

Nectar from Maharaj Diary

Date: 2002-03-02

Author: Samanjas das

Dearest Kalacakra Prabhu,

I have been busy of late and just logged in to my e-mail account and pleasantly surprised to come across your idea of this newsgroup. I think it's a fantastic idea and highly praiseworthy and commendable. It would be a great platform to exchange inspiring Krishna Conscious ideas and information for the advancement of our devotional lives.

On my part, for a start I have a diary here with me of Gurudev's with his recorded writings dating way back to the months of August and September 1988. The location is mentioned herein as Whittington Hospital !! Most of the writings are in Gujarati(I think so) and the few English writings are interspersed with Gujarati words as well. But I have extracted some nice writings from the diary and am reproducing here for the benefit of all aspiring devotees.

This piece is recorded as having been written on 29/08/1988, Monday, 9 a.m, which is a holiday in England and is referenced from the King of all Scriptures, Srimad Bhagavatam 1.9.26, Bhishmadeva's prayers.

Bhishmadeva advised for all human beings nine qualifications:

- 1)Not to become angry (The word angry is underlined)
- 2)Not to lie (The word lie is underlined)
- 3)To equally distribute wealth (The word equally is underlined)
- 4)To forgive (the word forgive is underlined)
- 5)To beget children only by one's legitimate wife (the word legitimate is underlined)
- 6)To be pure in mind and hygiene in body (the word pure is underlined)
- 7)Not to be inimical toward any one (the word inimical is underlined)
- 8)To be simple (the word simple is underlined)
- 9)To support-servants and subordinates (the words support and servants are underlined)

ALEF LP ISS - (Maharaj has formed this acronym by taking the first letter of the above underlined words)

NB: Gurudev likes to pick out the key words in verses and their first letters for easy remembrance of the key points in the verse and I guess that's what he has done here. Kindly refer to the purport of this verse which is very illuminating and enlightening. I will input the other writings in this diary in my following e-mails, Krishna willing.

Haribol!!

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Samanjas das (Singapore)

Thanks

Date: 2002-03-04

Author: Radhajivan das

Dear Prabhuji,

Thanks for the nice quotations you have been sending. I look forward to receiving something from you everyday morning when I come to my office.

Your Servant,
Radhajivan das

Stages of Devotional Service

Date: 2002-03-05

Author: Purnacandra das

Dear Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

I thought I'll share an excerpt from Prabhupada's lecture below with you all which I received from a devotee friend of mine the other day. This lecture emphasises the importance we must place on other devotees and the respect we should confer on them.

Your humble servant,
Purnacandra das

-----Original Message-----

From: Murli Krishna [mailto:murlikrsna@email.com]

Sent: Friday, 1 March 2002 16:04

To: karma@naraka.com

Subject: Quote of the day!

A little quote form Srila Prabhupada's Lecture...

So there are three kinds of devotional stages: kanistha adhikari, lower stage, and the madhyama adhikari, middle stage, and uttama adhikari. So the kanistha adhikari means:

*arcāyām eva haraye pūjām yas tu śraddhayehatena
tad-bhaktesu cānyeṣusa bhaktaḥ prākṛtaḥ smṛtaḥ*

In the lower stage, the devotee is engaged in Deity worship. It is not that Deity worship is lower than meditation. We don't mean that. Deity worship is the beginning of devotional service, as it will be mentioned in the Bhakti-rasamrita-sindhu, how to approach the Deity, how to cleanse the floor, how to change the dress, flower, how to make aratrika, everything in detail there are. So in the beginning certainly one who is not advanced, he cannot see Krsna properly.....

So the kanistha adhikari, in the lower stage, he thinks that he's worshipping the Deity very nicely, he has realized Krsna. No. Na tad-bhaktesu canyesu sa bhaktaḥ prakritah smritah. We have to make further advancement. Krsna does not mean alone. Especially Krsna's devotees. They are always with Krsna. Therefore when we can recognize a devotee of Krsna and offer him the respect as devotee of Krsna, that is further advancement.

In the madhyama adhikari, or in further advancement of devotional service, one can see four categories.

*ishvare tad-adhinesu balisesu dvisatsu ca
prema-maitri-kripapeksa sa bhakta madhyamah*

Ishvara. When we are further advanced, we do not see only Krsna, but we see His devotees also. We can recognize, "Here is a pure devotee of Krsna." But in the lower stage, a, the devotee's concerned with the Deity worship, but he does not take much care of the devotees. But when one is advanced further, he can see Krsna and His devotees also. Isvara tad-adhina. Tad-adhina means devotees. Devotees are always under the service of Krsna. So anyone who is giving service to Krsna, we should take care of them also. We should offer our respect in... You'll find in Bhakti-rasamrita-sin! dhu, it is stated somewhere, that if, if a devotee is coming, then another devotee who is engaged in

worship of the Deity may stop Deity worship for the time being and should go immediately to receive the devotee. So Krsna also says, mad-bhakta-puja abhyadhika. Krsna is satisfied more when a devotee worships His devotee. Krsna says, "If one is worshipping Me and one is worshipping My devotee, then the person who is worshipping the devotee, he's more important than the person who is worshipping Krsna.".....

Advanced devotee never disobey or disrespect another devotee. Disrespect to another devotee is a great offense. Vaishnava aparadha. Vaishnava aparadha is very serious offense. Therefore we teach to address amongst the devotees, "Prabhu", "Prabhu", "Such and such Prabhu." This should not be simply spoken by the lips. It should be realized. Everyone should think other devotee as his prabhu, master. Not he should try to become master.....

We should be always ready to offer respect to all, not only devotees, but everyone. Everyone. Because every living entity is originally a devotee of Krsna. But circumstantially, being covered by the coat of maya, he's playing like demon. But his original nature is a devotee of Krsna. Jivera svarupa haya nitya krsnera dasa [Cc. Madhya 20.108-109]. Everyone is eternally servant of Krsna.....

So bhakti, devotional service begins when one is actually self-realized. Before that, sa bhaktah prakritah smritah. Anyone who has got the identification of this body, he is engaged in Deity worship, but he does not actually realize his self, he does not know who is a devotee, and he does not know his duty to other persons, he remains a prakrita-bhakta.

Prakrita-bhakta means he's situated on the material platform, but under the direction of spiritual master, under the direction of the sastras, he's trying to improve his condition of material existence. That is called prakrita-bhakta, sa bhaktah prakritah smritah.

