

Drink the Nectar of Bhakti - Part 10

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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 the nectarean class given by our beloved spiritual master H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in Belgium on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 10.8.21, on 26th July 1997. In the previous offering we heard 7 points. Maharaj insisted on the importance of introducing good traditions at home and was narrating a story on how a pick-pocket married a lady pick-pocket and how they prayed to Krishna to bless a supreme pick-pocket as their child. Now let us continue to hear the story from Maharaj.

7. **Introduce Good Traditions:** So the child was born to the pick-pocket couple. But to their surprise the right hand fist of the child was closed. So the father and mother started worrying. Unless he opens the hand, how can he pick-pocket? (laughter) So they went to so many doctors. But nobody could help them. Eventually they went to a psychiatrist. That psychiatrist understood that since the father and mother are pick-pocketers, the child must also have the same tradition. So he told them somehow or the other if they could prepare a nice golden necklace, embedded with diamonds, then the child might like it and grab it. (laughter) He will open the hand and grab it. So the doctor instructed them to bring the necklace. They prepared a beautiful necklace, because there was no dearth of gold or diamond at their home. Everything was there. So when the beautiful necklace was shown to the child, he immediately opened the hand to grab the necklace. And at that time, a ring fell from the child's hand. That ring belonged to the nurse who helped in the delivery of the child. (loud laughter) So if you don't introduce the good traditions, there will be some traditions. In order to improve the quality of our life, we must come to this point, otherwise there will be some tradition. Don't allow your child to have a pick-pocket tradition.

The thing is we are, *most of the time, always gliding down in the lower modes. Somehow or the other we have to pick ourselves out.* The Vaishnava community who are unflinchingly attached to Vishnu, they never glide down to the lower modes. Even there may be provoking circumstances. But we never glide down. We always keep ourselves in the mode of goodness. *As soon as you habituate yourself to be in the mode of goodness, then only you will be able to enter the mysterious pastimes of Krishna. Otherwise you can't do it.* Otherwise how to understand the Supreme person, from whom everything is emanating, who is the owner of everything, who is the enjoyer of everything, who is full of all energies, who is the controller of all energy, can come to the courtyard of Yashoda crawl and break the trees there? It is impossible. It is impossible. It is bewildering. It is more bewildering when we try not to understand the pastimes and try to criticise the pastimes. This is what happens in the lower modes.

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

Thank you very much,

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi.