

## Kaliyuga - Boon or Curse

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Kali yuga is also known as age of quarrel. Srimad Bhagavatam 12th Canto very vividly describes the various symptoms of Kaliyuga. In the yuga, the good qualities of people diminish and bad qualities increase. There will increase in atheism, no care for cows or brahmanas. The rulers will behave like dacoits and people in general will have shudra mentality. If there are so many bad qualities in Kaliyuga then we might wonder why did a good king like Parikshit Maharaj first of all allow Kali personified to stay in the planet earth. Why did he not kill? Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.18.7 Suta Goswami says,

*nānudveṣṭi kalim samrāṭ sārāṅga iva sāra-bhuk  
kuśalāny āśu siddhyanti netarāṇi kṛtāni yat*

**Maharaja Parikshit was a realist, like the bees who only accept the essence [of a flower]. He knew perfectly well that in this age of Kali, auspicious things produce good effects immediately, whereas inauspicious acts must be actually performed [to render effects]. So he was never envious of the personality of Kali.**

Parikshit Maharaj being an exalted devotee of the Lord could understand the plan of Krishna. He knew the facilities which Lord Krishna has mercifully provided in this age. He gave five places for Kali to stay. The five places where Kali resides are gold, places where there are meat-eating, illicit-sex, intoxication and gambling. And at the same time Parikshit Maharaj trained his people not to fall a prey to sinful acts of Kali. By following the four regulative principles and by not being greedy for gold, we will be also able to save ourselves from the clutches of Kali. Also more importantly in Srimad Bhagavatam verses 12.3.51-52 Sukadeva Goswami says,

*kaler doṣa-nidhe rājann asti hy eko mahān guṇaḥ  
kīrtanād eva kṣṇasya mukta-saṅgaḥ paraṁ vrajet*

*kṛte yad dhyāyato viṣṇum tretāyām yajato makhaiḥ  
dvāpare paricaryāyām kalau tad dhari-kīrtanāt*

**My dear King, although Kali-yuga is an ocean of faults, there is still one good quality about this age: Simply by chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, one can become free from material bondage and be promoted to the transcendental kingdom. Whatever result was obtained in Satya-yuga by meditating on Vishnu, in Treta-yuga by performing sacrifices, and in Dvapara-yuga by serving the Lord's lotus feet can be obtained in Kali-yuga simply by chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra.**

In the concluding lines of purport to verse 1.18.7 Srila Prabhupada says, "*One can attain salvation simply by chanting the holy name of the Lord. Thus Maharaja Parikshit made an organized effort to propagate the chanting of the Lord's holy name, and thus he saved the citizens from the clutches of Kali. It is for this advantage only that great sages sometimes wish all good for the age of Kali. In the Vedas also it is said that by discourse on Lord Krishna's activities, one can get rid of all the disadvantages of the age of Kali.*"

So when we take shelter of Mahamantra and Srimad Bhagavatam, then Kaliyuga will no longer be a curse, but will be a boon for us.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Shyamsundar das

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## Transcendental Pills- Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

The following is an humble effort to transcribe one of the nectarean class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj.

**Maharaj:**The perfection of our life is to glorify the Lord by chanting His names and singing His songs. Unless we attain this perfection, we are all always disturbed and this disturbance is increasing in this age because this age is Kaliyuga. Kaliyuga means age of quarrel, disagreement and disturbance. Even the government will not allow you to sit silent. There are so many things which we are always worried of and the greatest worry is our body. This is the greatest worry. We want to be very happy in this body. But we are never happy. Frankly speaking, you are dependent on so many pills and medicines. For the whole of the lifetime we are on pills, because the pill factories must run nicely. The pill factories don't want to cure you as they want to run their factories. That is definite. So **instead of those pills we must take the transcendental pill of Krishna's topics - the topics about God**. Why we should do this is a great question before us. And the answer is very easy.

As we depend on the food - prasada, our body is dependent on the food, we have another existence apart from the body and that is the existence of the soul. And the soul is only satisfied, when it is connected with Supreme-soul - Krishna. Somehow or the other we miss this link and that's why we are miserable. When we think about soul, there is very nice description in Bhagavad-Gita. There are 8 symptoms for the soul. In second chapter of Gita Krishna gives a nice description of the soul. And this soul is the same in every body. Whether we are Christian, Muslim or Hare Krishna, it doesn't make any difference at all. As soon as there is a human body, there is a soul. That's all. That's why our religion is known as sanatana dharma - eternal. Nobody can deny the existence of the soul because we know the difference between live body and dead body. When the soul leaves the body, the body stops working. That proves that in the live body, there is some motive force and that is the soul. In Bhagavad-Gita, song sung by the Lord, God Himself describes what the soul is. In Bhagavad Gita Krishna says,

*na jāyate mriyate vā kadācin  
nāyaṁ bhūtvā bhavitā vā na bhūyaḥ  
ajo nityaḥ śāśvato 'yaṁ purāṇo  
na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre*

**For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time. He has not come into being, does not come into being, and will not come into being. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain.**

Eight qualities of soul are mentioned in this verse. Everyone of us have a soul with these qualities.

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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This is in continuation of the topic, "**Transcendental Pills**" which is transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj the importance of taking the **transcendental pill in the form of hearing the glories of Supreme Lord**. Maharaj then began to explain the qualities of soul from Bhagavad Gita (2.20). Now we shall hear further.

"Soul is not born, it never dies. That is why when a person John dies, we say that he has gone away. His body is dead we know. That is why we tell, John has passed away. This "passed away" is the correct word. "Passed away" means "gone away". This shows that we always believe that soul is eternal. That is ingrained in our existence. There is no need of somebody telling that soul is eternal. It is eternal according to Bhagavad-Gita and that is why we tell that a person is gone away. The soul is gone and the body is dropped. This is the main thing to be remembered regarding the soul. *na jāyate na mriyate* - There is no death for the soul. Nobody can kill it. It is such a tiny thing that it cannot be perceived. So what to talk of killing.

*na jāyate mriyate vā kadācin  
nāyam bhūtvā bhavitā vā na bhūyaḥ*

These are the three stages. It was never that it was not there in the past - *bhūtvā*. *Bhavitā* means future - It is not that, it will be there in future. *Bhūyaḥ* It is not that it is coming now - present tense. It does not have past, present or future tense. It is always existing - eternal. So first quality is that it is not born, second quality is it is not dead and third quality is, it was always there. It is always there and it will always be there. And that is the eternity of the soul. The fourth quality is *ajo nityaḥ śāśvato 'yam purāṇo* - *aja* means unborn. That is the fourth quality. *Nityaḥ* - means ever-existing. That is the fifth quality. *śāśvat* means eternal - sixth quality. *purāṇa* means oldest - seventh quality. *Na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre* - When the body is dead, the soul is not killed. This is the eighth quality.

Then in order to know more about the soul, we go to Srimad Bhagavatam. There are beautiful verses in Srimad Bhagavatam about the soul. 7th Canto, 7th Chapter verses 19 and 20 are beautiful verses in Srimad Bhagavatam in which 12 qualities of soul are described. Please remember these 12 qualities. Prabhupada's purports are very beautiful for these two verses. Please go through them and by-heart the two verses whenever you find time."

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

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

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### Transcendental Pills - Part 3

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 1) The importance of taking the transcendental pill in the form of hearing the glories of Supreme Lord.
- 2) 8 qualities of the soul.

Maharaj mentioned that verses 7.7.19-20 of Srimad Bhagavatam also describes the qualities of soul. Now we shall hear further.

*ātmā nityo 'vyayaḥ śuddha ekaḥ kṣetra-jña āśrayaḥ  
avikriyaḥ sva-drg hetur vyāpako 'saṅgy anāvṛtaḥ*

*etair dvādaśabhir vidvān ātmano lakṣaṇaiḥ paraiḥ  
aḥam mamety asad-bhāvaṁ dehādaḥ mohajaṁ tyajet*

**Atma refers to the Supreme Lord or the living entities. Both of them are spiritual, free from birth and death, free from deterioration and free from material contamination. They are individual, they are the knowers of the external body, and they are the foundation or shelter of everything. They are free from material change, they are self-illuminated, they are the cause of all causes, and they are all-pervading. They have nothing to do with the material body, and therefore they are always uncovered. With these transcendental qualities, one who is actually learned must give up the illusory conception of life, in which one thinks, "I am this material body, and everything in relationship with this body is mine.**

In the first line there are 6 qualities and the second line there are 6 more qualities. Beautiful. You can meditate on these qualities for the whole of life time. Because unless you understand the soul, it is very difficult to get this tiny particle connected to the Supreme-soul. And when we describe the qualities of the soul, the same qualities could be applied to the qualities of the Supreme Lord. That is the benefit in studying about the soul. As soon as you recognise the qualities of the soul, then you will see that there is no difference between the qualities of the soul and the qualities of the Supreme Lord. That is the beauty of the description of the soul. The eight qualities which we have described can very well apply to the Lord also. And then we have glimpse of what Lord we are talking about. The 8 qualities mentioned in Gita and 12 qualities mentioned in Bhagavatam - 20 qualities we have in front of us. God and our own soul, qualitatively they are the same. And as soon as our soul is connected to the Supersoul by chanting His names

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

We become completely satisfied. And ***because we don't do these things, we don't connect ourselves to God, that is why we are unsatisfied always.*** In this country even now, plenty of facility is available - money is there, house is there, family is there and nice halls are there. This is the perfection of this hall - that we are discussing about God here. Otherwise this hall is dead. Without discussion of God, you will be afraid to come here and it will be like a ghost place. ***In order to make the best use of the property, you have to sing the glories of the Lord day and night. Then only your house will be alright, your halls will be alright. Then only your cars will be alright, your money will be alright.***

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 1) The importance of taking the transcendental pill in the form of hearing the glories of Supreme Lord.
- 2) The qualities of the soul as described in Gita and Bhagavatam.

