It is automatically done. And in devotional service, we are praying to the Lord and at the same time, the body is maintained very nicely. All the lungs are empty and more empty the lungs are, more space is there for oxygen. And we are sitting in a palace, nice big hall. That is the advantage of coming to the temple. Otherwise, you can recite at home also. But this place is meant for it. Somehow by Krishna's mercy, by Prabhupada's mercy, we have got such a nice gorgeous place here. This will go on, this expansion will go on, because Krishna is unlimited. I don't know how it will happen, but definitely it will happen."

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 11

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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9. Effects of recitation: "Why are we expanding the temple, building big temples? It is all fresh air. And the more you visit these places, the more healthier you become. Because the vibrations are nice and dirty things you don't hear and always you are with Krishna. By sending your children to Vrindavan, you are doing immense good to yourself, because always you are remembering your child. As soon as you remember your child, you are in Vrindavan.

Otherwise, you might not remember Vrindavan. But child is there and so parents remember Vrindavan. This is how any activity for Krishna will benefit much more than our expectation. This is the thing to be understood. Just we were reciting the verses and came to English and it is completely dry compared to Sanskrit verses. Always, we should try to understand the meaning. So we have to learn the translations also. (Maharaj recited the translation for the verses 10.8 through 14) Do you have any questions?"

Devotee: Maharaj, in the class when you were mentioning about the role of parents, I was remembering how Srila Prabhupada was mentioning that the line "*caḥṣu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei*" is also true for "*caḥṣu-dān dilo jei, janme janme pitā sei*".

Maharaj: Oh, That is very nice. We require *pitā* - father. Particularly ladies, they always search for father, because they miss the father. And for ladies it is a high austerity that they have to leave the family and go to completely new family and get mixed with that. It is very difficult. We cannot stay even one night in any other place. And she has to sacrifice the whole life. So they always search for father figure in the in-law's house also. And if somebody is affectionate to her, she is happy. The same way, we people love our mother very much. Sex is opposite. Male people are attracted to their mother and female children are attracted to the father. So we always search out the mother. It is not that we like to talk to the ladies. But when we talk, we search out - "Is she like my mother? is she like my sister?" This is how the living entities search out.

This is how when we don't know these pure relationships, as soon as we come in contact with somebody we have dirty feeling. But these are the eternal search because our mother has passed away. In some cases, the mother may be alive. But when mother passes away, you don't like it at all and you can't help. After parents pass away, you try to find out somewhere. "Is she like my mother, is she like my sister?" And women try to find out, "Is he like my father, is he like my brother?" These are the eternal search and once your parents pass away, then we have to wait up to next life, *janme janme pitā se* - don't know really, whether we are going to get the same mother and father, but we wish that we get the same living entities and this is how it is eternal search. And everything is coming from Srila Prabhupada. How nice by just changing this one word, he has just conveyed the meaning? ***This lack of parent's affection is the root cause of mental disturbance in the Western world.*** And now in India also it is going on, because we are very expert in copying. Whatever you throw away, we pick up.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 12

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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10. **Potency of Srila Prabhupada:** Srila Prabhupada has changed the whole current. It was impossible for anyone to change. I don't know from where did he get this inspiration, how did he acquire everything, how did he come here, how did he start here - His whole lifetime, it is so very steep struggle. With all the paraphernalia at our disposal, big temples, this and that, we are not able to attract one living entity. We are happy if there are five people in the Bhagavatam class. Otherwise these 5 people also look from the window as to who is speaking and then vanish. Please don't look to that. **Bhagavatam class is Bhagavatam class. Anybody who is going to sit here, he is going read the verse, read the purport given by Srila Prabhupada, and he is going to speak something about the purport. So please don't look to the living entity who is speaking. Everybody speak very nice. Mouth does not matter. It is the inspiration from Him that matters.** We are not talking at all.

11. **Be Intelligent: The only thing we have to do is to surrender to His lotus feet. So when we surrender, He guides us.** Otherwise what we have? We don't have anything. At the best, we shout, scream and fight. There is very nice verse in Vedic literature

*kāvya śāstra vinodena kālo gacchati dhīmatām
vyasanena tu mūrkhāṇām nidrayā kalahena vā*

dhīmatām means intelligent people. Intelligent people spend their time by *kāvya śāstra vinodena* - reading the scriptures, studying the scriptures. This is how the intelligent class of people, they pass their time - *kālo gacchati*. *Vyasanena tu mūrkhāṇām* - Fools and rascals *vyasanena* - by all addictions like smoking and drinking - this is the worst way of spending the time. And then *nidrayā* by sleeping they waste time. And when they are awake, they fight with each other. This is the pastime of *mūrkhās*. They also pass the time. But they pass the time in so many addictions. They pass the time in sleep and fighting, whereas if you be intelligent - you pass the time in *kāvya śāstra vinodena* - *śāstra caksuśa* - This is how to be intelligent.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 13

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Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

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11. Be Intelligent: "Those who are murkha - foolish, they pass the time in sleep and fighting, whereas if you be intelligent - you pass the time in kāvya śāstra vinodena - śāstra caksuśā - This is how we have to be intelligent. And this intelligence is coming from Prabhupada and he told us to be intelligent. And he gave us the meaning of intelligence. And now we have come to the real intelligence and we are not misguided by so-called scientist or educationalists, because he has given us the root. And now he has guided us in such a way that we are a self-generating unit after so many years. We don't require anything and it just comes - *svayam eva sphuraty adhaḥ* - This is the beauty. Because to some extent willingly or unwillingly, voluntarily or by force we have come to this place. And as soon as you came to this place, you were just taken inside and the more and more and more we left other things, we were interested in this side and this is the perfection of our life. We are very satisfied with these things.

Srila Prabhupada has taken our retirements. He has snatched it from us. He has said, "Hey foolish, you don't retire. You do this." So there is no retirement for us, no old age for us, no misery for us. There is no sickness for us. No, nothing at all. Three hundred and sixty-five days - we don't want any holiday. If you work somewhere else, then you start thinking - "Oh, I want a holiday!" And then when you get holiday, you lie somewhere else - naked in the beach. Is it a holiday? This is how all the lunacy has completely been stopped and instead of that lunacy we have become completely wise people - "kāvya śāstra vinodena kālo gacchati dhīmatām". This is how dhīmatām pass their time. So don't be mūrkhāṇām. Otherwise nidrayā kalahena vā. Just snoring and fighting. ***The more you get into scriptural studies, you would not like to leave it. Forget about any other situation.***"

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 14

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the transcription of the wonderful class, given by our beloved spiritual master H H Mahavishnu Goswami on the occasion of the Vyasa Puja celebration of Srila Prabhupada in Houston, many years ago. In the previous offering, we heard from Maharaj about how we should intelligently use our time for studying scriptures and not waste our time in sleeping and fighting. Now we shall hear further.

12. **Time heals if you are patient:** In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.1.3, Sukadev Goswami says to Parikshit Maharaj

*nidrayā hriyate naktam vyavāyena ca vā vayah
divā cārthehayā rājan kuṭumba-bharaṇena vā*

The lifetime of such an envious householder is passed at night either in sleeping or in sex indulgence, and in the daytime either in making money or maintaining family members.

The nights are spent in sleeping and during the day we spend time in making money and fighting with family members. So there is no time really. **And if you utilise your time, whatever short time you get, if you use it in solving your material problems, then you have no inclination to come to this. And because you don't come to this, the material problems become more draconian type.** Draconian means very fearful. They just look at your eyes and force you to be more afraid. But if you are here, they can't come. They come and go. Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita verse 2.14:

*mātrā-sparśās tu kaunteya śītoṣṇa-sukha-duḥkha-dāḥ
āgamāpāyino 'nityās tāms titikṣasva bhārata*

āgamāpāyino means coming and going. That is the nature of all the problems. You just tolerate. This *titikṣasva* word is very important in the pages of Bhagavad Gita. Everything you tolerate. And when you tolerate, the time will come when the miseries come, they will not be there, because you are tolerating. And so you will not feel anything. And as soon as you tolerate, when the time comes, the miseries will go away. We have read one allopathic book regarding different symptoms of the diseases. Suppose if they were describing about cold or flu, then they were describing about what is flu, what are its symptoms and then after the description in the end, there is a black line wherein it is clearly mentioned in the book that this virus will disappear within seven days, within three days or within a month etc.

