

Appearance of Lord Sri Krishna - Part 7

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7. Appearance of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish in Dwarka: The occupant of that land gave us lot of suffering. We were there only for three days in that building, and the municipality came with the lock and key. Municipal people, said, "You owe two and half lakhs of rupees." I said, "We have been here only for three days. Where from we will give tax?" He said, "Since the building is built, nobody has paid the tax." *maine kahā, "itne din so gayā thā tū?"* [I told, "Were you sleeping all these days? You slept all the way!"]. He said, "Nobody had money, you are the rich person." I said, "*Arre bhāi*, that does not mean that you do foolishness and we pay for it". Then he told, "I'll lock it." *Maine kahā, "Tū lock kā bāt mat kar, main lock le ātā hūn"*. [I told, "Don't talk to me about locking. I'll bring the lock. I'll lock and give you the key."] *Phir baḍī muṣkil se usko vāpas bhejā* [Then I sent him back with lot of difficulty], "*ham tīn din se hai yahān, uskā tax ham deṅge, pehele vālā kā ham kaise de?*" ["We are here since last three days, we'll give tax for that period. Why should we give for the period before?"] The municipal person said, "No, No, otherwise we'll lock the building, we'll seal the building."

Tīn din hī hue the. to main kyā kiyā solicitor ḍhūṅḍha. ek solicitor thā. wo municipality se jhaghaḍā karne meṅ baḍā hoṣiyār thā. vo hī hamāre pās ā gayā, kaise patā nahī. [Only three days had passed. So what we did, we found a solicitor who was expert in fighting cases against the municipality. He came to us on his own, don't know how.] Then he advised us, "You please pay us ten thousand rupees, because we'll have to pay some instalment and then we'll file the case." *To hamne das hajhār bhare. Aur tīsre din, vo case file kiyā, abhī tak vo case chal rahā hai, abhī vo case chal rahā hai ki inakā case file pe lenā hai kī nahī. abhī khat āte hai - 'abhī tīn lākh ho gaye', 'abhī sāḍe tīn lākh ho gaye', 'ab chār lākh ho gaye'...vo mānte nahī. ham dete nahīn!* [We gave ten thousand rupees and on the third day, he filed a case and even now that case is still going on whether to file their case or not. (laughs) See Krishna's grace even now letters come... 'now you owe three lakhs', 'now you owe 3.5 lacs', 'now you owe four lacs'. They don't agree and we don't give!]

*Chiṭṭhi āti hai, notice bhī āti hai..phir kyā kiyā hamne, maine dekhā kī vo bahūt taṅg kar rahe hai.. kyoṅkī unako bahūt irṣā hotī thī. do do sāl tak jo brāhmaṇ rehate hai, unako do room nahī hai, aur hamāre to ye 25 room kī building hai. vo bole, "kal to tū peḍ ke nīche, aur āj chauthī manjhil meṅ hai !" Unki āṅkheṅ khūb phat jātī thī. Hamne kahā, "isme hamāra koi doṣ nahī hai. vo seṭh ne hamko diyā hai. Hum sirf Bhagavān kā nām le rahe hai." vo bole, "Nahī, tum dhandhā karne āye ho, tum bech doge". Hamne kahā, "hamāre nām par kuchh bhī nahī". Phir log baḍā taṅg karne lage. Chhoṭā gaon hai, ye bāt kare, vo bāt kare, to hamne kyā sochā kī **bhagavān kī mūrṭi ham le āyenge. Mūrṭi ā jāyegi, to sab mangal ho jāyegā.***

[Letters came, notices also came. Then what we did, we saw that people are troubling us a lot...because they were envious of us. As brahmins who were living for two years, they did not have room to live, and we had this 25 room building. They said, "yesterday you were living under a tree, now you are on the fourth floor!" They would be astonished. We told, "**We are not at fault. That seṭh had given us the land. We are just chanting Lord's names.**" They said, "No, you have come here to do business, you will sell this." We told, "This is not in our name." Then people started troubling us. It was a small village, they would gossip, so what we thought, "**We'll bring Bhagavan's murti. When murti will come, then everything will become auspicious**".]

Really we bought, *vo surat kā hi koi vyāpārī thā, usne ham ko ye Rukmaṇi Dwarkādhiśa dilā diyā. **To jis din se vo āye hai, koi boltā nahī, kuchh bhī nahī.** Maine pūchhā municipality officer se, "Bhāi ye jamin kiske nām pe hain? ham baiṭhe hain vahān, hamāre trust ke nām pe karvā lijiye. kuchh uskā record ho, to nikāliye". To vo bolā, "āp baiṭhe ho nā? āp hī mālik!" uskā muñh bandh kar diyā Krishna ne, nahī to bahūt gāliyān detā thā. maine kahā nā, Kaṁsa, Devaki ko mārne ko taiyār huā thā, shādi ke vakt. Bād mein jab Krishna devaki ke garbh me the, tab Kaṁsa ne kahā, 'abhi nahi mārñā chāhiye, merā nām bigaḍegā'. **Krishna chup biṭhā detā hai, kāla bhī phirā detā hai vo.***