So we should not ! remain perpetually a prakrita bhakta. We must improve, madhyama-bhakta. Madhyama-bhakta means he knows what is God, what is Krsna. He knows what is Krsna's devotee. He knows the people in general, and he knows the atheistic persons.....

But we should not imitate that stage. Because we are in the neophyte stage, we should not imitate the vision of maha-bhagavata. Maha-bhagavata does not see anyone non-devotee. He sees everyone better devotee than himself.....

(Srla Prabhupada, Vrndavana, October 23, 1972)

Prabhupada Punch - 3

Date: 2002-03-06

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

"Unless one is in Krsna Consciousness, there is no possibility of peace." - (Bhagavad Gita 2.66 Purport)

Prabhupada Punch - 4

Date: 2002-03-07

Author: Radhika devi dasi

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I found this wonderful reply to a letter Prabhupada sent to Jayapataka Maharaj in the Vedabase. Thought of sharing it. It gives some wonderful insights.

"You have asked if it is true that the Spiritual Master remains in the material universe until all of His disciples are transferred to the Spiritual Sky. The answer is yes, this is the rule. Therefore, every student should be very much careful not to commit any offense which will be detrimental to this promotion to the Spiritual Kingdom, and thereby the Spiritual Master has to incarnate again to deliver him. This sort of mentality will be a kind of offense to the Spiritual Master. Out of the ten kinds of offenses, the number one offense is to disobey the orders of the Spiritual Master.

The instructions given to the disciple by the Spiritual Master at the time of initiation should be strictly followed. That will make one advance to the spiritual path. But if one deliberately defies such instructions, then his advancement is hampered from the very beginning. This defying means to disconnect the relationship with the Spiritual Master. And anyone who defies and therefore disconnects the relationship with the Spiritual Master can hardly expect the assistance of the Spiritual Master life after life. I hope this will clear up this question sufficiently for you."

Your servant,
Radhika devi dasi
Singapore

Repentance

Date: 2002-03-08

Author: Devakinandan das

Dearest Prabhus and Matajis,

Haribol! Forgive me for not having contributed earlier - but this is a nice purport from Srila Prabhupada -2.6.34:

"A grain of devotion is more valuable than tons of faithlessness."

And the secret to losing taste for material activities, something we find so hard to genuinely perform is in the purport of 8.1.14:

"The Supreme Personality of Godhead is actually the enjoyer, and therefore if we begin our activities for His satisfaction, we will gradually lose our taste for material activities."

But what happens if despite all our attempts, still we are unable to renounce sense enjoyment? Then the Supreme Lord says in 11.20.28:

"Having awakened faith in the narrations of My glories, being disgusted with all material activities, knowing that all sense gratification leads to misery, but still being unable to renounce all sense enjoyment, My devotee should remain happy and worship Me with great faith and conviction. Even though he is sometimes engaged in sense enjoyment, My devotee knows that all sense gratification leads to a miserable result, and he sincerely repents such activities".

So sincere repentance is critical to the seed of devotional service sprouting in our hearts, for then only will Lord appear before the soul, as the unborn child in the womb of the mother declares in 3.31.13:

"I, the pure soul, appearing now bound by my activities, am lying in the womb of my mother by the arrangement of maya. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Him who is also here with me but who is unaffected and changeless. He is unlimited, but He is perceived in the repentant heart. To Him I offer my respectful obeisances."

At the end of the day, as our Gurudev says " sincerity of the heart" is the supreme qualification for surrender to Krsna. Srila Prabhupada punches us again in Gita purport 3.31:

" In the beginning of Krsna consciousness, one may not fully discharge the injunctions of the Lord, but because one is not resentful of this principle and works sincerely without consideration of defeat and hopelessness, he will surely be promoted to the stage of pure Krsna consciousness."

We should never feel discouraged, nor discourage any living entity in his honest, albeit imperfect pursuit of the Absolute Truth but fan the fire of enthusiasm and Gurudev says, and Krsna will be pleased!

Your servant,

Devakinandana das

Some things are Inconceivable

Date: 2002-03-10

Author: Jagjeevan das

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

The following is an interesting text of the inconceivable potency which I hope you all will appreciate.
My sincere appreciation to all contributors and please keep this going.

Your servant
Jagjeevan das
Wellington
New Zealand

I have a doubt relating to Kurukshetra battlefield. It is regarding the size of the battle field and the number of men, horses, elephants and chariots it could accommodate. Since you are amongst the highly read swamijis in ISKCON, I humbly forward this doubt for clarification.

The total number of warriors alone numbers to 65 crores, and probably another 10 crores, 5 crores and 1 crores of horses, elephants and chariots respectively. How could the battlefield accommodate all these men, animals and carriages? The warriors definitely needed their support staff for cooking and sanitation. Animals would require food and shelter. They would have picketed at least a week before the commencement of the battle.

I am comparing the above mentioned numbers with the current population of India at 100 crores, spread over the entire country and yet struggling for accommodation and daily food and infrastructure. How was it possible for the Kurukshetra Bhumi to accommodate such a vast number of men, animals and equipment?

I can't "explain" this because it's not explainable in terms consistent with observable reality. But it makes sense to accept that there is more to reality than the observable. Some things are inconceivable (acintya).

The nature of Krsna's acintya-sakti is nicely illustrated by the following story of a visit by Lord Brahma to Krsna in Dvaraka. In the story, Krsna first responds to Brahma's request to see Him by having His secretary ask, "Which Brahma wishes to see Me?" Brahma later begins his conversation with Krsna by asking why Krsna made this inquiry:

"Why did you inquire which Brahma had come to see You? What is the purpose of such an inquiry? Is there any other Brahma besides me within this universe?"

Upon hearing this, Sri Krsna smiled and immediately meditated. Unlimited Brahmas arrived instantly. These Brahmas had different numbers of heads. Some had ten heads, some twenty, some a hundred, some a thousand, some ten thousand, some a hundred thousand, some ten million, and others a hundred million. No one can count the number of faces they had.

There also arrived many Lord Sivas with various heads numbering one hundred thousand and ten million. Many Indras also arrived, and they had hundreds of thousands of eyes all over their bodies.

When the four-headed Brahma of this universe saw all these opulences of Krsna, he became very bewildered and considered himself a rabbit among many elephants.

All the Brahmas who came to see Krsna offered their respects at His lotus feet, and when they did this, their helmets

touched His lotus feet. No one can estimate the inconceivable potency of Krsna. All the Brahmas who were there were resting in the one body of Krsna. When all the helmets struck together at Krsna's lotus feet, there was a tumultuous sound. It appeared that the helmets themselves were offering prayers unto Krsna's lotus feet.