Now we shall hear further.

If you take these material possessions minus God, then it is all zero. No value at all. Everything belongs to God. That is why it is very beautiful to understand these verses and try to take permanent lessons from them. Otherwise our life is completely useless. **As it is without God, we are suffering a lot. The invalidity goes away as soon as you remember Lord and if you daily remember God, then in old age also, you will be young. That is the beauty of it.** That is why our saints and sages, guru and scriptures are not wrong. They are very correct and if you follow them sincerely, you will have definite results. You will not require the doctors, you will not be frustrated. You will not feel alone. This is the medicine for the lone moments. Those people who cannot tolerate the lone moments, they are never satisfied. They are always frustrated. **And because of this frustration our health goes bad.** We don't know that there is a relationship between the frustration and our own well-being. We don't know that and that is why we are just wandering about in the world without any anchor. **If the ship does not have any proper anchor, it will go on any way. The anchor must be there and that is remembering God. We must always be connected to God.** Otherwise we are just moving according to the winds of life. As soon as the wind blows ship goes in that direction. Without anchor, there is no use. As soon as the ship has an anchor, however hard the storm may blow, then it won't move at all. It will be completely fixed in one place.

This is the most important thing - to understand about the soul, to understand about the God. If you understand, then only you can love God. Just like in marriage, when you know the person, activities - then you love. Without knowing the person how can you love? It is impossible. Without these scriptures, we cannot do anything. This is a very simple thing. If you want to love a person, you must know about them. If you want to love God, you must know about God.

**Knowing about God through the scriptures is perfection of our life because that will lead you to eventual devotional service. Devotional service will cure all your diseases.** Not only that, but in any situation it will give nice looking body - It doesn't matter whether you are young or old. This is the medicine for eternal youth.

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

Today is the auspicious occasion of Sri Rama Navami - the appearance day of Lord Sri Sitarama. Our prayers at the lotus feet of Sri Sri SitaRama Lakshman Hanumanji that we always remember Him and be connected to Him.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,  
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## Transcendental Pills - Part 5

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- 1) The importance of taking the transcendental pill in the form of hearing the glories of Supreme Lord.
- 2) The qualities of the soul as described in Gita and Bhagavatam.
- 3) We must always remember and connect with Supreme Lord, else we suffer.

Now we shall hear further.

We should know why we are worshiping the Supreme Lord. (Referring to a devotee from Belgium Maharaj said) He is working hard in the temple and he has also nicely learnt the seed verses of Bhagavad-Gita and the 12th Chapter. These verses are very important. In the first seed verse (Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 10.8) it is nicely mentioned as to why we are worshiping Krishna. Krishna says *aham sarvasya prabhavo* - "**Everything depends on My energy**", *mattaḥ sarvaṁ pravartate* - "**Everything emanates from Me**". *iti matvā bhajante mām samanvitāḥ* - "**Those who know this worship Me with loving devotional service.**" We know that every thing depends upon Him, everything emanates from God's energy. That is why we should worship Him. So we should understand Him by knowing the qualities of our soul.

(Maharaj then began to explain the verse 7.7.19 from Srimad Bhagavatam)

*Ātmā nityo 'vyayaḥ śuddha* - soul is *nitya*. This means it is ever lasting - eternal, *avyayaḥ* - without any decay. It doesn't have any dwindling. There is no old age for the soul. When we were five years old, when we were ten years old, or now we are forty years old - the soul is the same. The change is only to the body, not to the soul. That is why when we recognize the soul, our body also co-operates. **Everything material co-operates when we think about God, when we think about the soul. This is because everything is emanating from God.** These lights are coming from God, these bricks are coming from God, the whole plaster is coming from God, the man who have constructed these things, they are also coming from God. So everything is coming from God. And God is *nitya* - ever existing. So when you discuss about the ever-existing Lord, then your life becomes perfect. You don't need any extra effort to satisfy yourself by smoking, drinking, eating meat or this or that. No. You don't require anything. You just require,

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

Like a mad person, we should not be victimized by these inebrieties. Stop smoking if you are smoking. Smoking is not the perfection of life. The perfection of our life is to recognize the Lord and how to recognize the Lord? We have the particle of God in our heart. Know that particle and that is known as self-realization. As soon as you realize your self, then you realize God -*nityaḥ*. *Avyayaḥ* means 'without decay' and *śuddhaḥ* means 'pure' - soul does not have any material contamination at all.

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 6

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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- 1) The importance of taking the transcendental pill in the form of hearing the glories of Supreme Lord.
- 2) The qualities of the soul as described in Gita and Bhagavatam.
- 3) We must always remember and connect with Supreme Lord, else we suffer.
- 4) Knowing the qualities of soul and Super-soul is perfection of life.

Maharaj continued explaining the second line of the verse below from Srimad Bhagavatam 7.7.19-20. Now we shall hear further.

*ātmā nityo 'vyayaḥ śuddha ekaḥ kṣetra-jñā āśrayaḥ  
avikriyaḥ sva-dṛg hetur vyāpako 'saṅgy anāvṛtaḥ*

*etair dvādaśabhir vidvān ātmano lakṣaṇaiḥ paraiḥ  
aham mamety asad-bhāvaṁ dehādau mohajaṁ tyajet*

The fourth quality is *ekaḥ* - it is individual. Soul is always individual. As soon as you die, and if you remember God, then you go to God's kingdom wherein you serve Him very nicely. And if you don't accept any other body, then you are saved from birth, death, disease and old-age. These are the miseries of the body. Body has got to be born, body has got to die, body has got to become old and body has got to be diseased. So we try to avoid this body and eventually by chanting God's names, we achieve our own spiritual body and eternally we stay in the service of the Lord lovingly. That is the main function of the human body. In other body we cannot understand God. The cow cannot understand, the dog cannot understand, the bird cannot understand. But we have the super-consciousness and in this consciousness, we can understand God.

The fifth quality is *kṣetra-jñā* - the soul knows about the whole body whereas the Lord knows the whole creation. That is the difference. Soul is very tiny and so it has some idea about the body. But God has full idea about the whole cosmic creation. This is very easy to understand. Those who are living in this building for a long time, they know how many floors are here, how many rooms are here and who stays in which room. Likewise Lord is the owner of everything and so He knows every nook and corner of the creation. This is known as *kṣetra-jñā*.

The sixth quality is *āśrayaḥ* - *āśrayaḥ* means supreme foundation. Everything depends upon the God's energy. He controls everything. At His will, He can create something or destroy something. That is His potency. And if He creates something, through His internal potency, then that thing becomes very beautiful. You take the example of any grain like wheat or rice. In such a small grain, He has put a unique taste. As soon as we eat the grain, we feel nourished. That's why if we eat chapatis or puris or bread, we get nourished. This nourishment is coming from the internal potency of the Lord. Through His internal potency, He squeezes the living cells into a small grain. We cannot do it.

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 7

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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*ātmā nityo 'vyayaḥ śuddha ekaḥ kṣetra-jña āśrayaḥ  
avikriyaḥ sva-dṛg hetur vyāpako 'saṅgy anāvṛtaḥ*

Maharaj was explaining the meaning of the quality - *āśrayaḥ*. *āśrayaḥ* means foundation and Maharaj was giving the example of how Lord has put the energy in each grain. Now we shall hear further.

If we want to imitate God's way of squeezing living cells into grain, we may try to put into a bottle, big bottle. But even then it will be a complete mess, because we are not perfect at all. Whereas God enters in every grain. And the beauty of these grains is that the plant dies before the grains come out. He grows the plant and there is a living entity in it. But as soon as the living entity leaves, the whole potency is squeezed into one grain of rice or wheat. And the same quality - there are thousands of wheat grains and everything has the same quality. The plant dies and then these grains are produced. That is best. God's energy we cannot even imagine. And this is how He is known as unlimited, inconceivable and *acintya*. This is *āśrayaḥ*. He is *āśrayaḥ* for everything. He is foundation for our own body, our building, our car, our food. Where are you going to search for Him? This is best quality - *āśrayaḥ*.

