

The Powerful Influence of Time - Part 2

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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 class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 3.30.2. In previous offering when we try to acquire things more and more, we are bound to face miseries as all such possessions are bound to be destroyed with time. Now let us hear from Maharaj.

*yam yam artham upaadatte / duhkkena sukha-hetave
tam tam dhunoti bhagavaan / pumaan chocati yat-krte*

"Whatever is produced by the materialist with great pain and labor for so-called happiness, the Supreme Personality, as the time factor, destroys, and for this reason the conditioned soul laments."

"And it so happens in the material world, it makes you feel that you are at the peak of your happiness you know. And the same time, something happens, the whole thing collapses. That is the material world. We have to be very clear about the effect of the time and time affects our body also. So for example in western countries, particularly in London, if you buy the house the prices also are so very high. You buy a house, and installment is so much that you end up paying installments 20 years or 10 years or 15 years or 25 years. And by the time the houses is ready, your body starts dwindling and then we lament that, "i have bought the house for me, now I am not keeping well, I am not feeling well." This is the main reason. This is the meaning of this verse. (Maharaj then encourages everyone to recite the above verse).

Your eyes are good. So keep it you know. If you don't give in to drugs etc..and if you don't go to idiotic life, then you will preserve your eyes. So please be careful. Wherever you are living in the material world, you can do your activities whatever you like. But be regular in eating prasadam and having some sadhana you know. And as you desire, you move about in the temples so that you will have different experience you know. Please try to stick to Krishna. Because it is very difficult, because young age is there and you are very young you know what is your age? (Devotee replies that he is 20.) It's very young, very young age. I hope that it doesn't matter what activity we do for our maintenance. It doesn't matter at all. But the thing is that always we have to be awake as Srila Prabhupada we heard today. In the morning we have to be awake to the ultimate goal of our life if you can sacrifice your life so far so better. Because eventually the life is going to go. You are maybe 20 years now, you may have 70 years to go. But it doesn't matter. Eventually the life is going to end. So those who realise this and if they are lucky, they sacrifice their life. Or there are so many factors to be considered you know, because your family relations or there this and that maybe some responsibilities maybe mother will be expecting you to do something you know. There are so many things to be considered. Don't displease anybody and try to steer clear you know.

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,

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