With folded hands, all the Brahmas and Sivas began to offer prayers unto Lord Krsna, saying, "O Lord, You have shown me a great favor. I have been able to see Your lotus feet."

Each of them then said, "It is my great fortune, Lord, that You have called me, thinking of me as Your servant. Now let me know what Your order is so that I may carry it on my heads."

Lord Krsna replied, "Since I wanted to see all of you together, I have called all of you here. All of you should be happy. Is there any fear of the demons?"

They replied, "By Your mercy, we are victorious everywhere. Whatever burden there was upon the earth You have taken away by descending on that planet."

This is the proof of Dvaraka's opulence: all the Brahmas thought, "Krsna is now staying in my jurisdiction." Thus the opulence of Dvaraka was perceived by each and every one of them. Although they were all assembled together, no one could see anyone but himself.

Lord Krsna then bade farewell to all the Brahmas there, and after offering their obeisances, they all returned to their respective homes [CC ML 21.65-80].

In this story it is significant that each of the Brahmas remained within his own universe. This means that Krsna was simultaneously manifesting His Dvaraka pastimes in all of those universes. Each Brahma except ours thought that he was alone with Krsna in Dvaraka within his own universe, but by Krsna's grace our Brahma could simultaneously see all the others. This illustrates that Krsna has access to all locations at once, and it also shows that, by Krsna's grace, different living beings can be given different degrees of spatial access, either permanently or temporarily.

(From "Vedic Cosmography and Astronomy" by Sadaputa Prabhu)

Purport Punch - Pride

Date: 2002-03-11

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

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

Any person authorized by either the Lord or by His bonafide representative is already blessed, as is the work entrusted to him. Of course, the person entrusted with such a responsibility should always be aware of his incapability and must always look for the mercy of the Lord for the successful execution of his duty. One should not be puffed up because he is entrusted with certain executive work. Fortunate is he who is so entrusted, and if he is always fixed in the sense of being subordinate to the will of the Supreme, he is sure to come out successful in the discharge of his work. Arjuna was entrusted with the work of fighting on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, and before he was so entrusted, the Lord had already arranged for his victory. But Arjuna was always conscious of his position as subordinate to the Lord, and thus he accepted Him as the Supreme Guide in his responsibility. Anyone who takes pride in doing responsible work but does not give credit to the Supreme Lord is certainly falsely proud and cannot execute anything nicely. Brahma and persons in the line of his disciplic succession who follow in his footsteps are always successful in the discharge of loving transcendental service to the Lord - SB 3.9.29 Purport.

Your servant,
Kalacakra Krsna das

16 Points for Successful Life

Date: 2002-03-12

Author: Radhajivan das

Dear Prabhujis and Matajis,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

These are the points from H H Mahavishnu Maharaj for a successful life.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada ,
Radhajivan das.

Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 7 Chapter 15--Instructions for Civilized Human Beings - Text 22-25

Sixteen Points For A Successful Life.

1. By making plans with determination, one should give up lusty desires for sense gratification.
2. By giving up envy one should conquer anger.
3. By discussing the disadvantages of accumulating wealth one should give up greed.
4. And by discussing the truth one should give up fear.
5. By discussing spiritual knowledge one can conquer lamentation and illusion.
6. By serving a great devotee one can become prideless.
7. By keeping silent one can avoid obstacles on the path of mystic yoga.
8. And simply by stopping sense gratification one can conquer envy.
9. By good behavior and freedom from envy one should counteract sufferings due to other living entities.
10. By meditation in trance one should counteract sufferings due to providence.
11. And by practicing hatha-yoga, pranayama and so forth one should counteract sufferings due to the body and mind.
12. Similarly, by developing the mode of goodness, especially in regard to eating, one should conquer sleep.
13. One must conquer the modes of passion and ignorance by developing the mode of goodness.
14. And then one must become detached from the mode of goodness by promoting oneself to the platform of suddha-sattva.
15. All this can be automatically done if one engages in the service of the spiritual master with faith and devotion.
16. In this way one can conquer the influences of the modes of nature.

Chanting Holy Name and Serving Krishna

Date: 2002-03-14

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

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

Here is a nice piece from 'Begging for the Nectar of the Holy Name' by H H Satsvarupa Maharaj. In this book Maharaj focuses on the chanting process and reveals his nice realizations. Here you go...

"Srila Prabhupada expresses my mentality when he says some people object to Krsna's order, "Surrender unto Me." They think, "Who is Krsna that I have to surrender to Him ? I am as good as Krsna." You feel selfish and tired and don't want to serve Him. Better wake up spirit soul. The stakes are high. If out of laziness and false ego you don't want to serve Krsna, do you know what the alternatives are ? The way to serve is by prayerfully saying His names. Don't do it, looking for your own bliss and thereby thinking, The chanting is not working, when you don't feel something. If all you want is to feel something, you can take a shot of whiskey. ***When you chant, be aware that you are serving Krsna, serving nama, and that you want to do it. I truly want to serve with bhava, but because I cannot serve Him in that way right now, still I will serve with whatever I have.***

This day has been given to you. It is given to the sparrows and worms and trees and flowers also. But the gift of a day in human life is a rare chance. Don't think all you need to do is eat two meals and rest and fill up the other hours in a routine way. It may be possible today to make a serious improvement in japa. Even if it is a small step forward, you may be able to do it. Speak to your mind. Tell him the benefits of staying fixed in harer nama. And then stay fixed"

Thank you very much,
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Kalacakra Krsna das

Glorious Departure

Date: 2002-03-17

Author: Purnacandra das

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

You all have probably heard the sad news of the passing away of His Divine Grace Tamal Krishna Goswami Maharaj last Friday. Because my wife is a disciple of the Maharaj I also got very close to him. This morning I received an email from one of HDG Tamal Krishna's closest devotee from Dallas

I would like to share an excerpt from this Mataji's email which contains some of Prabhupada's punchlines:

"When I first heard the news of Srila Gurudeva's (Tamal Krishna Goswami Maharaj) departure, it was as if someone had cut my heart over and over and over. Like everyone, I did not want to believe it. But in my heart I knew it was true. I also knew that his departure was part of a greater plan and by Krishna's hand. What it is, I still do not know. But upon reflection, I can see that the stage had been set for this glorious event. When I viewed the picture of the samadhi rites on the Internet, all the more could I see that this was indeed a transcendental event. I suddenly remembered one of the first things I learned and something we always read in Prabhupada's books or hear in lectures: a devotee always sees Krishna in everything. We may not understand, but that is our lacking. What we must have is faith. A devotee knows that Krishna is in control of everything; nothing happens by chance. And, Krishna fulfills the desires of His dearmost devotee!