Then seventh quality is *avikriyaḥ* - He never changes. Always same. *Nitya nava navāyamānam* - Always He is fresh, always He is full. Then *sva-dṛg* eighth quality very nice quality - *sva-dṛg* means self introductory. You don't have to introduce God. "This is Krishna." No. Everyone knows. (laughter) As soon as you come to Krishna, you know that He is God. But we require introduction. We introduce people by saying, "This is Shruti. This is David - David from England". But we don't have to introduce Krishna - "This is Mr.Krishna from Goloka Vrindavan" (laughter) No. He doesn't need introduction because He is self-eminent. That is God and you become self-eminent when you think about God constantly. That is the quality you acquire. As soon as you think about it, you get that quality and then you don't need any introduction. As soon as they see your face they will know that here is a Godly man. And this is how we have to be Godly and become self-eminent. When they see shaved head and tilak on the forehead, then they know - "Here is a devotee". This is self-introductory. That is *sva-dṛg*. And *hetur* means - purpose of our existence.

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

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

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Sudarshana devi dasi.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 8

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*ātmā nityo 'vyayaḥ śuddha ekaḥ kṣetra-jña āśrayaḥ  
avikriyaḥ sva-drg hetur vyāpako 'saṅgy anāvṛtaḥ*

Now we shall hear further.

*Vyāpakaḥ* means all pervading - *vāsudevā* - *vās* means to stay. He stays everywhere and that is why He is correctly known as *vāsudev*. He is all pervading. *mattaḥ parataram nānyat kiñcid asti dhanañ-jaya* - Krishna says to Arjuna, "Apart from Me, nothing exists." This is clearly stated in Bhagavad Gita. This is how we should recognize the Lord and the soul. Soul has tiny quality and the reservoir of all those qualities is God. And we derive the same quality because we are all part and parcel of God. Because we are all part and parcel of God, we don't hate anybody, we love everybody because we know that we are brothers and sisters. We have a common father. As soon as we have the common father, we don't hate anybody. We all like each father. Whether we know each other or not, doesn't matter. We are all the same. Whatever is good for me, must be good for the other living entity also. That is how our saints and sages have meditated on this point for millions of ages. And they have very nicely discerned the whole thing. Now there is no need for doing any exercise for us. No research. Nothing at all. It is just ready to eat. It is like liquid ready to drink. But we are so very lazy that we don't want to take it and drink. This is our laziness and ***laziness kills us.*** ***Please don't be lazy and try to read Bhagavad Gita.*** We should not just come and eat prasadam in temple and leave. We should also study these verses. This is the way we should come to God.

*Asaṅgy* means that soul does not have association with material body. He stays in the body for 60-70 years and never gets mixed. At the end of the body, he clearly leaves the body and migrates to another. This is *asaṅgy* and *anāvṛtaḥ* means completely open - uncovered. These are the 12 qualities of Krishna. If you can meditate on these qualities, who will stop thinking about God. Only mad men. Are we mad? Yes. If you don't come to God, then you are mad. That is pure and simple - crazy. Because we are attracted to the material thing unnecessarily and that attraction, that possession will not continue. Time is bound to come when you will be completely separated. So it is better to understand these points and come to the right conclusion that soul is very important. We have to realize the soul. And as soon as there is self-realization, there will be God realization also.

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

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

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Sudarshana devi dasi.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 9

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the topic, "**Transcendental Pills**" which is transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj about some of the qualities of the soul as described in Bhagavad Gita verse 2.20 and Srimad Bhagavatam verse 7.7.19. Now we shall hear further.

**Self realisation and God realisation go hand in hand.** There is no difference. That is why we have the beautiful book- "Science of Self realisation" by Srila Prabhupada. **Please go through Prabhupada's literature and make your life perfect.** If you don't have any time to go through, then just hear. Just take the beads and chant continuously,

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

And that continuous chanting will help you to understand everything. Everything is completely clear. Otherwise if you don't do it, then there are so many fears in the material world. There are so many fears and you are always afraid. Always afraid. In order to drive away the fears, this is the medicine. And the greatest fear is that we have to die. That is the greatest fear. By continuous chanting we skip over death also. Death is bound to come. But we are not afraid of it. We are not afraid of death. We are ready. We have understood God, we are remembering God and we are always with God. It doesn't matter if we are alive or dead. It doesn't matter because we know that the soul never dies. That is the beauty of this thing. Otherwise material existence is all the time trouble some. There is nice verse of *Bhartrihari*, from the *Vairāgya śatakam*, wherein the nine different kinds of fear are mentioned.

*bhoge roga-bhayaṁ kule cyuti-bhayaṁ vitte ṇṇpālād-bhayaṁ  
māne dainya-bhayaṁ bale ripu-bhayaṁ rūpe jarāyā bhayaṁ  
śāstre vādi-bhayaṁ guṇe khala-bhayaṁ kāye kṛtāntād-bhayaṁ  
sarvaṁ vastu bhayānvitaṁ bhuvī ṇṇṇāṁ vairāgyam-evābhayaṁ*

**There is fear of disease in the enjoyment of sensual pleasures; fear of decline in lineage; fear of kings in riches; fear of humiliation in honour; fear of enemies when in power; fear of old-age in beauty; fear of disputants in learning; fear of the wicked in virtue and fear of death in embodied souls. All facets of man's life on earth engender fear. Renunciation alone gives fearlessness.**

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 10

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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This is in continuation of the topic, "**Transcendental Pills**" which is transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj about the various kinds of fears as mentioned in the below shloka from *Vairāgya shatakam*. Now we shall hear further.

*bhoge roga-bhayam kule cyuti-bhayam vitte nṛpālād-bhayam  
māne dainya-bhayam bale ripu-bhayam rūpe jarāyā bhayam  
śāstre vādi-bhayam guṇe khala-bhayam kāye kṛtāntād-bhayam  
sarvaṁ vastu bhayānvitam bhuvi nṛṇām vairāgyam-evābhayam*

Very beautiful verse. First fear is *bhoge roga-bhayam* - *bhoga* means sense gratification. **Excessive sense gratification will give you diseased body.** This is the greatest fear. If you watch too much TV, then your eyes are going to be bad. If you perform any sense gratificatory activity, you will be completely diseased. We have experience of this. So we have to reduce this sense gratification and that is known as *tapa* - austerity. **If you don't perform *tapa*, austere life, then you fall down - *patha*.** Either you perform *tapa* or you *patha* - That means you fall down. Otherwise you cannot survive. **You cannot survive without austerity - *tapa*.** *Tapa* is voluntary austerity accepted to realise the soul and the Super-soul. That is *tapa* and *bhoga* comes in the way. It is an impediment in our realisation. Whatever excessive sense gratification we do will completely mar your body. Please try to avoid this. There is a regulated freedom for enjoyment and we have to follow the rules and regulations in order to enjoy also materially. Otherwise *bhoge roga-bhayam*.

There is very nice verse - *bhogāna bhuktā - vayam eva bhuktā*. *Bhogāna bhuktā* means "I am not enjoying". *Vayam eva bhuktā* means that we think that we are enjoying. But, no. We are not the enjoyer. You know camel eats the thorny plants in the desert and the thorns cut his tongue and the blood comes. He thinks that the tree is beautiful and this is nice blood. He is tasting his own blood and he is thinking that the blood is coming from the trees. This is how you are. You enjoy and think that this is the best enjoyment. But you are killing yourself. And the time comes, when his tongue becomes completely sour and that he can't eat the leaves any more. That is *bhoge roga-bhayam*.

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Transcendental Pills - Part 11

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the topic, "**Transcendental Pills**" which is transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj about the various kinds of fears as mentioned in the below shloka from *Vairāgya shatakam*. Now we shall hear further.

*bhoge roga-bhayam kule cyuti-bhayam vitte nṛpālād-bhayam  
māne dainya-bhayam bale ripu-bhayam rūpe jarāyā bhayam  
śāstre vādi-bhayam guṇe khala-bhayam kāye kṛtāntād-bhayam  
sarvaṁ vastu bhayānvitam bhuvi nṛṇām vairāgyam-evābhayam*

**There is fear of disease in the enjoyment of sensual pleasures; fear of decline in lineage; fear of kings in riches; fear of humiliation in honour; fear of enemies when in power; fear of oldage in beauty; fear of disputants in learning; fear of the wicked in virtue and fear of death in embodied souls. All facets of man's life on earth engender fear. Renunciation alone gives fearlessness.**

*Bhoge roga-bhayam* then *kule cyuti-bhayam*, *kul* means family. We are very proud of the family. Particularly these royal families - they are very much afraid that their name should not be spoiled. If anything happens to them, then they are in the headlines. The more they fear, more is the divorce rate in those families. This is how they are always in trouble. This is *kule cyuti-bhayam*. Then *vitte nṛpālād-bhayam* - *vitta* means wealth - As soon as the money increases the king is there to take the share. There are no kings now. But the tax man is there and you have to pay him. He will say, "Oh you are earning 300 pounds, give me 50 pounds." And you can't hesitate then. You can deny to your wife, - "I will not give you money now. Why are you asking for money?" (laughter) But you cannot deny the tax man. You have to say, "Take, take."