[A businessman from Surat, got us Rukmini Dwarkadhish and **ever since They have come, nobody speaks, no problem at all.** I asked the municipality, 'Brother, who is owning this land? We are sitting there. Please put this in our trust's name. If there is any record for this land, please take it out'. Then he told, "You are sitting there. So you are the master." [laughter] Krishna stopped his speech, otherwise he used to shout at us. [laughter] As I told, Kamsa was willing to kill Devaki during her marriage. Then when Krishna appeared in the womb of Devaki, he thought, "Now I should not kill Devaki, I might get defamed." **Krishna shuts people's speech, and turns the time also around and our time also becomes very auspicious.**

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7. Appearance of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish in Dwarka: *abhi to mandir kar rahein hain. abhi to pataa hi nahin kiske naam par hai, aur kya ho rahaa hai. wo bole 'Dwarka mein aisehi chalta hai, sab reti par hai.' wo kya kiya inhonne, jo main mandir banaaya hai, bahut bada dhere kiya sand ka, aur jo patthar hai na, wo sand ke upar se khinchaa hai inhonne, to jitna mandir unchaa gayi, utni sand jyadaa jamaa kiye.* [Now they are constructing this temple. Now we don't know in whose name it is, and what is happening. They told that, 'In Dwarka it goes like this, Everything is on sand.' To construct the main temple, they did not have any crane or machinery. So they had to bring sand, they made a big mound of sand and the stones were pulled up the mound of sand. So higher the building, that much more sand is accumulated to move up the stone.] So when mandir was done then, the whole sand had to be dispersed. So all our buildings are on the sand. So they don't belong to anybody. That is Dwarka. And no record, nothing at all. You are sitting. 'Alright, you sit.'

Municipal officer told, '*to ye to aapko municipal tax dena padega*'. ['You will have to give municipal tax']. *hamne kahaa; 'ham to mandir kar rahein hain'* ['we told, we are building temple'] '*mandir hai to kuch nahin denaa hai*'. ['then nothing is due for mandir!'] [laughs] *Dekhiye yehi taala leke aaya tha..* [Look, this person only had come earlier with lock]. This is the effect of appearance of Krishna. But unfortunately, with all this, we don't faith in deities. *Ham deities ko pathar maan lete hain, seva nahin karte, offering nahin karte.* [We take the deities as stone, don't serve them, don't offer bhog to them]. **And time and again the deities have proved that They have removed all the obstacles. These things are very correct. So the purport is if we really sincerely allow Krishna in our lives, everything will be completely clear, this is the purport.**

Why should you hesitate to bring the Deities? Who stops you from waking up in the morning and serving the Deities? Please make it a practice. (Referring to few children Maharaj said,) These children are product of mangala-arati. **Even if your children have to go to public school, they will be alright provided you do mangala arati in the house daily and are serious in devotional service in the house.** Vedic culture will protect the children. Not only these boys, but there are so many examples. **Those who sincerely allow Krishna to be in their house and in their hearts, they are not inauspicious at all.** How to insist I don't know, but this is the purport of this.

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7. Appearance of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish in Dwarka: In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 10.3.2, Sukadeva Goswami says when Krishna appears, all the directions also became very auspicious. Before the appearance of the Deities Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish, we were living in the same Dwarka, and the same municipality person had come with a lock. And people were cursing us like anything, "You will not be able to manage, and i'll come there..." You know somebody was telling that, municipal president whose name was Kana was the president there for 20 years. So he was regarded as President for lifetime, but somehow or other before we went there, the times changed for him, and he lost the election. But still he was the president. He did not forget that, 'I am not president'. We didn't know about these things. So we thought that Kana is a very good person and so we invited him and garlanded him. He came one day, and he said, "You don't know anything about Dwarka". And that was correct [laughs]. So he said, "I'll give my man to stay here, and he will advise."

so dusre din vo ādmī le kar āyā, uske sāt bachcheñ, [laughs]..uski mā, uski aurat and bimār bāp, maine ...advisor hai magar ye ...train. [laughs] [second day, he brought a person with seven children with mother, wife and sick father...i thought he is advisor but this train of people?...] [laughs] People try to trouble you, this is ādi-bhautik suffering. We told, "Only now we have driven out that previous occupant after lot of difficulty and now this family here? Brother look, in this āśram, we don't allow families." So we did not tell 'no' to him. If we tell 'no', then he would get angry and go to Municipality or do something. So we politely told him that, 'As per our āśram rules, families are not allowed to stay here. You do what you want, but we cannot keep them.' Next day he again came with three brothers and said, "One brother will give you advice, others will sleep and will use your bathrooms for sometime."

But when we got the deities, everybody stopped and now we are in full control, without anything. *Phir, temple ke liye permission māñgnā thā, deep foundation banānā thā, [then we had to ask for permission for temple, for building deep foundation]. Initially they did not allow us. Phir solicitor to thā hī hamārā, to usne likhā inako kī, 'do mahine meñ āpkī permission nahī āyegī to hamārā kām shurū ho jāyegā āpko jo karnā hai vo karo.' Abhī vo bāt ko tīn sāl ho gaye.. [The solicitor was there, so he wrote to them, "If you don't give us permission in two months then our work will start, do whatever you wish..." three years have passed since then....] And now they say, "You are very good person. Oho Maharaj, you did wonderful". wo jaise patthar upar ā rahe hai nā, vo aise dekhne ko āte [As the stones are coming up for the new temple, they come to see], and now everything is set, and once deities fortunately Krishna willing, goes into the new temple, whole Dwarakā will be surprised. No trouble at all. This is our experience. **Only Krishna appeared in the form of the deities and all the obstacles were gone.***