Some of his godbrothers I had spoken with here in Dallas and over the phone,said that they had never witnessed such a glorious event since Srila Prabhupada left the planet years ago. My heart was pacified thus. In spite of all the different emotions and realizations around me, it was simply that: Krishna's plan and the devotee's desire; a transcendental event."

Thank you very much
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva
Purnacandra das
Sydney, Australia.

Humble Execution

Date: 2002-03-18

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Any person authorized by either the Lord or by His bonafide representative is already blessed, as is the work entrusted to him. Of course, the person entrusted with such a responsibility should always be aware of his incapability and must always look for the mercy of the Lord for the successful execution of his duty. One should not be puffed up because he is entrusted with certain executive work. Fortunate is he who is so entrusted, and if he is always fixed in the sense of being subordinate to the will of the Supreme, he is sure to come out successful in the discharge of his work.

Arjuna was entrusted with the work of fighting on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, and before he was so entrusted, the Lord had already arranged for his victory. But Arjuna was always conscious of his position as subordinate to the Lord, and thus he accepted Him as the Supreme Guide in his responsibility. Anyone who takes pride in doing responsible work but does not give credit to the Supreme Lord is certainly falsely proud and cannot execute anything nicely. Brahma and persons in the line of his disciplic succession who follow in his footsteps are always successful in the discharge of loving transcendental service to the Lord - SB 3.9.29 Purport.

Thank you very much

Your humble servant

Kalacakra Krsna das

Favorable, Authorized Practices and Devotional Qualities !

Date: 2002-03-18

Author: Radhajivan das

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

I practice great humility in my dealings with everyone.

1. I try to keep simplicity and purity prominent in all my practical arrangements.
2. I maintain extreme tolerance in all types of favourable or unfavorable circumstances
3. I offer all respect unto others, regardless of who they are.
4. I feel genuine compassion for all living entities and act accordingly.

Bhaktivinoda Thakur

Favorable, Authorized Practices and Devotional Qualities ! ---- Acronym - FAPDQ

Dear Kalacakraji,

Thanks again, please keep up this service you bring joy to my heart each morning. By your service you dwell in my heart. So also by our chanting we always dwell in krishna's heart of this there is no doubt.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada,
Radhajivan das.

Lord's Reciprocation

Date: 2002-03-19

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

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

Thanks for all the nice Postings, Punchlines and mails from all of you.

Just thought I will share something interesting I went through in the last few days.

I had promised one of my friends in Seattle, US, that i will send him copies of our Maharaj's lectures just after returning from my trip to Singapore for Vyasa puja. Somehow due to my laziness and imperfect time management (how nice of Maharaj to give me the name Kalacakra das ;)) I could not do that. Last sunday my friend again called and insisted me to send the lectures soon. I tried to give him reasons for the delay and told him to expect further delay due to my hectic work schedule. Somehow, just after the call, I questioned myself for a minute why am I postponing this service. I felt ashamed for giving such a low priority for such an important service - a sincere devotee is asking for the Nectar from a pure and exalted Vaishnava (who is showering mercy on me always) and I have such a low priority for this...!?. Then on the same day (Sunday) I intertwined the cassette recording along with my other activities, (listening to Maharaj's lectures and at the same time recording them) and somehow made a couple of copies. I could not mail them yesterday(Monday) as i had to rush to work, but decided for sure that I will mail at least the next day(Tuesday). Then when i went back home yesterday (Monday), I was pleasantly shocked to see the long awaited MP3 lectures of Maharaj that our dear god-brother H G Murlidhar prabhu sent me. It has so many nice lectures of Maharaj and I am enjoying the blissful nectar of Maharaj singing the whole Bhagavad-Gita from my system while writing this mail. What a shower of Mercy !!! I just had to show little sincerity in passing on the Mercy to others and the Lord and Spiritual master are taking care of giving me more and more of it.

Maybe this is what it means when we say, "Those who give, will get". Another interesting proverb that came to my mind was the one that our Maharaj always quotes - "Kal kare tho aaj kar aaj kare tho ab" - What has to be done tomorrow, do it today and what has to be done today, do it now!!

Another interesting thing also happened. When I went to mail the cassette today, I met another person in the post office and was curious to see Shika on his head. I passed by and was waiting for my turn to mail and he came over. He saw my tilak and kanti-mala and asked me if I was a Hare Krishna. I said yes and asked the same question back to him. He said he is not a Hare Krishna but is initiated into Sri Vaishnavism, but likes Hare Krishna devotees very much. He was saying that he has been trying to be in touch with the 'bhagavatas' since he came to Minneapolis. I told him about the devotional activities in our city and immediately he took my address and details to come over to associate with us for the satsang.

It was so amazing and astounding to think how Krsna plays perfectly in the background of every single tiny incident. (BG 9.10)

*mayādhyakṣeṇa prakṛtiḥ / sūyate sa-carācaram
hetunānena kaunteya / jagad viparivartate*

"This material nature is working under My direction, O son of Kunti, and it is producing all moving and unmoving beings. By its rule this manifestation is created and annihilated again and again."

Thank you very much
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada
Kalacakra das

The passing of Tamal Krsna Maharaja

Date: 2002-03-20

Author: Subhadra devi dasi

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva. Srimad Bhagavatam, Third Canto, Chapter 16, Text 37

PURPORT

"When something is arranged by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one should not be disturbed by it, even if it appears to be a reverse according to one's calculations. For example, sometimes we see that a powerful preacher is killed, or sometimes he is put into difficulty, just as Haridasa Thakura was. He was a great devotee who came into this material world to execute the will of the Lord by preaching the Lord's glories. But Haridasa was punished at the hands of the Kazi by being beaten in twenty-two marketplaces. Similarly, Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, and Prahlada Maharaja was put through so many tribulations. The Pandavas, who were direct friends of Krsna, lost their kingdom, their wife was insulted, and they had to undergo many severe tribulations. Seeing all these reverses affect devotees, one should not be disturbed; one should simply understand that in these matters there must be some plan of the Supreme Personality of Godhead....Lord Brahma assured the demigods that there was no use in talking about how the disturbing situation of darkness was taking place, since the actual fact was that it was ordered by the Supreme Lord. Brahma knew this because he was a great devotee; it was possible for him to understand the plan of the Lord."