Then *māne dainya-bhayam* - If you expect respect, you will always be disrespected. This is the greatest *bhaya*. That is why Caitanya Mahaprabhu forces us - '*amāninā māna-dena*' - You should not expect any respect from others. But you should always offer all respect to others. That is the safe way. **If you respect someone, the person to whom you give respect will gain in health and you also will gain health. By respecting others you become happy and he also becomes happy. On the contrary if you disrespect anybody, he loses health and you also lose the health.** So do you want to lose the health or increase the health? Choice is yours. And **if you want to increase, you have to give respect to everybody and don't expect respect from others.**

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.



## Transcendental Pills - Part 12

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in conclusion of the topic, "**Transcendental Pills**" which is transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj about the various kinds of fears as mentioned in the below shloka from *Vairāgya shatakam*. Now we shall hear further.

*bhoge roga-bhayaṁ kule cyuti-bhayaṁ vitte nṛpālād-bhayaṁ  
māne dainya-bhayaṁ bale ripu-bhayaṁ rūpe jarāyā bhayaṁ  
śāstre vādi-bhayaṁ guṇe khala-bhayaṁ kāye kṛtāntād-bhayaṁ  
sarvaṁ vastu bhayānvitaṁ bhuvī nṛṇāṁ vairāgyam-evābhayaṁ*

**There is fear of disease in the enjoyment of sensual pleasures; fear of decline in lineage; fear of kings in riches; fear of humiliation in honour; fear of enemies when in power; fear of oldage in beauty; fear of disputants in learning; fear of the wicked in virtue and fear of death in embodied souls. All facets of man's life on earth engender fear. Renunciation alone gives fearlessness.**

"Then *bale ripu-bhayaṁ* - if you are strong, then there is a fear if somebody more powerful will contest with you. That is also a fear. Then *rūpe jarāyā bhayaṁ* - *rūpa* means beauty. If you have nice *rūpa*, then *jarā* old age is there. The same beautiful body will become like a monkey body in the old age. We saw 95 year old mother in Fiji in one of the devotee's house. She was not able to talk also. Once her body must have been beautiful. But old age kills the beauty. **Without attraction to the Lord, we cannot keep our body also alright. Please this is the main requirement for your own health and body. It is not that you are doing something for Krishna. You are just doing for your own self. Don't leave these beads.**

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

Then in old age also, your body will be beautiful. Otherwise beauty will be completely marred in old age. That is greatest fear and we cannot avoid it. It is bound to come. It is coming. So please try to follow these things. Then *śāstre vādi-bhayaṁ* - If you are very proud that you know *shastras* very nicely, then you will be defeated by someone else. The escape from this fear is important and that is why **we should be very humble to learn from the child also**. Please don't go into these fears. There is so much to be told. But we are controlled by time. Hare Krishna."

Our heartfelt thanks to Maharaj for providing us these transcendental pills which can free us from all fears and anxieties.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

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

## Benevolence of Surrender

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Recently I met my bosom colleague who had just returned from a temple. He told me that he had visited the temple after a long gap as he was in troubled waters and so had prayed to the Lord for some remedy. We see many chief politicians appearing for election who also donate a huge amount to temple for prayer for his success in the election. Such human beings make a once-in-a-blue-moon visit to the temple if they are in need of anything or when they are in distress.

One may wonder what kind of devotional service it is if one approaches the Lord with such motives. After describing the four kinds of people who do not surrender (BG 7.15), the Lord also describes the four kinds of people (the distressed, the wealth-seeker, the inquisitive and the knowledge-seeker) who take up to devotional service with a motive to fulfill their desires. Srila Prabhupada clarifies in his purport to BG 7.16 that *"These are not pure devotees, because they have some aspiration to fulfill in exchange for devotional service....When these four kinds of persons come to the Supreme Lord for devotional service and are completely purified by the association of a pure devotee, they also become pure devotees."*

Given this, how do we understand Gajendra's surrender? If we do not have the merciful purports of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, we may conclude that's also a material desire like one of the above categories. However, in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 8.3.20-21, Srila Prabhupada clarifies that *"Unalloyed devotees have nothing to ask from the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but Gajendra, the King of the elephants, was circumstantially asking for an immediate benediction because he had no other way to be rescued. Sometimes, when there is no alternative, a pure devotee, being fully dependent on the mercy of the Supreme Lord, prays for some benediction. But in such a prayer there is also regret."*

We find many such instances of pure devotees in the Srimad Bhagavatam where they demonstrate full surrender to the Supreme Lord in the context of having a circumstantial request for protection or benediction. For example, Draupadi surrendered to Lord Krsna by throwing up both hands in the air when she realized that no one - neither her husbands, nor her father-in-law, nor Bhishma, nor her own hands could give her protection.

Lord Krsna Himself encourages such surrender as the ultimate instruction of the Bhagavad Gita: **"Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear."** (BG 18.66)

The sweetness of this surrender is that not only it attracts the devotee to Krsna but attracts Krsna towards the devotee. In the Srimad Bhagavatam 9.4.68, Lord Krsna says:

*sādhavo hṛdayam mahyam sādhanām hṛdayam tv aham  
mad-anyat te na jānanti nāham tebhyo manāg api*

**The pure devotee is always within the core of My heart, and I am always in the heart of the pure devotee. My devotees do not know anything else but Me, and I do not know anyone else but them.**

May we all experience the sweetness of surrender by following the practical method that Srila Prabhupada has given us, especially the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

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## Simple Devotion - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

The following is humble effort to transcribe a Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London.

"The end result of studying Bhagavatam and doing devotional service is that our life, this human existence must be completely purified. If purification is not there, then there is no meaning for our devotional service. Prabhupada has said that devotional service means purification of our existence. We have to minimise our material requirements. We are just trustees here. For example when we are trustees for some cow-protection program, the lakhs of rupees collected are for the cows. People trust and donate. Trust means they have faith. Likewise we also have faith on Supreme Lord that whatever He does is for our good. Time is bound to come when our material possessions has to be reduced. We have to daily prepare for that moment. So contamination in life must be removed. What is the contamination in our life? First we should know what is the contamination, then only we can remove it. If you don't even know what it is, how will you remove it?(laughter) So please tell me what is the contamination in our life.

(One devotee replied - *kāma*, *krodha*, *lobha*, *moha*, *mātsarya*) Tell me from your experience. (Another devotee replied - perplexities and then Maharaj continued) Srila Prabhupada says that ***the complete system of material activities is the source of perplexities***. What is the reason? We cannot stop the material activities. We have to do it. We cannot escape. So how we can stop those activities from becoming source of perplexities? That is an art. According to our age and aptitude, we have to do some activities. Cannot avoid it. Without doubt we have to do it. Bhagavad Gita says that the complete system of material activities is the source of perplexities for everyone.

For removing the perplexity, we should know what is the reason of the perplexity. - Three modes of material nature is the main thing - Mode of goodness, passion and ignorance - *sattva*, *rajo* and *tamo*. In *rajo guṇ*, one exhibits greed and attachment. In *tamo guṇ* there is *badmāśī* - dishonesty and *barbādhi* - destruction These are the main reasons for the perplexity. If we can remove these things some how or the other then we can purify ourselves. Whole of life is contaminated. With modes, we are not at ease. We go according to the quality of the modes. Most of the time we are in either in passion or majority of the time we are in ignorance. So one devotee has coined a nice acronym for three modes P-I-G PIG. (laughter) P for **P**assion, I for **I**gnorance and G for **G**oodness. If this **PIG** is not there in our life, and if we take shelter of BBC - Bhagavad-Gita, Bhagavatam and Chanting - then our life is purified. If we get entangled in this PIG, then we will end up becoming a pig. (laughter)"

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - 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 transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining how the perplexities in our life are because of the fact that we are caught up with the three modes PIG - Passion, Ignorance and Goodness. And to come out of the modes we have to take shelter of BBC - Bhagavad-Gita, Bhagavatam and Chanting. Now we shall hear further.