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8. **Always Tolerate and take shelter of Krishna:** And many times what happens that after appearance of Krishna, we have so much trouble in the beginning. So we either wrongly have impression that because we are performing bhakti to Krishna, all these troubles are coming. No. **It is all our own past reactions of the sins.** They come up. Clearing process is going on. So sins have got to be cleared. And this is how we feel many times. **So please don't doubt about it and give place to Krishna definitely, that is the appearance.**

All types of miseries will come and these things you have to tolerate. *main ye kitabeñ paḍh paḍh ke tolerate kartā thā* [I used to tolerate the miseries by reading Srila Prabhupada's books]..*Prabhupāda ne bhī kītnā kīyā hogā!* [How much Prabhupada must have done!] But somehow or other we wanted that, sometime, something good will come out. *Aur vo abhī ā rahā hai.* [And that is coming now.] **Please, we have to be very patient, regarding Krishna also, but without Him there is no other way.** *Vo kyā hai nāsty eva nāsty eva nāsty eva,* Vyāsa Bhagavān repeats it three times, *gatiṁ anyathā. duṣṭī koī gati nahi hai.* [There is no other way]. *Hamārī gati hī yahī hai.* [This is the only way for us.]

In Sikshastakam Mahaprabhu prays to Krishna '*āśliṣya vā pāda-ratām pinaṣṭu mām'* - *tujhe jo karnā hai, tū kar. main terā hī sevak huñ. Aur tu merā nāth hai.* [What You have to do, You do. I am Your servant, and You are my master]. That is it. In trying circumstances, what we have to do? We are in a peculiar position, we are swimming against the current. Current is all sense gratification. You know yesterday that devotee brought computer and he had used it for Prabhupada. It was not for sense gratification. But ordinary people, they are using it for sense gratification. **So misuse of computers means we are going against the transcendence.** By taking to bhakti, we have reduced the fever. If we really swim against the current, how much you have to struggle? And even though after that struggle, you may go an inch ahead. And then suppose you stop thinking, "I am very tired", you don't stay there, but the flow is there. By the force of the flow you will be going down. That we don't know. **So this struggle should be seriously continued and never stopped.** In Bhagavad Gita verse 9.14 Lord Krishna says, *satatam kīrtayanto mām yatantaś ca dṛḍha-vratāḥ* - **With full determination regularly you have to struggle, but this struggle is more tolerable and pleasing, than other material struggles.** *ye bahut āsān hai* [This is very easy]. But the thing is, **because we have to reduce our sense gratification, that's why we feel the difficulty.** Otherwise not difficult. It comes on the way of sense gratification.

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9. Spread of Vedic Culture across the globe: Please, because of want of Krishna consciousness, we have come, but not with the full heart. Fortunately we are from the Vedic background, all the eastern people, including China, Comodia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Singapore, these are all east, we are completely different from the west. Please remember always, and we can understand this culture more than the west. In the west also, Greece is also fully Krishna conscious. Greece is very near, then these Muslim countries, these Persian Gulf, they follow Islam, but they are very particular about that, so till that it is bit better. Then as soon as you enter Europe, then there is little lesser presence of Vedic culture. We were in Spain and they have Rath Yatra for Mary. And they throw water and everything like us, they draw the chariot. It is in their tradition, because they were all Vedic people. All Aryans went there, and that is why because of the climate, they are all fair and tall and they were all Aryans, and every time there was influx out of India, these countries were completely empty. They were full there and now they have become German or French or whatever, but they are all Aryans, the traditions are there, the traditions are there.

We were moving in Europe, so we wanted to go from Belgium to Switzerland, so there was one Belgium boy, he said, "I offer my car, Maharaj, i'll take you". He was very poor, hardly he had money for gas, so he didn't have money to pay the toll tax. So he said, "If you tolerate, then we'll go through the villages, you know. So I avoid the highway." I said, "Anyhow, take me. That's it" [laughs]. So we were passing so many villages, they were all ideal villages. On the high ground there will be church. And around the church there will be simple dwelling. Just like how in Dwarka, the temple dome is high and the roofs of neighboring houses around the temple is small. And to my surprise all the shops without exception they were closed from 12' o'clock to 3 'o'clock. You could not get milk even. Shops are closed. So for lunch and taking rest they will go home, and after 3 or 4 'o'clock they will open the shops. This is Vedic tradition. Lunch is required at 12'o'clock. Please, see our traditions are everywhere, and then you go to the French and you see the England, the Ireland. England/Scotland, so it is like a thumb. Exactly like a thumb. So, thumb is known in Sanskrit as Angla. So they thought that it is like a thumb so must be Angladesh, so Angladesh is England.

(One devotee says that the original name for the English is Anglo and Maharaj says), "You are correct. Anglo, it is very nice. Even now in our scriptures it is known as Angladesh. It is our language. Then there is near the coast in front of Kale, is Ramsgate. So unless Rama has visited, how come the gate is there? And not only that, but their names are also like ours. Curson is their name, Curson is Krishna. So many names are very similar, similar to our names. And these people, these British people they are very good by nature. They are very accommodative. Then Aryans must have entered Angladesh, the England, then might have crossed over and saw the beautiful island in front of them. So they thought that that island is very beautiful and so should be our island. So it is known as Arya-land, Ireland. And exactly the people there, they resemble our people. You go without anything, they will give you everything, they will serve you as a guest. They will not be tired they will be very loving to you as guest. Irish people are more loving than English people. So these are our traditions.