Thank you very much,

Your humble servant,

Subhadra devi dasi

Re: The passing of Tamal Krsna Maharaja

Date: 2002-03-21

Author: Devakinandan das

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis!

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

Subadra Mataji's rendition of the purport by Srila Prabhupada is absolutely wonderful to read. Thank you Mataji for that wonderful contribution!

Gurudev has left Mumbai and is currently travelling in the outskirts towns of Mumbai - his health is by Krsna's mercy very good and he is always fixed with Srimad Bhagavatam.

Yesterday he was saying how the living entity's biggest problem in devotional service is our laziness and lack of endeavour. Gurudev quoted 2.8.5 particularly "granatas ca sva cestitam" - that until and unless one is serious in one's endeavour in studying Srimad Bhagavatam, one cannot see Krsna in the heart. Studying Bhagavatam does not mean memorizing verses or spewing them like parrots, he said. It means we should contemplate lovingly and deeply what Krishna is telling us!

Gurudev pointed out that our everyday activities like sleeping and not waking up or mangal arati, not cooking and offering prasadam and not reading require NO endeavour, so that is why Krsna does not come! But the moment we somehow or other work little bit for Krsna, just see - "kalena natidirghena, bhagavan hrdisi visate" the Lord appears in the heart in no time at all!

Jai Gurudev ki jai!

All glories to all the Vaishnavas as yourselves! Please always be enthusiastic!

Gurudev leaves for Abu Dhabi on 26th March 2002 from Mumbai. We will keep you posted!

Your servant always,
Devakinandana das

Passion

Date: 2002-03-22

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.
Here is an interesting purport from Srimad Bhagavatam, 3.10.26.

The human being is more passionate than the animals, and thus the sex life of the human being is more irregular. The animals have their due time for sexual intercourse, but the human being has no regular time for such activities. The human being is endowed with a higher, advanced stage of consciousness for getting relief from the existence of material miseries, but due to his ignorance he thinks that his higher consciousness is meant for advancing in the material comforts of life. Thus his intelligence is misused in the animal propensities - eating, sleeping, defending and mating, instead of spiritual realization. By advancing in material comforts the human being puts himself into a more miserable condition, but, illusioned by the material energy, he always thinks himself happy, even while in the midst of misery. Such misery of human life is distinct from the natural comfortable life enjoyed even by the animals.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada
Kalacakra Krsna das

gatih - krsna, matir - krsna and ratir krsna

Date: 2002-03-24

Author: Viraja Krsna das

Hare Krishna,

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

gatih - krsna, matir - krsna and ratir krsna -

These are the only 3 things we need to know in devotional service -

In BG 9.18 Krsna says 'gatih bharata prabhuh saksi' - I am the goal, the sustainer, the master, the witness. As Maharaj always says we should lovingly contemplate and try to understand what Krsna is saying. Just meditating on the first word alone, 'gatih' - where Krsna says, 'I am the goal' - is enough to set us on the path to attaining this goal. Then it should naturally follow that we be attentive to this goal.

Kunti Mata very nicely prays for this attentiveness which is 'matir' - tvayi me 'nanya-visaya **matir** madhu-pate 'sakrt. Srila Prabhupada 'punches' the importance of Kunti Mata's this particular prayer in the first line of the purport -

'Perfection of pure devotional service is attained when all **attention** is diverted towards the transcendental loving service of the Lord.'

Kunti Mata then further says 'ratim udvahatad addha gangevaugham udanvati' - let my attraction be constantly drawn unto You as the Ganges forever flows to the sea without hindrance. This attraction for Krsna is '**ratir**' -

Devaki Nandan Prabhujii once rightly pointed out that very often we find the devotional process to be dry and a real struggle. But there is no reason why it should be such. The only reason we feel so is because either all other things but Krsna is our gatih - our goal, or we do not apply our attentiveness matir to that goal and therefore it follows naturally that we do not have attraction ratir for Krsna. Thus devotional path instead of being relishable is a struggle and a painful process.

But if we make Krsna our goal, and be attentive to devotional service, which is both the means and the end of achieving the goal, then we will find our attraction is being constantly drawn towards Krsna. Devotional service then is relishable and is no longer a struggle but performed ever joyfully - su-sukham kartum avyayam. (9.2).

We only know this and follow - that gatih - krsna, matir - krsna and ratir krsna - then as Srila Prabhupada says this will assure

'Perfection of pure devotional service.'

My apologies that so far I have been very lazy and not made any contribution in putting Srila Prabhupada's punch lines. Also grateful to all devotees who have given such wonderful realizations and made us pay attention to particular things Srila Prabhupada says in Bhagavatam. And special thanks to our dear god brother Kala Chakra Prabhujii who has done all good for us poor souls by setting up this forum and giving us nectar - In Singapore Srila Gurudev once said - 'This Kala Chakra is a walking Bhagavatam' - Now we all know why.

Your servant
Viraja Krsna das

Patir too

Date: 2002-03-24

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

Hare Krishna,

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

Viraj prabhu ki jai!!!

That's such a nice way of putting it prabhu. I liked it very much. Also, I was thinking how nicely Maharaj was reciting one of the prayers of Sukadeva Goswami in the second canto of Srimad Bhagavatam...(2.4.20) in singapore, just the day after vyasa puja.

*śriyaḥ patir yajña-patiḥ prajā-patir
dhiyām patir loka-patir dharā-patiḥ
patir gatiś cāndhaka-vṛṣṇi-sātvatām
prasīdatām me bhagavān satām patiḥ*

If we know that Krsna is the Lord (Patih) and Master of everything, then automatically we can understand that He is our Gatih. So, prabhuji, is it possible for me to sneek in a little bit here ? :)

Viraj prabhuji, before saying that statement about me, Maharaj made another statement which truly represents me. Truth has to be told in full :).

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada
Kalacakra das

My gathir-matir-ratir

Date: 2002-03-24

Author: Krsna Kinkara das

Dear devotees,

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

Internet Communication is finally utilized properly for the better good of god consciousness. I am very glad that we are having this active forum for discussing KC. Kala Chakra prabhu is indeed controlling the wheel of time, by this noble service.

I look forward to receiving this nectar (more like medicine for me because I have forgotten my taste for the Lotus Feet of Krsna) every morning.