So there is a set time for every disease. That is Bhagavatam.

Krishna willing, we shall hear further nectar from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

Vedic Way of Life - Part 15

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in the conclusion of the transcription of the wonderful class, given by our beloved spiritual master H H Mahavishnu Goswami on the occasion of the Vyasa Puja celebration of Srila Prabhupada in Houston, many years ago. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj about how time heals all problems if we are patient. Now we shall hear further.

13. Don't give time for suffering: In Bhagavatam, it is very clearly said that every disease or every difficulty has its own time. If you tolerate, then the difficulty is going to pass away within certain time.

And what happens regarding us, if we have a head-ache, we completely jump - "I have a headache, I have a headache". And then you go to the doctor immediately, "I have a headache, I have a headache." And he is very pleased. He cuts your pocket and gives you the tablets and you come home and take the tablet. By that time, the time of the disease is over. So automatically you get better. And you think that, "Doctor is very good. He has given nice, tablets or injection or he cut me. He is very good." (laughter) If the doctor is excellent, he will even take out your original kidney and keep a goat's skin. That is marvelous doctor we find sometimes, who kills you before you die. It is not that the doctor should be criticised, but the way we are jumping around should be criticized. **Because we don't tolerate, we don't have any endurance. Don't really.**

Even in hospital, if you go when you are sick, you are known as 'patient'. Because you have to have patience. The patient has to wait. He cannot scream and shout, but 'be patient'. And because he has cultivated patience, that's why he is known as "patient". He forgets that and screams and shouts. Then others say, "You are a patient! Understand the word." So why can't you be patient outside? Instead of spending money in the hospital, you have to be patient in your own house. And that is Bhagavad-Gita. **This Bhagavad-Gita gives you the life's directions. It is practical instruction. But our eyes are completely contaminated. And we don't have intelligence at all.** But we think that, "I am very intelligent. I am a doctor. I am a big business man."

And at the time of death, even when Yamaraj comes, we have to stand in a line, according to our activities. He doesn't recognize that you are a doctor and so you come and sit first in the sofa set. No. He doesn't recognize that "you are a big businessman. So you come first. You give me some dollars." No. It doesn't work out like that. According to our activities, you have to stand in a line before him. And whatever punishments or sufferings is there, you have to undergo. This knowledge you have to understand and that is why you are in a miserable condition. And that's why **Prabhupada said, whatever condition you are destined, "Just add Krishna to your life and it will be sublime." He has given the biggest medicine and has completely destroyed the doctors. If you really follow him, you will have no problems.** Frankly speaking for years together, we have been following him. At least for 16 years, I am doing. And not a single day I had a headache. You have to have time to have the headache. Suppose you have a headache, then you sit on a sofa set and then wife must be there. And you say to her, "I have a headache". The wife says, "Oh, You have a head-ache! Then take this, take that." Then you are suffering. "I have a headache, I have a headache." On the other hand, if there is no wife and no sofa set, you are sitting in the temple. And you have a headache, you will remember that, "Bhagavad Gita is there. I have to study, I have to do this service". There is no time for headache. You have headache. But where is the time? You must have time to suffer. **If you want to suffer, then you must have time to suffer. Don't give time for yourselves. Then you will not suffer.** (laughter) This is Srila Prabhupada's way."

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai ! Srila Gurudev ki Jai ! Our heartfelt thanks to Srila Gurudeva for sharing with us the nice glorification of Srila Prabhupada who has shown the Vedic way of life for all.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Sudarshana devi dasi.

Krishna Counts on His Beads !!!

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva!

Few weeks ago we had the festival of Gopashtami. Gopashtami is the day when Vrajavis consider Lord Sri Krishna to have become a qualified cowherd. Before this day, He was a keeper of the calves and Srimad Bhagavatam refers to Krishna as *vatsapala*. Srila Prabhupada writes in the book Krishna – Supreme Personality of Godhead in Chapter 15.