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9. Spread of Vedic culture across the globe: Here in Grand canyon, also there are three mountains which are named as Brahma, Vishnu and Siva. In Hawaii, there is a mountain like hill in the middle, and it divides the island. So on one side is the eastern community. It is like Vedic community. There is no electricity there. The houses are very simple. They have their own system. They marry among themselves, and nobody is allowed there. And apart from the main island, there are groups of island there. In one island they don't allow anybody from outside. They are in America, they belong to America, but American Government cannot do anything there. They have their own system. King is there, and they only allow these tourists for the income, otherwise they don't want. Nobody can go and settle there. And they are very simple in habits, they don't want American traditions to go there. This is still there.

Then we go further to Fiji. And Kalia is there. When Krishna drove him away from Yamuna, He sent him to beautiful island, Ramanik Dwipa. And there are two beautiful islands. There are again groups of islands, but two are very important. Since last 150 years our people stay there. They are races of Ethiopia. And all the aborigines, original people, they have the Kalia stories in them. They worship Kalia. And we went to the other island, there is a Kalia temple there. And that deity we can see from the wall, that deity was very small in the beginning. So the temple was low. So deity grew and they had to again and again raise the walls. And now, the deities are so tall that they have to climb on the staircase and perform worship. Then there is very famous cave there. Nobody can go there. They say that, "You go and you are destroyed." And they say that inside there is a big lake in the cave. And in the summer, Kalia goes out to the sea, and in winter he comes back in the cave lake. And they have found out some remnants of some underground tunnels. They are all framed with gold. So Kalia goes and he does not have any scratch. It is all gold inside. But nobody can touch it because anytime you die there. So it is correct really. All these islands they are full of Kalia worship, only snake worship nothing else. Our ISKCON temple there also has Kalia Krishna there and Srila Prabhupada had arranged the deity there.

These are all the marks which prove that our culture is all over the planet. And we know from the shastras that Pandu had visited all the kings around the world and he collected so many riches, for Dhrtarashtra to perform the Rajasuya-yajna and then he died because of the curse. In England even now the queen is retained. Royal family is retained. She does not have any ruling capacity, but she is there. They are maintaining them. So these are all the remnants of our culture. In America also, West Indies were there. Then you go to Japan and further Philippines, China, they are all Buddhists, our culture is there again. And you go to India, remnants are plenty. And more than in India, the temples are beautiful in Java and Sumatra. And there the Muslim domination is there. The Mohammedans also, they read Ramayan and Mahabharat even now. There is golden Buddha, about 15 feet tall. There is tons and tons of gold, because even the finger is so big that no one can cut it. It is all solid gold. We have this living example now, what happened that this Afghanistan, before Laden went away, he was killed or murdered I don't know what happened to him. But before he lost they had demolished the Buddha statue. When I heard about it, we were thinking that 'this murti should not be destroyed'. In 15 days he was attacked. So we don't have sufficient faith. These murtis are really living forms of Krishna.

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10. **Deity Worship and Statue Worship:** We are unnecessarily blamed that we are statue worshipers. Statue and idol is same. We are accused that we are idol worshipers. But I'll tell you one thing. Statue worship and Deity worship are different. We have may be, Mahatma Gandhi statue in India or there is Churchill's statue in England in the Parliament square, and thousands of cars are moving around giving fumes all the time. Then nobody cleans the statues. Vastra is completely absent. And if the statue gets dirty, the municipal person comes in and uses a duster or broom to remove the dirt. And for our murties we build palatial building. In case of statue worship, people don't care and nobody looks at it. May be his descendants may look. That's it. Otherwise nobody looks. So that is statue worship. They don't care for statue; Statue just stands. That's it.

But our murties, they are transcendental form of the Lord and the carvers study Narada pancharatra, and according to that description they carve the murty. And as a result very nice murtis come out. Please, please, never mistake murtis as stone. Prabhupada always told, "**If you see stone, murti is not stone, but you are definitely stone.**" [laughs] Our eyes are completely polluted. With all this information, we should be completely convinced, that Krishna must be in our lives somewhere. We know Prabhupada, and Prabhupada has made everything clear that this is how Krishna should be in your house.

Our elders were all very faithful to the Deities. But we were thinking they are mad and didn't know what they are upto. So now from the literature of Prabhupada, our eyes are also opened. Please follow these things and somehow or the other, may the Lord's blessings and Prabhupada's mercy be upon us and we should have Krishna in our lives.

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11. **Faith and reciprocation: One thing is definite, that in the process of devotional service, patience is required. And if patience is there, definitely there is reciprocation.** As soon as you become devoted to Krishna and chant rounds sincerely, then your face becomes bright. At-least for our own health, we should have Krishna, if not for anything else. Why are we not chanting 18 rounds? Why are we hesitating and even then He gives so much. But I think more than 75% people, they have just different mottos. They want Krishna to simply fulfill all their prayers. Other day one doctor couple came and said, "My daughter is in trouble. Please pray." They were asking, "Can you forecast?" I said, "I am not an astrologer. I am just a simple devotee. Please you chant, let me chant, I'll also chant, and daughter will be alright." But they replied, "My daughter is in difficulty, what can chanting do?". They don't have faith. But if they go to some astrologer, he will charge them one thousand dollars and then they will say, "Very good astrologer. He has said now definitely our daughter will be all right."