I like the article by Viraj Krsna Das Prabhu this morning. If only I am determined to make my GATIR - MATIR - RATIR in association of such devotees like yourselves, then I can make life successful in KC. So keep showering mercy on a neophyte like me and keep me close to your lotus feet so that someday I can relish the taste of the Lotus Feet of Krsna, for in my diseased condition, I am enjoying the chewed and I have no desire to go back to Godhead.

I was talking to Devakinandan das Prabhu the other day, that what you really want is what you are doing. we desire so many things noble and charitable and we may set goals to achieve them but our actions and activities at the end of the day will determine the desired result.

I can see that my actions are not in correlation with my long term goal of Krsna Prema, therefore I am not surprised in my lack of KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS. Nevertheless, I encourage myself by the association of devotees who are cent % committed to the Sankirtana Movement of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. By that sincere association in humility, worshipping their lotus feet mentally, I am reviving my mad mind (WHO HAS BECOME MY NUMBER ONE ENEMY)and bring some solace to my parching soul.

Please make your gathir & mathir saving this fallen soul from the wheel of time.

A fallen conditioned soul,

Krsna Kinkara das

Anantha koti vaishnava vrnda ki Jai!

Only Lord Krishna is magnanimous !!!!

Date: 2002-03-25

Author: Murlidhara das

Hare Krishna,

Most dear Godbrothers and Godsisters

Please accept my most humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and our eternal father and well wisher MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaja

All glories to our eternal home Dwarka Dham and our most beloved Sri Sri Rukmini Devi Dwarakadhish

The greatness of Dwaraka Dham and description of one of the qualities of Lord Krishna

29. Magnanimous

Any person who is very charitably disposed is called **magnanimous**.

Explanation of word magnanimous: (I ask myself who can be more magnanimous than our Lord Krishna people we daily adore instead - Bill Gates, Soros foundation, Michael Jackson, Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Theresa, George Harrison and so on, after reading this article just try to think when these people donate in charity few dollars or their dirty belongings we admire them neglecting our Lord who instead is giving unlimited charity daily maintaining fully His material and spiritual creation)

When Krishna was reigning over Dvaraka, He was so magnanimous and charitably disposed that there was no limit to His charity. In fact, so great was His charity in Dvaraka that even the spiritual kingdom, with all of its opulence of cintamani (touchstone), desire trees and surabhi cows, was surpassed. In the spiritual kingdom of Lord Krishna, named Goloka Vrindavana, there are surabhi cows which give unlimited quantities of milk. There are desire trees from which anyone can take all kinds of fruits, as much as he may desire. The land is made of touchstone, which when touched to iron will transform it into gold. In other words, although in the spiritual kingdom, the abode of Krishna, everything is wonderfully opulent, still when **Krishna was in Dvaraka His charity exceeded the opulences of Goloka Vrindavana**. Wherever Krishna is present, the limitless opulence of Goloka Vrindavana is automatically present.

It is also stated that while Lord Krishna was living in Dvaraka, **He expanded Himself into 16,108 forms**, and each and every expansion resided in a palace with a queen. Not only was Krishna happily living with His queens in those palaces, but He was giving in charity from each palace an aggregate number of **13,054 cows** completely decorated with nice clothing and ornaments. **From each of Krishna's 16,108 palaces, these cows were being given in charity by Krishna every day. This means that 13,054 multiplied by 16,108 cows were being given in charity by Krishna every day (210.273.832)**. No one can estimate the value of such a large number of cows given in charity, but that was the system of Krishna's daily affairs while He was reigning in Dvaraka. "NOD the Qualities of Krishna"

I am sure that if you gather the cows in whole India today you can not come up to 210 million cows (which is only sufficient for one day of charity) what to speak of clothing them and put on the ornaments in each of 210 million cows. But as we know 1 year has 365 days multiplied by 210 million cows = 76650,000000 cows, and our Lord Krishna was residing in Dwaraka for 100 year (He is known for not breaking the religious principles) so 100 years = 36500 days multiplied by 210 million cows = I leave on to the reader to calculate this. All this is Inconceivable- acintyah to me

At this moment, I can not stop but asking my mind only one question

My dear and most foolish mind do you think that by serving and fully dedicating our self to such a great Lord we will starve, my dear mind I just describe you only on quality of our Lord do not forget that he has 63 more.

Many times we quickly over look the magnanimous qualities and greatness of our Lord Sri Krishna instead we should where carefully contemplate on each quality we know that our Lord show to us and proudly broadcast our self as His servant, if all this foolish people are proud for serving there imagination Lords like Bill Gates etc.,

We must be even more proud and loud on broadcasting the charitable characteristic of our great Lord Sri Krishna.

Your most fallen servant

Muralidhara das a.k.a Murli das

Re: My gathir-matir-ratir

Date: 2002-03-25

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Krishna Kinkar Prabhu in his last posting mentioned, "Kalachakra prabhu is indeed controlling the wheel of time, by this noble service".

Prabhuji, I am supposed to be the servant of wheel-of-time, not the controller...). Or indeed you are true. Your point shows the reality. I have a long way to go to surrender and become the servant of the wheel-of-time.

I look forward to receiving this nectar more like medicine for me because I have forgotten my taste for the Lotus Feet of Krsna every morning.

Nice point - medicine. Parikshit Maharaj says in the 10th canto, 'bhavaushad chotra manobhiramat'. Krsna katha is the 'aushadhi' or medicine for the diseased condition of 'bhava', material existence.

I was talking to Devakinandan das Prabhu the other day, that what you really want is what you are doing. we desire so many things noble and charitable and we may set goals to achieve them but our actions and activities at the end of the day will determine the desired result.

Very nice point prabhuji!

Please make your gathir & mathir saving this fallen soul from the wheel of time. As long as you are subscribed to this email group, it is almost impossible for you to be saved from the 'wheel-of-time' prabhuji! :)

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada
Kalacakra Krsna das

Re: gatih - krsna, matir - krsna and ratir krsna

Date: 2002-03-25

Author: Devakinandan das

Hare Krishna Prabhus and Matajis!

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

I feel so fortunate that I have such wonderful and learned godbrothers and sisters who are sending valuable jewels from the King of the Scriptures! Really this family of devotees are very special because of Krsna and Gurudev's mercy!