"To get of the PIG, we have to engage in devotional service. There must be something to start our devotional service. We must start with seva. We have to do our prescribed duties. But along with it daily we must chant the holy names of Lord, study Bhagavad-Gita and Bhagavatam. We are fortunate to know about devotional service and get time and opportunity to execute it. So after getting this fortune, we should not leave it. At least one verse you should ready daily. Please, please - somehow or the other study. When the elders follow devotional service sincerely, then naturally the younger generation will also take it up. (Referring to a devotee family Maharaj said) Because, the grand-parents, parents are all doing nice devotional service, by Krishna's mercy these children are performing such nice kirtans even in this young age. This is the secret of it. We must not get caught up with this PIG. Why we should study Bhagavatam? There is a beautiful verse in Srimad Bhagavatam 12.13.18,

*śrīmad-bhāgavatam purāṇam amalāṁ yad vaiṣṇavānām priyaṁ  
yasmin pāramahāṁsyam ekam amalāṁ jñānaṁ paraṁ gīyate  
tatra jñāna-virāga-bhakti-sahitaṁ naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtaṁ  
tac chr̥ṇvan su-paṭhan vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā vimucyen naraḥ*

**Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the spotless Purāṇa. It is most dear to the Vaiṣṇavas because it describes the pure and supreme knowledge of the paramahāṁsas. This Bhāgavatam reveals the means for becoming free from all material work, together with the processes of transcendental knowledge, renunciation and devotion. Anyone who seriously tries to understand Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, who properly hears and chants it with devotion, becomes completely liberated..**

The verse shows the importance of Bhagavatam. Srimad Bhagavatam is purāṇ - transcendental history. All our material histories are misdirected. They are written and re-written again and again. They don't really expose the truth. The truth is hidden in it. The British and Moghuls who invaded India, destroyed our Vedic culture. Since last 1250 years we had been slaves. And because of that contamination has already started and the history has been twisted so many times."

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

### Simple Devotion - 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 transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining how,

1. The perplexities in our life are because of the fact that we are caught up with the three modes PIG - Passion, Ignorance and Goodness.
2. Way out of modes is BBC.

Now we shall hear further:

Christianity came 2000 years ago. So don't you think there should have been some culture before that also? The creation of this material world occurred millions of years ago. So for millions of years, there should have been some culture. So what is 2000 years? Before 2000 million years this cosmic manifestation was created. So do you think, since then there was nothing? And just within 2000 years you got everything? This is not a correct argument. Christianity has a terminus. Christ is the terminus. Do you understand what is terminus? Terminus means an end point. So Christianity and Muslim religion have terminus. But Vedic religion does not have a terminus. It does not have an end. This is coming from Supreme Lord. And Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita Chapter 4 verse 1

*imaṁ vivasvate yogaṁ proktavān aham avyayam  
vivasvān manave prāha manur ikṣvākave 'bravīt*

**The Personality of Godhead, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, said: I instructed this imperishable science of yoga to the sun-god, Vivasvān, and Vivasvān instructed it to Manu, the father of mankind, and Manu in turn instructed it to Ikṣvāku.**

*imaṁ vivasvate yogaṁ /proktavān aham avyayam* - In this verse *avyayam* means that this yoga never decreases in potency. *Vivasvān* is the sun God and he told this to his son Manu. And we are all descendants of Manu. That's why we are known as "man". "Man" word comes from Manu. So *vivasvān manave prāha* - *Vivasvān* told to Manu and *manur ikṣvākave 'bravīt* - Manu told to **Ikṣvāku**. And this is how this yoga is descending from the higher source. The point of my telling this is that there is no terminus for Vedic heritage. And fortunately we belong to Vedic heritage and we should be very transcendently proud about this.

**By touching Bhagavad Gita - automatically devotion develops - svayam eva sphuraty adaḥ. Everything is given in the pages of Bhagavad Gita. Much more is given in the pages of Bhagavatam. Why we are not doing this, I don't know. Even now, we are suffering without it. But if we take shelter of these scriptures, our sufferings also will be tolerable.** Do you understand?

Then Krishna goes on to say in the next verse 4.2 - *evam paramparā-prāptam /imaṁ rājarṣayo viduḥ* - So this knowledge has come down in *paramparā* - bonafide disciplic succession. So as soon as you come to this yoga, bhakti yoga - then it is very easy in a way. Just chant,

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

***Don't complicate. Bhakti is very easy. And it doesn't require any effort really, because it is natural.***

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - 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 transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining how,

1. The perplexities in our life are because of the fact that we are caught up with the three modes PIG - **P**assion, **I**gnorance and **G**oodness.
2. Way out of modes is - BBC.
3. Follow Bhaktiyoga in disciplic succession.

Now we shall hear further.

Don't complicate. Bhakti is very easy. And it doesn't require any effort really, because it is natural. But why are we delaying it, I don't know. It is only our laziness and carelessness. We are lazy and we are careless. **L**- Laziness, **C**areless - "**LIC**". (Life Insurance Corporation - laughter) *If we get out of this careless attitude and laziness, then nothing is impossible. Everything is possible.* This is *śrīmad-bhāgavataṁ purāṇam amalaṁ yad vaiṣṇavānāṁ priyaṁ*. (Maharaj then taught the devotees to sing the shloka 12.13.18 of Srimad Bhagavatam with feeling). We have understood the first line. Now let us understand the second line.

*Yasmin pāramahaṁsyam ekam amalaṁ jñānaṁ paraṁ gīyate.* *Yasmin* means "**in which**". *Pāramahaṁsyam* - The *hamsa* bird has the nice quality that when milk is mixed with water, it takes only the milk. *Paramahamsa* people are transcendental swans sips only spiritual matters even when both material and spiritual matters are presented. They leave the material things. But at the same time, they don't neglect the material duties. The saints and sages, they are very much in the material life. And even then, they execute the spiritual activities in the best manner. The best example is Srila Prabhupada. He was right in the family, had business etc - but same time he didn't ignore the spiritual life. That is *paramahams*. Bhagavatam pages are meant for these transcendental swans - *paramahamsas*. *ekam* means **only** and *amalam jñānaṁ* means **uncontaminated knowledge**. *paraṁ gīyate* - In the pages of Bhagavatam, only one pointed attention is given to Krishna, because He is uncontaminated Supreme. He is *shuddha* - *paraṁ shuddha*. *paraṁ gīyate* - always it is sung. Again and again it is sung about the Supreme Lord Krishna and that is why Bhagavatam is very important.

While singing the verses, you have to vibrate. This vibration is Krishna. If there is no vibration, how will you get the *bhakti bhāv*? Every verse directs us to unflinching devotional service. So "service" word is important. It doesn't matter if that is service in our house or temple or work or whatever. ***Wherever you are, do the devotional service sincerely. But the attraction to devotional service depends upon, how much you are taking out of Srimad Bhagavatam. Otherwise you will lose the interest in service. If you read one verse atleast, before you go to serve, your service will be unflinching. You will know the importance of devotional service and then you will be able to serve nicely. As soon as you come to this point, then seva is automatically done very sincerely. Please remember this.***

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 5

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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1. The perplexities in our life are because of the fact that we are caught up with the three modes PIG - Passion, Ignorance and Goodness.
2. Way out of modes is BBC.
3. Follow Bhakti-yoga in disciplic succession.
4. Study of Srimad Bhagavatam will help us to be unflinching in our service.

Now we shall hear further.

"Now let us go to the third line - *tatra jñāna-virāga-bhakti-sahitaṁ naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtaṁ*. This is a beautiful verse. Please whatever verse you study, please go to the word to word equivalents sincerely. Try to understand the arguments. Try to give the time for the verse to sink in your mind. Don't hurry. If you are in a hurry, don't touch Bhagavatam. **Whenever you want to read, read little. But let it sink in your mind. And then you are habituated that whatever you read will definitely sink in the mind. That is the effect of reading sincerely. It must be digested.** Otherwise there is no meaning at all. **You may repeat like a parrot and you may be falsely satisfied that, "I have done Bhagavatam". No. You haven't done anything. So far we have completely neglected the important side of our existence. Don't neglect it hence forth at least.**

You must daily get into the pages of Bhagavatam and the effect of that is *jñāna* and *vairāgya* - knowledge and detachment. Knowledge is inter-woven in Bhagavad-Gita and Bhagavatam. Transcendental knowledge - and what is that knowledge - That this place is a *dharmasālā*. What is *dharmasālā*? Formerly when we go to pilgrim centers, there used to be *dharmasālā*. It is a place where we go and stay, use things/facilities there and then leave after some time. We use everything, but we are not attached to it. That is the knowledge. **So always we should be awake to the fact that "I am not going to stay here permanently."** So the corollary is that we have to have our last day. This place is temporary. Temporary means, "I have to go." (Maharaj made everyone chant the mantra - 'I have to go!') This is knowledge. And as soon as you remember this then there will be no attachment, there will be no greed. **Root cause of all the problem is that you have forgotten that you have to face the last day.** We keep thinking, "I must stay in London. I want this certainly." And as soon as we think like this everything becomes blank. But when this "*dharmasālā*" knowledge is there, then there is detachment. We may stay in *dharmasālā* for a month or two. But eventually we have to go. Once this knowledge is there, then detachment is there and attachment is completely absent. **It is very difficult to cultivate. It is very difficult to digest this idea. Very difficult. But there is no other way! The fact is fact and that is knowledge.**

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 6

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 Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining how,

1. The perplexities in our life are because of the fact that we are caught up with the three modes PIG - Passion, Ignorance and Goodness.
2. Way out of modes is BBC.
3. Follow Bhaktiyoga in disciplic succession.
4. Study of Srimad Bhagavatam will help us to be unflinching in our service.
5. Don't be in hurry, but relish Srimad Bhagavatam and allow it to sink in your mind.