Here one of the devotee's son was sick. He was on the wheelchair. But on Gaur Purnima day, they simply bought lot of fruits from the market and he took his son and put him in front of the deities and said, "We have come to You. You please do what you like". After that he started to walk. He never sat on the wheel chair again. See, this is real proof, and even then we don't believe. He got up and started walking. Everyone asked the son, "What happened, You were on the wheel chair for 15 days." He said, 'I don't know'. The doctors were planning to operate him and the whole of life, poor fellow would have been completely invalid unnecessarily. Is this not a miracle? Every day they were doing CT scan and the pain was just growing and the doctors didn't know how to control. They were simply charging 5000 dollars. But as soon as the devotee went and offered fruits to deities and prayed to Them, then the son was walking and he never sat on the wheel chair after that. (laughs). Still we don't listen. The only thing we have to force our mind is to have unflinching faith. That's the only thing. He proves again and again.

We should have this conviction about the Lord, because these things. should at least convince us for our own health. Not for anybodyes. **For our own good we should allow Krishna to enter in our lives seriously.** And these young boys can work miracles. Their body is completely under their control, their intelligence are sharp. What do they lose? They don't have to worry about any income. Parents are taking care of their needs. Everything will be arranged. And only bit of push and Bhagavad-Gita will be there and Bhagavatam will be there. Nothing we are lacking. Please, please, instead of spending our time in nonsense, it is better to come to our senses you know. This is the sanity. Otherwise insanity prevails. Otherwise, definitely the boys will up in mental hospital. Today they are sitting here. Tomorrow if some difficulty comes, they will not be able to face. And life cannot be guaranteed. We think that we'll be here. But nobody knows really. Then everybody has to stand on their own legs. So Krishna consciousness is very much required for these children.

Krishna willing, we shall hear more nectar from Maharajji in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Manohar Krishna das

Minneapolis.

Appearance of Lord Sri Krishna - Part 15

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the transcription of the wonderful class by our beloved spiritual master His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharajji on Srimad Bhagavatam verses 10.3.1-2, on June 8 2003 in Alachua. In the previous offerings we have heard 11 wonderful points. Now let us continue to hear more nectar from Maharajji.

12. **Do your duty and be satisfied:** In India, we have our friends and relatives around, the expenditure is less, so with little money we can carry on. But here it is not like that. Everybody has to work. (Looking at the devotee children there, Maharaj said) You are so nice here. And one thing I tell you also. You have to really put into practice. **You should be expert in your duties, prescribed duty.** At the moment your prescribed duty is to complete the studies, complete one course, whichever course you select. There are some devotee children whose father is quite rich, and by nature also he is very good. But those boys work during the weekend. So that keeps them straight. And they don't spend single penny here and there. They may spend for useful purpose otherwise no. This is how **we should allow the Vedic culture to control us. Otherwise we will be controlled by maya. And maya's control means no control. That is maya's control.** So these boys must be looked after like that, and Vedic tradition is there. Otherwise father might have told them that, "You are 18 years old. Now get out." No, he is very caring. Now also he spends so much for the welfare of the children. Very, very careful. This is caring. We have to be careful regarding our prescribed duty. No scripture has not said that you leave all this. [Maharajji quotes Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.20.9]

*yaḥ sva-dharmeṇa māṁ nityaṁ nirāśīḥ śraddhayānvitaḥ
bhajate śanakais tasya mano rājan prasīdati*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Viṣṇu, continued: My dear King Pṛthu, when one situated in his occupational duty engages in My loving service without motive for material gain, he gradually becomes very satisfied within.

This is how our mind is satisfied. This is the formula in Bhagavatam. *yaḥ sva-dharmeṇa māṁ nityaṁ nirāśīḥ śraddhayānvitaḥ* - one who always faithfully worships Me by doing his prescribed duties, without any expectation, *bhajate śanakais tasya mano rājan prasīdati*, then immediately he becomes satisfied within. **And more the mind is peaceful, disease will not touch you.** And even if it comes, you will experience that body suffers the pain; but the disease will not touch you. The soul never suffers. **If you are suffering from cold, the body suffers, you don't suffer. This is devotional service. We have such as sublime way at our disposal, and kaudi na lage dām, there is no expense.** Fifty thousand rupees you have to spend in this connection, that connection (TV, Internet etc). But Mangal-arati, Haribol [laughs]. What more we want? Otherwise computers are there, television is there, everything goes in and Krishna goes away from us.

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

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Manohar Krishna das

Minneapolis.

Appearance of Lord Sri Krishna - Part 16

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 the wonderful, nectarean, instructive and sublime class by our beloved spiritual master His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharajji on Srimad Bhagavatam verses 10.3.1-2, on June 8 2003 in Alachua. So far we have heard from Maharajji the below 12 points.

1. When Krishna appears everything is converted to mode of goodness.
2. When Krishna appears time becomes auspicious.
3. When Krishna appears, completely peaceful, *śāntā* constitution is arranged for us.
4. For Krishna to appear in our life we must perform mangala arati regularly and that too in brahma muhurtha.
5. If we forget Krishna, our house will become like a drain.
6. Deity worship at home should be simple, but with intense devotion.
7. Appearance of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish in Dwaraka and how They removed all obstacles.
8. Always tolerate the miseries and take shelter of Krishna.
9. Spread of Vedic culture across the globe.
10. Deity worship is not like statue worship.
11. If you approach the Deity with faith, you will experience reciprocation.
12. Do your prescribed duty expertly and be satisfied.