Please be informed that Gurudev leaves Mumbai tomorrow early morning for Abu Dhabi where he will initiate our dear godbrother Santosh Agarwal Prabhuj and his wife, Rupali Mataji! Jai Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Gurudev will also be there for Gaur Purnima. Thereafter, Krsna willing he may stay for a few days more than he will return to India to go back to his beloved Dwaraka dham to oversee the temple construction. Due to the unrest and riots, things have slowed down quite a bit - but Gurudev will push start the work now.

Gurudev will not be going to London until maybe June or July 2002. Though his health is stable, Gurudev is very tired as the constant travelling and preaching which can take a toll on even young devotees is a strain for him. Gurudev is so kind that he nevertheless travels for our sake to give us encouragement, but we must now realise that it is important to really desire what the spiritual master wants, and not what we want. I always make that mistake in my service to Gurudev, and therefore I am very foolish and fallen. In our enthusiasm to inundate the whole world with Gurudev's mercy, there are times when we forget to ask Gurudev what Gurudev desires. Nowadays, Gurudev says that moving from place to place is very very tiring for him. We hope to eventually build a nice bhajana kutir for Gurudev in a place where his health and prasadam can be par excellence.

Let us be like the long grass in the wind on a summer day - wherever the gentle breeze blows, it just moves in that direction - it is fixed and attentive (as Viraj Prabhuj so nicely pointed out) "matir" and becomes it never has a mind of its own - it does not care to deliberate or speculate on WHY the wind must blow in this direction or that - no "mano gatan". Before the spiritual master let us be the complete fool, as Mahaprabhu so nicely taught us - then because our cups are empty and no ego runneth over, the spiritual master can fill up our receptacle with his mercy - he can give us Krishna even now.

We should always remember Prabhupada's heavy statement on the actions of the Vaishnavas like Gurudev in the purport of 9.4.68 - "**Even the most learned or experienced person cannot understand the movements of the Vaishnava, a pure devotee. No one, therefore, should criticize a pure Vaishnava. A Vaishnava knows his own business; whatever he does is precisely right because he is always guided by the Supreme Personality of Godhead.**"

All glories to all the exalted Vaishnavas! ALL glories to Srila Gurudev!

Your servant,
Devakinandana das

P.S We really need a team of devotees to take over the tape and video ministry of Gurudev - because this way more devotees can be engaged in Gurudev's seva. The devotees can take care of the tapes and videos, do dubbing and if possible tape to CD and VCD conversion and cataloguing for the benefit of all devotees. Please let me know if you are interested!

Prabhupada's Favorite Verse

Date: 2002-03-26

Author: Purnacandra das

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

Prabhupada has been asked on numerous occasions to name his favourite sloka from Srimad Bhagavatam. He has mentioned many different verses depending on the time, circumstances place and who the enquirer is. One specific sloka Prabhupada emphasised a lot was 1.2.9.

*dharmasya hy āpavargyasya / nārtho 'rthāyopakalpate
nārthasya dharmāikāntasya / kāmo lābhāya hi smṛtaḥ*

"All occupational engagements are certainly meant for ultimate liberation. They should never be performed for material gain. Furthermore, according to sages, one who is engaged in the ultimate occupational service should never use material gain to cultivate sense gratification."

When I first read the sloka many weeks ago in one of our Sunday Bhagavatam classes I don't think I appreciated the simple and practical points Prabhupada was making here. When I learnt yesterday that this was one of Prabhupada's favorite verse I started paying particular attention to it. Now each time I read it I appreciate it more and realize just how practical the verse is and how we can apply it at every minute of our life and thereby remember Krsna every minute of our life. And if we can do that wouldn't that be wonderful.

As to how material gain should be utilized is revealed in simple terms in the very next sloka, 1.2.10 "Life's desires should never be directed toward sense gratification. One should desire only a healthy life, or self-preservation, since a human being is meant for inquiry about the Absolute Truth. Nothing else should be the goal of one's works."

I leave it for the readers to read the purports to both of these verses and see how to the point, simple, and relevant Prabhupada's instructions are for today's age.

Your humble servant
Purnacandra das
Sydney.

Japa

Date: 2002-03-26

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Here is a nice point from 'Begging for the Nectar of the Holy Name' by His Holiness Satsvarupa Goswami Maharaj.

"Since so much of our energy is dedicated to helping others, we have to do regular internal work through japa. Otherwise, always helping others, always preaching - so many bad habits can develop. We may begin to think ourselves better than those we help. Or we may become passionate do-gooders and lose our inner focus. We may also fall victim to superficiality because we have to repeat ourselves so many times. This is a real danger for lecturers: they speak profound and sensitive truths so often that they can lose touch with what they are saying. Or they emote and speak rhetoric. It is hard to constantly go to the heart in our preaching. Therefore a preacher's only recourse is to be himself in touch with the holy names."

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada

Kalacakra das

Krishna is in the Core of the Devotees Heart

Date: 2002-03-26

Author: Praveen Jamunar

Hare Krishna,

Please Accept My Humble Obeisances. All Glories To Srila Prabhupada.

I came across this verse this morning after Mangala Aarti and just thought I should share some points I got out of the Purport. 9.4.68

*sādhavo hṛdayaṁ mahyaṁ / sādḥūnām hṛdayaṁ tv aham
mad-anyat te na jānanti / nāhaṁ 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."

Durvasa Muni was indirectly chastising the Supreme Personality of Godhead by chastising Ambarisa Maharaj. When one chastises a devotee it is like chastising the Lord Himself because the devotee is the representative of Krishna. The first offense against the Holy Name is, 'To blaspheme devotees who have dedicated their lives for propagating the Holy Name of the Lord' Durvasa Muni was unnecessarily chastising Ambarisa Maharaj and therefore suffered. From him we can learn not to commit such a grave offense.

Srila Prabhupada gives a nice analogy in the Purport that when a son is feeling pained the father will also feel very pained. When we blaspheme devotees or chastise devotees we are indirectly causing pain to Krishna but when we worship devotees the Lord is pleased. Sometimes people are confused whether to worship Lord Shiva or not. But in Vaisnavism it is perfectly sanctioned to worship him not as a God but as the most perfect devotee of The Supreme Personality of Godhead. So we should not shun Lord Shiva but accept Him as the greatest devotee of Krishna, the greatest Vaisnava, and ultimately Krishna will be pleased. This is why even in the Ramacharitmanas, Lord Rama says that one must worship Lord Shiva before worshipping Him. Some people have taken this statement to the extent of doing all kinds of rituals for Shiva and either completely forgetting the other rituals for the Supreme Personality of Godhead or doing the rituals for the Lord halfway. This is mechanical nonsense. Lord Shiva was Lord Rama's devotee and therefore in order to see the master one must pass through the servant as my mother would say. So we should not commit offenses against pure devotees of Krsna, we should instead worship them.