"Thus Sri Krishna, along with His elder brother Balarama, passed the childhood age known as kaumara and stepped into the age of pauganda, from the sixth year up to the tenth. At that time, all the cowherd men conferred and agreed to give those boys who had passed their fifth year, charge of the cows in the pasturing ground. Given charge of the cows, Krishna and Balarama traversed Vrindavana, purifying the land with Their lotus footprints."

Srimad Bhagavatam very beautifully describes the way Krishna takes care of the cows in 10.35.18:

*maṇi-dharaḥ kvacid āgaṇayan gā
mālayā dayita-gandha-tulasyāḥ
praṇayino 'nucarasya kadāmse
prakṣipan bhujam agāyata yatra*

Now Krishna is standing somewhere counting His cows on a string of gems. He wears a garland of Tulasi flowers that bear the fragrance of His beloved, and He has thrown His arm over the shoulder of an affectionate cowherd boyfriend.

It is said that Nanda Maharaj was having 9 lakh cows and we may wonder how all of them were being taken care without being missed. Here we see that Krishna is holding a chanting bead in His hands and is calling out the names of the cows. How fortunate are the cows! *Aho Bhāgyam! Aho Bhāgyam!* Srila Vishvanatha Cakravarti gives the following information about the transcendental cows of Vrindavana: "For each of the four colors of cows—white, red, black and yellow—there are twenty-five subdivisions, making a total of one hundred colors. And such qualities as being colored like sandalwood-pulp tilaka [speckled] or having a head shaped like a mrdanga drum create eight further groups. To count these 108 groups of cows, distinguished by color and form, Krishna is using a string of 108 jewel-beads. And when Krishna calls the cows by their names, all the cows run towards Him accordingly.

Our desire and prayer should be that one day we should become one of these cows so that our names can be called out by our dear Lord. The step towards achieving this is to hold the chanting beads in our hands and call out to the Lord

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

The Lord assures in Adi Purana :

*śraddhayā helayā nāma ratanti mama jantavaḥ
teṣāṃ nāma sadā pārtha vartate hrdaye mama*

O Arjuna, listen attentively! When the living entity chants My name, whether out of devotion or indifference, then his name will remain forever in My heart. I will never forget such a soul.

Gopashtami is also the day on which the Lord was conferred the title "Govinda" by Lord Indra and Surabhi cow who

performed Abhisheka for the Lord and is famously referred to as Govinda Pattabhisheka and Lord Indra sought forgiveness for his offences. Thus on this confession day, we also seek forgiveness from the Lord for all the offences committed at the lotus feet of the Lord and His devotees by feelingly chanting the following verse spoken by Lord Indra in Srimad Bhagavatam 10.27.8:

*sa tvaṁ mamaiśvarya-mada-plutasya
kṛtāgasas te 'viduṣaḥ prabhāvam
kṣantuṁ prabho 'thārhasi mūḍha-cetaso
maivaṁ punar bhūn matir īśa me 'satī*

Engrossed in pride over my ruling power, ignorant of Your majesty, I offended You. O Lord, may You forgive me. My intelligence was bewildered, but let my consciousness never again be so impure.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Abu Dhabi.

The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

Recently we had the glorious Kartik month, when Mother Yashoda bound Lord Krishna with the mortar using a rope. This pastime is a great inspiration for all devotees as the Lord displays unlimited mercy in two aspects:

1. He allowed Himself to be bound by mother Yashoda like a normal child
2. He delivered the sons of Kuvera who were standing in the form of trees due to the curse of Narada Muni.

However, while describing this pastime, Srila Sukadeva Goswami not only describes the Lord's merciful nature but he also highlights the Lord's Supreme nature in clear terms. He does this because we should not take the Lord cheaply because He is chased by Mother Yashoda and bound by her like any normal child. And because of these acts, He does not lose His Supremacy. He is the same Supreme Lord who is celebrated in the Vedas and Upanishads. His quality of affection for His devotees only makes Him so accessible to the devotees and perform such lilas. We will meditate on the shlokas spoken by Sukadeva Goswami on the Lord's Supreme spiritual and infinite nature while describing this pastime.

Srila Jiva Goswami explains how it is not possible to bind Lord Krishna at all with a rope as done by Mother Yashoda. Binding means to use a rope to encompass so that the interior object is covered and tied up. The below conditions are to be satisfied for binding any object with a rope.