Now let hear more nectar from Maharajji.

13. **Practise bhakti and preach:** This younger generation, I tell you, I shout really, we have to save them. In America we really have to make endeavor to save them. And there must be some arrangement where they should be encouraged. These boys can perform very nice dramas, they can write. English language is like their mother tongue. They can do more than us. So much they can do. But somehow or other we miss this opportunity. Our training is not just to simply sing, dance, jump and have fun. No. That is not the way. Instead the children should be trained to chant Mahamantra, Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam daily. They must be forced to perform mangala arati daily. These boys must be trained in that way and these boys will carry on our legacy, very carefully.. That's why we are after these boys.

Please somehow or other continue this. I know one devotee couple in New Zealand. Both of them are working. Very good couple. They conduct satsangs every week. So they have a son, young son [laughs]. So he leads the kirtan, and hardly he is three-four years. He is not that old. Three-four years, such a small boy, and now he leads the kirtan in programs. So like him, you all can preach very soon. If you continue learning at this rate, you will be able to preach nicely. You have very nice language. You can do miracles. So instead of wasting each other's time, please come together, write to each other. Emails are there, get in touch with each other, so that you will have a group you know. So this is how this group should be there, completely pure, without any dirty things. That we should look for, that's it.

Dirty things should not be there at all, only devotional service. When they come together, they should think about these things. And they should plan how to propagare. *sāṁsāriṇām karuṇayāha purāṇa-guhyam. Purāṇa -*

be merciful to the suffering mass (Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.3).

Please find out some ways to propagate. How long we will be with you? May be a day or two, may be one year or two, I don't know. So please take this, and continue. We have shown you the way, so now it is up to you to do and find out something new. You know better what to do. There should be a very immaculate marble temple in Rajkot. We don't want to use anything else. So please continue these things. I see that you chant nicely, you chant Sanskrit verses very nicely. So please, first read Bhagavad-gita and then second chapter of first canto. Please do something to please Krishna. Jai. Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Maharaj for these transcendental instructions. I pray at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva, Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna that I always remember the above instructions and practise the same.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Manohar Krishna das

Minneapolis.

Lust Leads to Destruction - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj says that, 'Srimad Bhagavatam equals behaviour' and every pastime of the Lord and His beloved devotees in Srimad Bhagavatam gives us certain lessons to learn as devotees and correct in our life. This will really make us spiritually progress towards the Lord. The 14th Chapter of 3rd Canto talks about pregnancy of Diti in the evening and it is very interesting chapter which talks about the pastimes which happens before the appearance of Lord Varaha.

Kashyapa muni is a great sage created by Brahma. He was married to Diti, daughter of Prajapati Daksha to start the creation of this gigantic material world. Daksha has been entrusted to create human beings and that is the reason he is called Prajapati which means master of all human beings (Praja). Along with Diti, his thirteen sisters were married to Kashyapa muni to start the procreation. All the thirteen sisters of Diti got the children and they were very happy. But Diti did not have any children and therefore naturally out of concern and also out of envy towards her sisters, she started approaching her husband Kashyapa muni to give children, as she was tormented by cupid and wished to immediately unite with Kashyapa muni.

The only issue was that the approaching time was inappropriate, as it was sandhya time and therefore it is prohibited as per shastras to unite and produce children at that time. But Diti was afflicted with too much of sex desire and therefore started approaching Kashyapa muni. She started conveying her opinion about her feelings and she was nagging her husband very strongly to get the child immediately. She gives so many logical arguments to Kashyapa muni that why he should not postpone the unison time with her, justifying her stand very perfectly. The below verse 3.14.16 of Srimad Bhagavatam is spoken by Maitreya muni to Vidura Mahatma and in a nutshell is the summary of whole chapter. This is uniqueness of our Sanskrit Vedic literature.

*iti tām vīra mārīcaḥ kṛpaṇām bahu-bhāṣiṇīm
pratyāhānayan vācā pravṛddhānaṅga-kaśmalām*

O hero [Vidura], Diti, being thus afflicted by the contamination of lust, and therefore poor and talkative, was pacified by the son of Marici in suitable words.

Srila Prabhupada gives a wonderful purport, mentioning about the characteristics of the devotees involved in this pastime of Srimad Bhagavatam. His Divine Grace says in the purport to the above verse, "*When a man or woman is afflicted by the lust of sex desire, it is to be understood as sinful contamination. Kashyapa was engaged in his spiritual activities, but he did not have sufficient strength to refuse his wife, who was thus afflicted. He could have refused her with strong words expressing impossibility, but he was not as spiritually strong as Vidura. Vidura is addressed here as a hero because no one is stronger in self-control than a devotee of the Lord. It appears that Kashyapa was already inclined to have sexual enjoyment with his wife, and because he was not a strong man he tried to dissuade her only with pacifying words.*"

We have to be very clear on one thing that as struggling devotees, we should not consider that these depictions of Diti mata, Kashyapa muni as ordinary people. Each one has been ordered by the Lord to enact this pastime of Lord Varaha and therefore they are taking these roles and acting accordingly. They are very exalted devotees of the Lord and this pastime is basically to exhibit our condition of behaviour, rather than these exalted personalities. We have no right to condemn them whatsoever. Kashyapa muni was the father of Lord Vamana (Krishna Himself) and what reason he can behave like this. This is just to teach us conditioned soul's behaviour and how to rectify it. That is all. They are all acting on behalf of the Lord.