Now we shall hear further. Maharaj was also explaining as to how we should remember that this material world is like a dharmashaala and we have to leave any time.

"Knowing this is knowledge. And as soon as this knowledge is there, then *tatra jñāna-virāga - virāga* means detachment. And as soon as we are detached from the material atmosphere, there is attachment for Krishna. This is all coming from *jñān*. You know that (this material world) is temporary. So you are not that much attached to it. That means you are detached from material atmosphere. Then you get attached to Krishna - *tatra jñāna-virāga-bhakti-sahitaṁ* - So that is bhakti. It is all included in the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam. Then *naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtaṁ -karmas* become all purified. That is *naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtaṁ* means manifested - So *naiṣkarmyam* or freedom from material work is revealed to us when we depend only on bhakti. *naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtaṁ* is beautiful word and by Srila Prabhupada's mercy we are getting this. The more you recite the verse, the more you will enjoy it. (Maharaj made everyone relish and recite the whole verse 12.13.18 again)

In the fourth line he says *tac chṛṇvan su-paṭhan vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā vimucyen naraḥ* - first hear - *chṛṇvan* and then *su-paṭhan* - study, then *vicāraṇa-paro* - think over it. And the effect of all these things is *bhaktyā vimucyen naraḥ* - real devotion starts. This is Bhagavatam. **As soon as you become free material activities, you please run to Bhagavatam. Where there is a will, there is a way. If you pass your time lazily, then you are committing suicide. This is the real meaning of suicide. Please do your material duties immaculately well. And once you become free from there, you must always come to this side."**

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 7

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 Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining the importance of studying Srimad Bhagavatam by explaining SB 12.13.18 verse. Maharaj then began to speak on verse 1.6.26 from Srimad Bhagavatam. Now we shall hear further.

*nāmāny anantasya hata-trapaḥ paṭhan  
guhyāni bhadraṇi kṛtāni ca smaran  
gām paryaṭams tuṣṭa-manā gata-sprhaḥ  
kālaṁ pratikṣan vimado vimatsaraḥ*

**Thus I began chanting the holy name and fame of the Lord by repeated recitation, ignoring all the formalities of the material world. Such chanting and remembering of the transcendental pastimes of the Lord are benedictory. So doing, I traveled all over the earth, fully satisfied, humble and unenvious.**

**Regarding these verses, please remember one thing. Two senses have to be used. Our eyes have to be used and at the same time our ears have to be used. Both of these are miraculous, wonderful creation of Krishna.** You take the ears - It is a very delicate sense. Medically it has been proved that there are three parts in this ear - One is the outer ear, middle ear and the inner ear. The vibrations go through the outer ear to the middle part of the ear.

Eventually the whole mysterious thing is happening in the inner ear. There are different canals in the whole of the ear system and some kind of fluid is flowing. It is a special kind of fluid which we can never manufacture. And funny enough - we eat chappati, we eat kichdi, we eat sandwiches and the fluid is maintained somehow or the other. I don't know how. This is Krishna. Other than Krishna no one can do this.

And that fluid again resides in hair like thin nerves, and those thin nerves, they carry the sound to our heart and then we relish. So all mysterious transcendental activity is going on and we can never copy. And that's why, if there is something missing in the inner ear, it is not very easy. Thin-hair like nerves are there - and at the end of the nerves, there are cells which carry the sound to the brain and the heart. This is very complicated operation of the ear and eyes are also equally complicated. I don't know how the images are carried on, how the images are reflected and even then we immediately differentiate that this is red pull-over, this is yellow trouser, white kurta. Immediately we can recognise. It is impossible. This is Krishna and this again, this efficacy is not just for the material sound.

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 8

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 Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining the importance of studying Srimad Bhagavatam by explaining SB 12.13.18 verse. Maharaj then began to speak on verse 1.6.26 from Srimad Bhagavatam and started explaining about the wonderful senses - the eyes and ears which are helping us to recite the verses. Now we shall hear further.

"We have so many material sounds here. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.1.2 Sukadeva Goswami says:

*śrotavyādīni rājendra nṛṇām santi sahasraśaḥ  
apaśyatām ātma-tattvaṁ grheṣu grha-medhinām*

**Those persons who are materially engrossed, being blind to the knowledge of ultimate truth, have many subject matters for hearing in human society, O Emperor.**

*Śrotavyādīni* means for hearing; Sukadev Goswami is saying to Parikshit Maharaj - *rājendra* - O King; *nṛṇām* means 'human society'; *santi* means 'there are'; *sahasraśaḥ* - hundreds and thousands of topics. We all know this. When we see each other we talk about all these non-sense topics. Somebody says, "I got a house", somebody says, "I am running a shop", somebody says "I am working", somebody says, "I woke up early today", "I went to this shop and bought a new car"....so on and so forth. So many topics are there to be heard regarding the material things. All these vibrations are material vibrations. ***If these material vibrations continue like this, then in the end, then the cells inside the inner ear will get damaged. That is the beauty of this. We fail to understand the intricacy of the operation of the ear. And we outrightly wasting our whole time in hearing these things. That is why all kinds of diseases are there. The more you destroy your time in the youth time, the more you will have to suffer in the old-age.*** I don't know how this system works. Why it is there and why it is not getting destroyed so far. We can't imagine all these things.

So these ears are required for hearing the transcendental sounds. And as I told you, the more you spend time in hearing material things, rock music and cinema music, we are heading for head-on-crash. We don't have that idea.

***Please, please - the ears must have some transcendental vibrations. The beauty of the ear is that the hearing is not done only by the ear. You have to understand this. The hearing is done by the whole body.***

The root cause of the whole material manifestation is the transcendental sound of Krishna and it is known as *shabda-brahma* or *nāda brahma* - *nāda* means sound and from *nāda* - there is a word *nādi* - The vaidhyas they check the *nādi* - the vibration of the pulse and they tell the condition of the body. ***The nādi depends on the nād. Our whole health depends upon how much nād is regular in our body. This is the importance of the sound that is entering through the ears and touching the whole body.***

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 9

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 Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offering Maharaj was explaining the importance of studying Srimad Bhagavatam by explaining 12.13.18 verse. Maharaj then began to speak on verse 1.6.26 from Srimad Bhagavatam and started explaining about the wonderful senses - the eyes and ears which are helping us to recite the verses. Hearing is done not just by the ears, but by whole body. So we should hear more of transcendental vibration for material vibrations kill us. Now we shall hear further.

"For our sight, we may have limitations. If there is a wall in between, I cannot see beyond that. But for sound that limitation is not there. If there is some loud sound, then may be we can hear up to half a kilo meter. So sight is in that way limited. I can see only that paper is in front of me. Beyond that I cannot see. But *nāḍ* is more accommodative. And not only that, the whole body is affected by these sounds. That's why in these countries, they have the laws for the sound pollution. In India there is no such laws. (laughter) There are so many loud speakers and the whole village is hearing sounds which are not to be heard. That's why the diseases are increasing and mental problems are increasing. They go mad because of this sound pollution. ***Instead of this, we must remember that Srimad Bhagavatam gives us the capacity to hear the things which are not possible to be heard by the material ear. This sound is the inner sound. If we have that sound, we can hear the sound. If we want to supplement the spiritual sound from outside, it is only invested in the names of God. This is the beauty of it.*** It is already tested and well-proved. That's why, the musical language, particularly the classical music in which these shlokas are sung or Mahamantra is sung, it relates to your heart. There is complete satisfaction in this. We are not mad. Our forefathers are not mad, saints and sages are not mad to find out some spiritual sound system by which we can improve.

Myself, I am not proud of this, but I would like to give my example. I lost the speech capacity completely few years ago. And the doctors were telling that I need to have throat operation and clear something and then may be I could speak. But I completely stopped them. I thought that if nothing is coming, then nothing is coming. It doesn't matter. ***If speech has to come, it will automatically come and only by chanting, it came back.*** (Referring to a devotee in the room Maharaj said) You had seen me what I was undergoing in that condition. This is practical example. I have never seen a person who has lost the voice and got it back like this. Now nobody can even know that I had lost the voice. If I tell someone that I was not able to speak, then they will say that I am joking. Many times, they ask my age also and when I tell it is around 80, they say, "No. Your speech is completely clear and consciousness is completely clear. **It is impossible without the inner voice.**"

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 10

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 Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offerings Maharaj was explaining,

1. The importance of studying Srimad Bhagavatam by explaining the SB 12.13.18 verse.
2. About the wonderful senses - the eyes and ears which are helping us to recite the verses.
3. How he personally regained his lost speech, simply by chanting.