There is a major difference also in the attitude of the devotee and that of the non-devotee. Maharaj Ambarisa was a devotee and this was projected in his actions. Srila Prabhupada likes to quote this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam (9.4.18-20): "King Ambarisa fixed his mind on the lotus feet of Lord Krsna, engaged his words in describing the abode of the Lord, his hands in cleansing the temple of the Lord, his ears in hearing the pastimes of the Lord, his eyes in seeing the form of the Lord, his body in touching the body of the devotee, his nostrils in smelling the flavor of the flowers offered to the lotus feet of the Lord, his tongue in tasting the tulasi leaves offered to Him, his legs in traveling to the holy place where His temple is situated, his head in offering obeisances unto the Lord, and his desires in fulfilling the desires of the Lord... and all these qualifications made him fit to become a mat-para devotee of the Lord." The devotee uses everything in the service of Krishna. Why? Because they are in love with Krishna. I remember the first sannyasi I had ever met. He said, "If Krishna were to come into your home what would you do? Would you call Dominoes and order a pizza? How would you behave?" When we chant we are calling Krishna to be in our presence. The Mahamantra is the sound form of Krishna Himself. Therefore he is non-different from Him. We are chanting His Name constantly, so he is always with us. When we have a guest with us we will always do our best to treat the guest nicely and make sure the guest is comfortable. This is how it is with the devotee. They only think of

what is best for Krishna, not themselves. Therefore Maharaj Ambarisa is exemplary.

Durvasa Muni is not the exemplary devotee. He is just a two-cent yogi. as His Divine Grace would say. Because he can do some magic tricks and therefore thinks, "Ah, yes, I am the greatest, no one is a greater devotee than myself. But those same tricks that takes years to learn can be bought for a few cents. So he was not a devotee. He was insincere although he was born into a Brahmana family. And Ambarisa Maharaj was sincere although born in a ksatriya family was sincere. See how the tables have turned?

We should also consider that it was wrong for Durvasa Muni to chastise Ambarisa Maharaj because when someone is a pure devotee of the Lord they are working for the Lords best interest and is guided by the Lord to do what the devotee does. When a devotee acts it isn't done out of selfishness, pride or ego. But only because the Lord instructs them they will act accordingly. That's why Devotees are experts at everything. Because they are instruments of the Lord and the Lord never uses a bad instrument.

By Krishna's arrangement I had a very nice chat with His Holiness, Bhanu Maharaj on a Yahoo Chatroom (cool huh?) and I inquired about this verse, this is what he instructs:

"...that is Visnu speaking to Ambarisa. This of course is for the devotee who is in prema bhakti, one cannot apply that to all neophytes. He surrenders to his devotee who has complete surrender to Him. Krsna is attracted to bhakti though He is all-attractive, Krsna akarsini. That is the sixth quality of bhakti- read Nectar Of Devotion first part ... six qualities of bhakti.....-Krsna responds to our bhakti. If the bhakti is 10% thats how much He gives, and 100% FROM our side means 100% from His side. Though He is God He becomes the servant of His devotee...."

Short and sweet.

Thank You very much.
Forever Yours In Service,
Praveen Jamunar

Happy Gaura Purnima

Date: 2002-03-28

Author: Kalacakra Krsna das

Dear Devotees,

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

All glories to Sri Sri Gaur-Nitai!! All glories to Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu!!

Wish you all a very happy Gaura Purnima.

Here is the first six texts from the Adi-lila of Sri Caitanya Caritamrta in which Srila Krsnadas Kaviraja Goswami describes the transcendental glories of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu! CC 1-6.

*vande gurūn īśa-bhaktān īśam īśāvatārakān
tat-prakāśāmś ca tac-chaktīḥ kṛṣṇa-caitanya-saṁjñakam*

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto the spiritual masters, the devotees of the Lord, the Lord's incarnations, His plenary portions, His energies and the primeval Lord Himself, Sri Krsna Caitanya."

*vande śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya- nityānandau sahoditau
gauḍodaye puṣpavantau citrau śan-dau tamo-nudau*

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto Sri Krsna Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, who are like the sun and the moon. They have arisen simultaneously on the horizon of Gauda to dissipate the darkness of ignorance and thus wonderfully bestow benediction upon all."

*yad advaitam brahmopaniṣadi tad apy asya tanu-bhā
ya ātmāntar-yāmī puruṣa iti so 'syāmśa-vibhavaḥ
ṣaḍ-aiśvaryaiḥ pūrṇo ya iha bhagavān sa svayam ayaṁ
na caitanyāt kṛṣṇāj jagati para-tattvaṁ param iha*

"What the upanishads describe as the impersonal Brahman is but the effulgence of His body, and the Lord known as the Supersoul is but His localized plenary portion. Lord Caitanya is the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krsna Himself, full with six opulences. He is the Absolute Truth, and no other Truth is greater than or equal to Him."

*anarpita-carīm cirāt karuṇayāvatīrṇaḥ kalau
samarpayitum unnatojjvala-rasām sva-bhakti-śriyam
hariḥ purāṭa-sundara-dyuti-kadamba-sandīpitaḥ
sadā hṛdaya-kandare sphuratu vaḥ śacī-nandanaḥ*

"May the Supreme Lord who is known as the son of Srimati Saci-devi be transcendently situated in the innermost chambers of your heart. Resplendent with the radiance of molten gold, He has appeared in the Age of Kali by His causeless mercy to bestow what no incarnation has ever offered before: the most sublime and radiant mellow of devotional service, the mellow of conjugal love."

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

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

*śrī-rādhāyāḥ praṇaya-mahimā kīdṛśo vānayaivā-
svādyo yenādbhuta-madhurimā kīdṛśo vā madīyaḥ
saukhyam cāsyā mad-anubhavataḥ kīdṛśam veti lobhāt
tad-bhāvāḍhyaḥ samajani śacī-garbha-sindhau harīnduḥ*

"Desiring to understand the glory of Radharani's love, the wonderful qualities in Him that She alone relishes through Her love, and the happiness She feels when She realizes the sweetness of His love, the Supreme Lord Hari, richly endowed with Her emotions, appeared from the womb of Srimati Saci-devi, as the moon appears from the Ocean."

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada
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