Krishna willing we will continue to learn the lessons from the above pastime in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sajjana Priya Krishna das

Abu Dhabi.

The Science of Mercy - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the previous offerings trying to share the points from the class by HG Devakinandan Prabhujii in Trivandrum in April 2013, on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.9.8 wherein Dhruva Maharaj offers the following prayer to the Supreme Lord Krishna.

*tvad-dattayā vayunayedam acaṣṭa viśvaṁ
supta-prabuddha iva nātha bhavat-prapannaḥ
tasyāpavargya-śaraṇaṁ tava pāda-mūlaṁ
vismaryate kṛta-vidā katham ārta-bandho*

O my master, Lord Brahma is fully surrendered unto You. In the beginning You gave him knowledge, and thus he could see and understand the entire universe, just as a person awakens from sleep and visualizes his immediate duties. You are the only shelter of all persons who desire liberation, and You are the friend of all who are distressed. How, therefore, can a learned person who has perfect knowledge ever forget You?

In the previous offerings we saw the following points.

1. Krishna is our master.
2. The proper etiquette in devotional service.

Now let us continue to hear the other points from Prabhujii.

3. Our only business is to glorify Krishna and the devotees: It is very hard to see the good thing in the other devotees. But Dhruva Maharaj succeeded as a devotee, because he saw only good. And the reason he could see good in his terrible situation of being insulted by his step-mother, was his mother. He came to his mother when he became very frustrated because he felt offended by his step-mother. Struggling devotees get offended easily. We are very quick and sensitive to feel offended. "Oh prabhu! you never mentioned my name. I am offended. Mataji never smiled at me. I am offended. Rathayatra started and I was not given the broom. I am offended." It is very easy to take offence and when we take offence, how can we become fully surrendered to Krishna?

Dhruva Maharaj was offended by his step-mother. But when he came to his mother and explained things, then mother did not provoke Dhruva Maharaj. She could have provoked him. In material world, provoking language is very powerful. If supposing I want to be peaceful, then someone comes and tells me, "Prabhu, he told me this about you. You are so nice. He should not have told this about you." Then immediately material nature is agitated within us. Maharaj says **the villain sometimes is not the person who criticises us, but the villain is the person who brought the message to us, because he wants to provoke us**. But Suniti decided that she will not provoke Dhruva. So what did she do? She only told him one thing. "*You do not wish inauspicious things for others. māmaṅgalaṁ tāta pareṣu maṁsthā - Instead of going here and there, trying to find out how you can avenge your insults, better you just fall at the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Because as far as I am concerned, He is the only person who can mitigate the misery.*" Only Krishna can take care of those who are distressed. He is Arta bandhu. That is why Dhruva Maharaj is addressing the Lord as Arta bandhu in the above verse. We should be very careful, not to waste the time, to find the faults of the devotees. Our business is to glorify Krishna and the devotees and Dhruva is showing the way.

Prabhujii went on to explain about the perseverance of the penance we have to perform to approach the Lord and

Krishna willing we will see this point in the forthcoming offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Abu Dhabi.

The Science of Mercy - Part 3

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled, "The Science of Mercy" wherein we are trying to share the points from the class by HG Devakinandan Prabhujis in Trivandrum in April 2013, on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.9.8. So far we have heard the below 3 points.

1. Krishna is our master.
2. The proper etiquette in devotional service.
3. Our only business is to glorify Krishna and the devotees.

Now let us continue to hear the other points.

4. **Perseverance of the penance is the royal way:** Srila Prabhupada writes in his purport to the above verse, "*Saintly persons like Sanaka, Sanatana and Lord Brahma were able to see the entire universe, by the mercy of the Lord, through knowledge of the Lord.*" The significance of the example of Brahma, given by Dhruva Maharaj and then the four kumaras given by Srila Prabhupada is that these devotees performed great austerities. We should not forget this. **The perseverance of the penance is the royal road to the heart of Krishna.** Krishna's mercy does not require a cause to attract. It is known as causeless mercy. But Krishna's mercy is attracted by those who are performing two things in the material world. In Srimad Bhagavad Gita, verse 2.64 Lord Krishna says,

*rāga-dveṣa-vimuktaiḥ tu viṣayān indriyaiś caran
ātma-vaśyair vidheyātmā prasādam adhigacchati*

But a person free from all attachment and aversion and able to control his senses through regulative principles of freedom can obtain the complete mercy of the Lord.

This is the only verse in Bhagavad Gita that tells us directly how the Lord's mercy has descended on Brahma, Dhruva and all the great devotees. What is the connection between Brahma and Dhruva Maharaj apart from the family connection? The real connection between them is behaviour. That is the key. **Bhagavatam must translate into behaviour.** Otherwise it is in the sky. There is no point reading Bhagavatam, if we cannot translate it into our behaviour. Brahma was born from the lotus stem in the navel of the Lord. When he was born, he was alone. Today when we are alone, we say that without sadhu sanga we cannot do devotional service. But Brahma was alone. That is why Maharaj always told us that the message of Brahma is very nice. **We have to tolerate the loneliness in the material world. But by being with Srimad Bhagavatam we are never alone.** Brahmaji was a little bit depressed and dejected on account of being alone and he searched for 100 celestial years, in the lotus stem and he looked in all the four directions to see who has created him. Even though he was dejected, he performed a very important activity. He started performing penance. Maharaj said that **the moment we come to devotional service, we have to work very very hard because we follow in the parampara of Brahmaji who worked very hard.** The other point Maharaj said is that **we must be prepared to be alone. We must not forget that at the end of our life, when we are going to die, no matter how many people surround us, we are still alone. We shall have to flap the wings alone.** Brahmaji learnt this lesson very early in his life. Dhruva Maharaj was also alone. He performed the greatest austerity. Whatever Brahmaji did for 100 years, the little boy did in a few months. They show us the royal way to become successful in our devotional service. Our greatest perseverance in our penance is to wake up for mangala arati.