Now we shall hear further.

Doctors and medicines are not required. Please, please material vibrations should be kept to the minimum extent. We are in the material world, we have to talk, we have to hear the people, not only our people, others also. So everything is there. **Most of the time, we have to cultivate the ears to hear the inner voice and that will enliven the hell-like nerves and cells which are helping us to ear. Otherwise we will go deaf.** At least after 60 years of age, if the life is not controlled in the young age, then you are bound to lose the hearing. First you lose the sight and then you lose the hearing. This is the drastic effect of the uncontrolled material life.

**If you don't change at least now and understand these things, if you don't try to follow and inculcate these things in the day to day life, then you are heading for a disaster. If it is going to be the end of the body also, then it will be alright. But that will not be the end. You will lose the senses. You will lose the eyes, you will lose the ears. Then you will have to depend upon others. You don't die; you don't live. This is dangerous situation.** That is why we have to recite these things early in the morning and we have to go on hearing these things. Many times we are accused that, "You are reciting same thing!". Foolish people. You have the same mother every day. Can you change the mother? You have the same father. Can you change the father or mother. You have the same wife, may be. (loud laughter) Do you keep changing these people? You say, "No. I can't change..". You have so many same things which you don't change. But why do you want to change these things? This is rascaldom. With family members, we adjust. We have to adjust. We can't say, "We don't like you father." Whether you like it or not, father is father. You don't change that. But why do you want to change the shlokas? Why say, "Every time same!" It is a silly argument!

Krishna willing we shall hear more 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.

## Simple Devotion - Part 11

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in conclusion of the transcription of Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in London. In previous offerings Maharaj was explaining,

1. The importance of studying Srimad Bhagavatam by explaining the SB 12.13.18 verse.
2. About the wonderful senses - the eyes and ears which are helping us to recite the verses.
3. How he personally regained his lost speech, simply by chanting.

Now we shall hear further.

The pronunciation of the verses should be very clear and it should go right to your heart. This relates directly to your heart. The classical music in which we sing these verses, relates to your heart. All other material talk deal with our mind. But these **spiritual vibrations touch the heart**. Just like how we feel relieved when we have darshan of the Deity of the Lord, when we chant these transcendental vibrations, when we chant Gita we can experience the same thing. So when we engage in devotional service of any form, chanting or kirtan or hearing about Krishna, immediately it relates to our heart. Other things bother our mind. If we don't understand these things, and waste this human life then we are foolish of the highest order. We may be *murakh*, foolish - but we should be limited in foolishness also - *murakh limited* (laughter), just like how we have Barclays Limited, we can be *murakh limited*. +Please don't be unlimited *murakh*. That's why these verses have to be sung daily in a very palatable way. For example we have Bhishma's prayers which can be sung nicely in '*namāmīśvaram*' tune.

In Gita Krishna says '*hṛd-deśe 'rjuna tiṣṭhati*' - 'Arjuna, I am situated in every one's heart'. So He hears when we sing. So please recite shlokas daily -12th and 15th Chapter of Gita, at least one chapter from Gita or at least one verse. There is so much to be told, but we are controlled by time. So we stop here. Hare Krishna. Jai Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!"

Our heartfelt thanks to Maharaj for his practical and sublime class explaining us the importance of Bhagavatam, and the proper usage of wonderful senses eyes and ears which Krishna has bestowed us.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.



## Effect of Sadhusanga

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

In the story of Ajamila when the Yamadutas are stopped by the Vishnudutas from taking Ajamila to Yamaraj, the Yamadutas become very baffled. All along they were thinking that the decision of Yamaraj is final and that his judgement can never be dismissed. So with a disturbed mind, they go back to Yamaraj to report their failure in the mission. At that time Yamaraj being one of the 12 Mahajans and very pleased to hear the word "Narayana" from his servants, is thankful to Lord for this wonderful opportunity and begins to speak about the glories of Lord, His Holy Names and more importantly about the glories of Lord's devotees. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 6.3.18 Yamaraj says,

*bhūtāni viṣṇoḥ sura-pūjitāni  
durdarśa-liṅgāni mahādbhutāni  
rakṣanti tad-bhaktimataḥ parebhyo  
mattaś ca martyān atha sarvataś ca*

**The order carriers of Lord Vishnu, who are worshiped even by the demigods, possess wonderful bodily features exactly like those of Vishnu and are very rarely seen. The Vishnudutas protect the devotees of the Lord from the hands of enemies, from envious persons and even from my jurisdiction, as well as from natural disturbances.**

The Yamadutas were little upset with Vishnudutas and Yamaraj being their master could understand this. So to clear out their misconceptions, he made them understand that just like how Lord is superior to Yamaraj, similarly the Vishnudutas are also superior to Yamadutas. Glorifying the nature of Vishnudutas, Yamaraj says that they protect the devotees of the Lord from all sorts of calamities. His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada explains how offenseless chanting of Holy name relieved Ajamila from sinful reactions. And the momentary association of the Vishnudutas hearing them explain the glories of Holy Name to the Yamadutas brought a transformation in Ajamila's heart. So much so that once the Vishnudutas vanished, Ajamila sincerely repented for his sinful life and went to Haridwar and engaged himself in devotional service. Such is the power of association of pure devotees. They help us to realise the anarthas in us and also the determination to give up those anarthas.

Even in story of Mrgāri and Narada Muni, or the story of Gulika hunter and sage Utanga as mentioned in Narada Purana we find similar instances as to how even persons who are performing very great sinful acts also, by association of pure devotees even for a moment, undergo such a wonderful transformation in their characters. The pure devotees are also so merciful that when they see that the living entities show even a slight inclination towards Supreme Lord, they give the maximum protection to such suffering souls and ensure their return back home, back to Godhead.

From the above examples from scriptures, may we also realise the power of association of devotees and always remain grateful to their mercy.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Shyamsundar das

Chennai.

## Perfection of Life

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Trees have the nice quality of giving shade to all people without discrimination and also provides the various parts - like leaves, flowers, fruits, branches etc in service of others. Trees return fruits to people who even throw stones at them. We usually be kind to people who are kind to us or help us. But rivers, trees, mother earth all teach us this nice quality of helping all kinds of people. We find that in Srimad Bhagavatam Lord Krishna appreciates this nature of trees and how we can attain perfection in life, if we also imbibe this quality from the trees. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 10.22.35 Lord says,

*etāvaj janma-sāphalyaṁ dehinām iha dehiṣu  
prāṇair arthair dhiyā vācā śreya-ācaraṇaṁ sadā*

**It is the duty of every living being to perform welfare activities for the benefit of others with his life, wealth, intelligence and words.**

The word *janma-sāphalyaṁ* means perfection of birth. Our birth in this material world is effective or perfect if and only if we engage in "*śreya-ācaraṇaṁ sadā*" - *śreya* means **eternal fortune**- when we always act for the eternal benefit of others, then we attain perfection of this birth. The eternal benefit which has been bestowed upon us by mercy of Srila Gurudeva and Srila Prabhupada is Krishna consciousness and we should use our *prāṇa* - life, *artha* - wealth, *dhiyā* - intelligence and *vācā* - words to share this gift of Krishna consciousness with others.

In one of the wonderful classes on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.2.9 in Vrindavan in 1972, Srila Prabhupada while quoting the above verse mentions how we should dedicate our life in service of Krishna. "*If you cannot dedicate your life immediately, then spend fifty percent of your income for Krishna. prāṇair arthair. If you think you have no money, then prāṇair arthair dhiyā, by your intelligence. If you have got some knowledge, write some books and spread it, Krishna consciousness. And if you have no education, no money and you cannot dedicate your life, then you can spend your vacana. vācā. prāṇair arthair dhiyā vācā. What is the vācā? Chant Hare Krishna and tell everyone, "Please chant Hare Krishna." Where is the difficulty? You can serve Krishna in any condition of life. But don't be miser. If you think that you have got one crores of rupees, so Krishna says vācā. "Let the bank balance remain for my children, and I go to Vrindavana and chant Hare Krishna." No. That is called vitta-sārtha. If you have got money, you must spend money. Not that "Money is for my children and wife, and I come to Vrindavana and chant Hare Krishna."*

So we must be honest in our attempts in serving the Lord. While lack of wealth, intelligence is not a barrier for devotional service, we must also note that when we have any facility in surplus and out of miserliness or laziness we don't use whatever we have in Krishna's service - be it time, talent, wealth etc - then the day is bound to come when the same assets will become a source of burden and trouble for us. Just like how stagnant water becomes a breeding place of insects and unfit for consumption, how unused iron becomes rusty, our *prāṇa*, *artha*, *dhiyā* and *vācā* - will also lose value with time, if not engaged in Krishna's service.