- a. The object which is bound should be smaller than the rope and limited in size.
- b. One should hold the rope and stand in front or back or any side of the object at a prior point in time to bind it.
- c. The object which is bound should be under the control of time as rope is perishable by passage of time.
- d. One must bind an object with something that will cover and envelop the object.
- e. The rope should be stronger than the object it binds.
- f. Rope can bind only gross solid material objects. (rope cannot bind even material things like light, liquids, gas, space or fire which are not solids). So the object should be a gross material object.

And none of the above conditions are met in case of Lord Krishna and this is summarized in the below shloka of Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 10.9.13). Each of the words in the shloka echoes the Vedic hymns and hence we can infer easily that the Lord cannot be bound by a rope.

*na cāntar na bahir yasya na pūrvam nāpi cāparam
pūrvāparam bahiś cāntar jagato yo jagac ca yah*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead has no beginning and no end, no exterior and no interior, no front and no rear. In other words, He is all-pervading. Because He is not under the influence of the element of time, for Him there is no difference between past, present and future; He exists in His own transcendental form at all times. Being absolute, beyond relativity, He is free from distinctions between cause and effect, although He is the cause and effect of everything.

Krishna willing, we will see the detailed meaning of this shloka in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Narahari Krishna das

Ipswich.

The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**The Greatness of Lord Damodara**" wherein we were trying meditate on the meaning of the below shloka of Srimad Bhagavatam 10.9.13:

*na cāntar na bahir yasya na pūrvam nāpi cāparam
pūrvāparam bahiś cāntar jagato yo jagac ca yaḥ*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead has no beginning and no end, no exterior and no interior, no front and no rear. In other words, He is all-pervading. Because He is not under the influence of the element of time, for Him there is no difference between past, present and future; He exists in His own transcendental form at all times. Being absolute, beyond relativity, He is free from distinctions between cause and effect, although He is the cause and effect of everything.

1) **He has no inside and outside** (*na cāntar na bahir*):- These words show that the Lord is unlimited by space as the sloka states. For binding an object, the object should be of a finite size so that the rope used can cover it bind it. For all substances, there is inside or outside or both. But the Lord does not have inside or outside as He is smaller than the smallest and greater than the greatest. For example, space is unlimited and it has no outside. But it has an inside and inside space, only everything is situated. Similarly, as per Vedas the ultimate smallest particle is atom or anu and it is partless i.e. it has no inside. But it has outside as it is limited in its size. But the Lord has no inside or outside since He is inside of everything as well outside of everything as confirmed in the sruti mantras (Mundaka Upanishad – 2.1.2) as below.

*divyo hy amūrtaḥ puruṣaḥ sa bāhyābhyantaro hy ajaḥ
aprāṇo hy amanāḥ śubhro akṣarāt parataḥ paraḥ*

The Supreme person has unlimited spiritual form. He has no inside and outside but He is inside and outside everything. He is unborn. He has neither material breath nor material mind. He is effulgent and glorious. He is superior to the material nature and all living entities.

Srila Prabhupada raises this question in the purport, "*In Bhagavad-gita (), Krishna is described as the Supreme Brahman (paraṁ brahma paraṁ dhāma). The word Brahma means "the greatest." Krishna is greater than the greatest, being unlimited and all-pervading. How can it be possible for the all-pervading to be measured or bound?"*

Krishna willing, we will meditate more on this shloka in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Narahari Krishna das

Ipswich.

The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 3

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**The Greatness of Lord Damodara**" wherein we were trying to meditate on the meaning of Srimad Bhagavatam 10.9.13. In previous offering we saw how Lord has no inside and outside (*na cāntar na bahir*). Now we shall see further.

2) **He has no front or rear (*na pūrvam nāpi cāparam*)**:- For binding an object one should stand in front or back or any side of the object and bind it from top or bottom of the object and cover the object with the rope. But this is not possible in case of Lord Krishna as the Lord does not have front or back or side or top or bottom. He exists everywhere. Only finite objects can have a front or back or side whereas Krishna who is infinite does not have any of this. The Vedas state this point as follows.

*kālasca nārāyaṇaḥ diśasca nārāyaṇaḥ ūrdhvasca nārāyaṇaḥ
adhasca nārāyaṇaḥ antar bahiṣca nārāyaṇaḥ
nārāyaṇeva idam sarvam yad bhūtam yat ca bhavyam*

Lord Narayana is present in all times, Narayana is present in all directions, Narayana is present above, Narayana is present below; Narayana is within and without; Everything is a display of His glory.(Narayana Upanishad)

In Mundaka Upanishad - verse 2.1.12 also glorifies the omnipresence of Lord in all directions as follows.

*brahmaivedam amṛtam purastād brahma, paścād brahma, dakṣinataś cottareṇa
adhaścordhvaṁ ca praśṭam brahmaivedaṁ viśvam idaṁ variṣṭham.*

The Supreme Person is present in the front, back, the north, east, south, west, top and bottom. He Himself is the universe. He is the best of all and hence most worshipable.

Since Krishna has no front or back or any side due to His infinite nature, there is no question of Yashoda standing in front or back of Him and binding Him with the rope.

Krishna willing, we will continue to meditate more Srimad Bhagavatam shloka 10.9.13 in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Narahari Krishna das

Ipswich.

The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**The Greatness of Lord Damodara**" wherein we were trying to meditate on the meaning of Srimad Bhagavatam 10.9.13. In previous offerings we saw that the Lord is unlimited in space. Now we will see how the Lord is unlimited in time. This is another meaning of *na purvam na aparam*.

3) **No beginning and end in time** (*na pūrvam na aparam*):- These words indicates that His spiritual form exists in all phases of time with no decay, change or destruction. He has no prior and posterior time as we all have. We all have past, present and future but for Krishna there is no difference between past, present and future. This is stated in the sruti mantras (Bṛhad Aranyaka Upanishad- (2.5.19) as follows.

*indro māyābhiḥ pururūpa īyate yuktā hy asya harayaḥ śatā daśeti
ayam vai harayo 'yaṃ vai daśa ca sahasraṇi bahūni cānantāni ca
tad etad brahmāpūrvam anaparam anantaram abāhyam
ayam ātmā brahma sarvānubhūḥ ity anuśāsanam*

The Supreme Lord Hari who is infinitely opulent manifests many forms by His will. Lord Hari manifests ten, hundred, thousands and infinite forms. He is the Supreme Absolute Truth. He has no prior time or posterior time, He has no inside and no outside. He is the Omniscient Lord. This is the declaration of the sacred Vedas.

We cannot bind an object which is beyond time using the rope which is limited by time. This universe and all the things in the universe are subject to time. So the rope which was used to bind Lord Krishna is also a part of the universe and is subject to destruction by time and hence cannot bind the Lord whose spiritual form is beyond time. Srila Prabhupada states in the purport, "*Then again, Krishna is the time factor. Therefore, He is all-pervading not only in space, but also in time. We have measurements of time, but although we are limited by past, present and future, for Krishna these do not exist.*"

Hence mother Yashoda cannot bound Lord Krishna with the rope on her own.

Krishna willing, we will continue to meditate more Srimad Bhagavatam shloka 10.9.13 in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Narahari Krishna das

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The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 5

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**The Greatness of Lord Damodara**" wherein we were trying to meditate on the meaning of Bhagavatam 10.9.13. In previous offerings we saw that the Lord is unlimited in space and time. Now we will continue to see how the Lord is unlimited in time.

He is beginning and end of everything (*pūrva aparaṁ*):- The Lord is the supreme cause and though He is the cause of the universe, He Himself has no cause. So He exists in His spiritual form before the universe is created and He also continues to exist even after the universe is dissolved. The Vedas declare that this creation is a manifestation of Lord's shakti and He is the cause. Svetasvatara 4.1:

*ya eko 'varṇo bahudhā śaktiyogād varṇān anekān nihitārtho dadhāti
vi caiti cānte viśvam ādau sa devaḥ sa no buddhyā śubhayā saṁyunaktu*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead who has no material form creates this variegated world in the beginning, by the use of His great shaktis and with a hidden purpose. He also dissolves the creation in the end. May He give us intelligence to unite with Him.