So may we honestly engage whatever facility and ability Lord has provided us in this birth in His service.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

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

## Reject Bad Association - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

The following is an humble attempt to transcribe a nectarean class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav dham, Rajkot in October 2009 on verse 11.26.26 from Srimad Bhagavatam.

*tato duḥsaṅgam utsrjya satsu sajjeta buddhimān  
santa evāsya chindanti mano-vyāsaṅgam uktibhiḥ*

**An intelligent person should therefore reject all bad association and instead take up the association of saintly devotees, whose words cut off the excessive attachment of one's mind.**

(Maharaj made everyone recite the translation thrice.) "Excessive attachment of one's mind - This is also mentioned in Bhagavad Gita that we should detach ourselves from the mind's desires. The thing is we try to force our mind against the various desires. But mind is very adamant. Again and again it will present it's desires. The *jnaan* is we have to go beyond the mind. **Unless you have guided intelligence, you cannot approach Krishna.** Krishna's connection is in our heart. *sarvasya cāhaṁ hṛdi sanniviṣṭo* - He is situated in our heart. So heart to heart connection is there. That's why Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita verse 2.55,

*prajahāti yadā kāmān sarvān pārtha mano-gatān  
ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ sthita-prajñas tadocyate*

So this *mano-gatān* is the mind. These desires of the mind, please stop it. You have to avoid the bad association.

**Stopping the bad association means stopping the bad ideas.** Your ideas comes first and then the action follows. So if you hit at the root, then the action will not be there. If you don't hit at the root, then the action will be bad. In the same shloka the remedy is also given as to how to control the mind. In the same verse He gives what you should do, how you should do it. If you can do it, then you will have steady intelligence.

It is impossible for anyone else to give so much detail in a single verse. That's why Bhagavad-Gita is coming from sākṣāt throat of Lord Krishna. So it should be in our throat. We have material throat. But when you recite Bhagavad-Gita, you will have transcendental throat and you will be connected to Krishna. This arathi and arathi plate are made of brass. But daily they are used in service of Krishna. So we bow down to them. We see so many brass utensils. We don't bow down to them. But **even a brass, when it is connected with Krishna's service, it is worshiped.** The cotton wick, used to light the ghee lamp is used in service of Krishna and so we bow down to it. Otherwise there may be so many heaps of cotton. But we don't worship them. **This little cotton wick is coming to Krishna and so we bow down to it.**

Krishna willing, we shall continue to hear more 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.

## Receiving the Mercy of Lord Parasurama

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

On the occasion of Parasurama Jayanthi and Akshaya Tritiya we will mediate on the glories of Lord Parasurama. Lord Parasurama incarnation is very special in the sense that He displayed extra ordinary power. He also displayed great quality of composure and leading a life of brahminical principles once His mission was accomplished.

Srimad Bhagavatam 9.24.56 mentions when the Lord appears in this material world.

*yadā yadā hi dharmasya kṣayo vṛddhiś ca pāpmanaḥ  
tadā tu bhagavān īśa ātmānaṁ sṛjate hariḥ*

**Whenever the principles of religion deteriorate and the principles of irreligion increase, the supreme controller, the Personality of Godhead Śrī Hari, appears by His own will.**

The mission of Lord Parasurama was to destroy all the irreligious and corrupt Kshatriyas (represented by the rulers, police and military force). In kali yuga these days (in India) we see that the ruling class and police force are very much corrupted. A recent authentic survey in India has shown that police force is the most corrupted (85%) of all government segments. The meaning of Kshatriya is "*kṣat ranāt trāyate iti kṣatriya*" - (One who protects the innocent and weak from *kṣat* (wounds) caused physically and mentally). However, statistics reveal that in India which is supposed to be the main hub of vedic culture, the Kshatriyas (police) are so corrupt that around 30% of the criminal cases are closed by framing innocent and weak people who do not commit any crime. Many fake encounters are done to kill witnesses to protect the corrupt and rich. So instead of protecting the weak and innocent, the so called Kshatriyas destroy their lives by abusing their power. And the corrupt nature of politicians in this age needs no mention as it is well known. So the situation is much much worse than Treta yuga when the Lord appeared.

Now a question may arise, "Lord Parasurama appeared to protect the society in Treta yuga when the world situation was much better, but now the situation is really degraded and why He is not appearing?" The answer is that destroying corrupt Kshatriyas is not alone the cause of Lord's appearance. The Lord appears **primarily** to protect the pious and saintly persons. Though the Kshatriyas in Treta yuga were corrupt, the brahminical culture was very strong and significant number of people were following the religious principles. They were situated in the mode of goodness and when they were harassed, the Lord came to protect them and shows His beautiful form to assure them. But in kali yuga the Kshatriyas are much corrupted but the people in general following brahminical principles are very few in number and with the result the society is mostly in the lower modes of passion and ignorance. So most people are not qualified to see the Lord in person and hence the Lord is not appearing.

So even in this kali yuga, if more people take to following the regulative principles and raise to the mode of goodness, the society as a whole will improve and become qualified to receive the mercy of Lord Parasurama, though He is not visible to us. Lord Parasurama Himself is teaching this in His avatara. After destroying irreligious Kshatriyas and donating the lands He conquered to the sages, He leads a life of brahminical culture till today. Srila Prabhupada said "*I have established this society for Krishna consciousness to create brahmanas.*" He also recommended to Indira Gandhi the then prime minister of India that all MLAs and MPs should follow the four regulative principles and become enriched in goodness. So this Krishna consciousness society is a manifestation of Lord Parasurama's mercy on fallen people of Kali yuga.

Let us meditate and glorify Lord Parasurama who still lives in this world glorified by His devotees, on this auspicious occasion. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 9.16.26 Sukadeva Goswami says,

*āste 'dyāpi mahendrādrau / nyasta-daṇḍaḥ praśānta-dhīḥ  
upagīyamāna-caritaḥ / siddha-gandharva-cāraṇaiḥ*

**Lord Paraśurāma still lives as an intelligent brāhmaṇa in the mountainous country known as Mahendra. Completely satisfied, having given up all the weapons of a kṣatriya, he is always worshiped, adored and offered prayers for his exalted character and activities by such celestial beings as the Siddhas, Cāraṇas and Gandharvas.**

Hare Krishna,

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Narahari Krishna das

Chennai.

## Reject Bad Association - 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 transcription of nectarean class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav dham, Rajkot in October 2009 on verse 11.26.26. In the previous class we heard from Maharaj as to how:

1. We should not be carried away by whims of the mind.
2. When anything is connected with Krishna, it becomes glorious and worshipable - eg. brass arathi plate, cotton wicks, etc.

Now we shall hear further.

In Bhagavad Gita verse 2.55, in the first line Krishna orders as what is to be done.

*prajahāti yadā kāmān sarvān pārtha mano-gatān  
ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ sthita-prajñas tadocyate*

*Prajahāti - jahāti* means leave; *prajahāti* means completely leave; What is to be left? *prajahāti yadā kāmān- kāmān* - all *kāmān*. That is the instruction of Krishna. *kāmān* means desires, all desires. What are those desires - *mano-gatān* - mental desires. The mind's desires. Krishna says in the first line itself that you completely stop all these desires of the mind. We will say, "How can I stop the desires Krishna? I have so many desires." So in the next line He says - "*ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ*". This is the way out. If you want to stop the unnecessary desires, then *ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ* - you should be completely satisfied with your Super-soul - *tuṣṭaḥ*. So we are the people who look inward and not outward. Outward people might try to amass wealth etc, try to enjoy. But we are completely satisfied with what we have because we know that whatever is coming from outside world is temporary. This world is *duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam*.

These things were coming down as auspicious tradition in our families. But they didn't know to tell as to why we have to do it. But Srila Prabhupada has re-introduced these nice traditions in our life and also gave us the torchlight of knowledge as to why we have to do some thing. If we try to do "*ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ*", you are completely satisfied in yourself, then it is an invitation to help us come out of the material existence. Without His shelter, you can never come out of the control of the mind. *sa vai manaḥ kṛṣṇa-padāravindayor* - but before that we should be completely convinced that our body is temporary. It is sure to go away one day. It is a fact. There is a saying

*calat cittam calat vittam calat jīvana yauvanam  
calācalam idam sarvam bhaktir yasya sa jīvati*

**Our mind is flickering. Our wealth is flickering. Our own life and youth are also a passing phase. There is steadiness and eternity only in devotional service.**

So change of body is there. When one knows this then - *ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ* and remain satisfied, then *sthita-prajñas tadocyate* - You have steady intelligence. In unsteady life, you have to have a steady guidance.

Krishna willing, we shall continue to hear more 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.