The universe is His effect and without the cause who is Krishna, the effect which is this universe cannot exist. So how can He be bound by rope which is a small object in this universe which itself is small speck of His shakti? Srila Jiva Goswami states that just as a ray of light cannot burn fire, the rope which is a small object in this universe cannot bind the Lord who is the cause of this universe.

Krishna willing, we will continue to meditate more Srimad Bhagavatam shloka 10.9.13 in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Narahari Krishna das

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The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 6

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**The Greatness of Lord Damodara**" wherein we were trying to meditate on the meaning of Srimad Bhagavatam 10.9.13. In previous offerings, we saw that the Lord is unlimited in space and time. Now we will see further.

5) **Krishna is the Supreme Cause:** The Lord is not only the cause but also the creator. In this world, cause and creator are usually different. For example, for making a pot, clay is the cause and potter is the creator. In the case of this creation, Lord's external energy gets transformed into this universe and it is the cause. The Lord Himself transforms the energy into the universe and so He is the creator. Also the Lord is not only the creator of this material universe but also pervades it from within and without. IN this world, the person who creates the object cannot pervade the object. A manufacturer of the car or plane cannot pervade the car or plane. But the Lord not only creates but also pervades the creation.

6) **He is inside and outside of the universe:-** The words, '*bahis ca antar jagato yah*' indicates that the Lord pervades the universe from within and without. And He is also the controller of everything in the universe. The head of a country can control the things in the country to some extent but he cannot be omnipresent. The sky is omnipresent, but it cannot control anything. But the Lord is both omnipresent and the controller. The Vedas explain the Lord's pervasion as follows. Taitirya Upanishad 4.2.5

*yacca kiñcijjagatsarvaṁ dṛśyate śrūyate'pi vā
antarbahiśca tatsarvaṁ vyāpya nārāyaṇaḥ sthitaḥ*

Whatever that exists in this creation those which are seen by our eyes or those which are heard from scriptures, they're all pervaded by Narayana inside and outside.

So, if we tried to bind the Lord by the rope to the mortar, that binding will not be successful because the Lord is present inside and outside the rope. He is also present inside and outside the mortar. Once the Lord proved this point by showing all the worlds in His mouth. Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport "Every individual person can be measured, but Krishna has already shown that although He also is an individual, the entire cosmic manifestation is within His mouth." So binding the Lord with the rope is not a possibility at all.

Krishna willing, we will continue to meditate more Srimad Bhagavatam shloka 10.9.13 in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Narahari Krishna das
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The Greatness of Lord Damodara - Part 7

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva.

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled "**The Greatness of Lord Damodara**" wherein we were trying to meditate on the meaning of Srimad Bhagavatam 10.9.13. In previous offerings we saw that the Lord is unlimited in space and time and that Krishna is the Supreme cause. Now we will see further.

7. **He is the universe (jagac ca yah)**: The word *jagac ca yah* indicates that He Himself is the universe because the universe is a manifestation of His external energy and hence it is non-different from Him. Also the Lord is called the universe itself because the universe is utterly dependant on Him for its existence. Suppose if a company is utterly dependant on a person, then we say "He is that company." This is also confirmed in the Vedas as follows. Taiitirya Upanishad 4.2.3:

viśvataḥ paramam nityaṁ viśvaṁ nārāyaṇaṁ harim,
viśvamevedaṁ puruṣastadviśvamupajīvati.

Lord Narayana or Hari is beyond the universe and He is eternal. The Supreme Person Himself is called the universe because the universe is utterly dependant on Him.

Since the universe is utterly dependant on Him, the rope which is a small object of the universe, cannot bind Him just as a poor person who is utterly dependant on the king for his existence, cannot control or bind the king. Also the rope is a material object and it can bind only things which are material and gross in nature. It cannot even bind things like water, air, fire and space which are material and not gross. But the Lord's form is completely spiritual with no tinge of matter. The Vedas states *asthulam ananum* ie. He is neither subtle nor gross.

Finally, Srila Prabhupada asks this question in the purport "*All these points considered, Krishna cannot be measured. How did then Mother Yashoda want to measure and bind Him?*"

Krishna willing, we will see how the Lord was bound by Mother Yashoda in the subsequent offering.

Thank you very much.
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
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