Prabhujis went on to explain the need for awakening and spiritual enlightenment and we shall see the same in the next

offering, Krishna willing.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Abu Dhabi.

The Science of Mercy - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled, "The Science of Mercy" wherein we are trying to share the points from the class by HG Devakinandan Prabhujis in Trivandrum in April 2013, on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.9.8. So far we have heard the below points.

1. Krishna is our master.
2. The proper etiquette in devotional service.
3. Our only business is to glorify Krishna and the devotees.
4. Perseverance of the penance is the royal way to Krishna.

Now let us continue to hear the other points.

5. **Spiritual awakening and enlightenment:** This verse is speaking about the point of awakening. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport, "*The example is given that a person may apparently abstain from sleep all day, but as long as he is not spiritually enlightened he is actually sleeping. He may sleep at night and perform his duties in the daytime, but as long as he does not come to the platform of working in spiritual enlightenment he is considered to be always sleeping.*"

Maharaj said that **our duties catch us if we do not put Krishna in the centre**. Brahma fixed his mind at the lotus feet of Krishna by performing *tapa* - penance. He did not just perform penance for some time and expect Krishna to appear at once. We have this habit that one or two years we are in Krishna consciousness and we feel we should get bhakti, we should become pure devotees and all the problems of this world must go. Frankly speaking, those who are in devotional service realize that the more you come to bhakti, the more the problems come. When we come to bhakti, we think that we must have a nice wife, but very often Maharaj said the wife becomes knife. **We always think that when we are in Krishna consciousness, the family must be nice, health must be nice but how are we going to persevere in devotional service if everything is nice? If everything is nice, there is no perseverance.** Then we all go to sleep. Then we will be like materialists who go to sleep thinking that he has performed nice work. But our way is Brahma's way.

6. **We can never forget our obligation to the Lord:** Dhruva Maharaj is very grateful to Krishna. A devotee is always appreciative and obliged to Krishna. Srila Prabhupada writes, "*The Supreme Personality of Godhead cannot be forgotten even for a moment by His surrendered devotees. The devotee understands that the Lord's causeless mercy is beyond his estimation; he cannot know how much he is benefited by the grace of the Lord.*" This is the mood we should have. **When things are bad, we think that Krishna is not helping. But we do not realize how much Krishna has reduced the difficulties and given discount.**

In Caitanya Caritamrta, Mukunda came across Mayavadi sannyasis and at one point he started listening to them. Mahaprabhu got little upset with him. He did not like Mukunda listening to impersonal philosophy. When Srivas Thakur invited everyone to come to his house for performing Kirtan, Mahaprabhu allowed everyone to come, but instructed Srivas Thakur not to allow Mukunda. Mukunda became distressed. He said, "When I am going to get the darshan of Mahaprabhu?" Svarupa Damodar asked Mahaprabhu about this and Mahaprabhu said, "Tell him he can have darshan after a few million lifetimes." When this was told to Srivas Thakur, he thought Mukunda is going to get dejected by this harsh punishment. He told this to Mukunda and Mukunda became very happy. He said, "Lord is so kind. At least He is going to give me darshan. Time does not matter." This is the mood of a devotee, always seeing how much benefit Krishna is giving and seeing His hand in all the difficulties. When a devotee does that, he becomes

grateful. When he is grateful, he is naturally humble. **Gratitude attracts humility. When one is humble, automatically the senses are controlled and when the senses are controlled, a devotee does not have attachment nor does he have aversion to any service.** He attracts the complete mercy of Krishna. This is the royal road to becoming peaceful.

Prabhuji went on to explain how when the Lord's mercy is attracted, the Lord reciprocates by encouraging the devotees and the same shall be offered in the next offering, Krishna willing.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Abu Dhabi.

The Science of Mercy - Part 5

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in conclusion of the previous offering titled, "The Science of Mercy" wherein we are trying to share the points from the class by HG Devakinandan Prabhujis in Trivandrum in April 2013, on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.9.8.

*tvad-dattayā vayunayedam acaṣṭa viśvaṁ
supta-prabuddha iva nātha bhavat-prapannaḥ
tasyāpavargya-śaraṇaṁ tava pāda-mūlaṁ
vismaryate kṛta-vidā katham āṛta-bandho*

O my master, Lord Brahma is fully surrendered unto You. In the beginning You gave him knowledge, and thus he could see and understand the entire universe, just as a person awakens from sleep and visualizes his immediate duties. You are the only shelter of all persons who desire liberation, and You are the friend of all who are distressed. How, therefore, can a learned person who has perfect knowledge ever forget You?

So far we have heard the below points.

1. Krishna is our master.
2. The proper etiquette in devotional service.
3. Our only business is to glorify Krishna and the devotees.
4. Perseverance of the penance is the royal way to Krishna.
5. Spiritual awakening and enlightenment.
6. We can never forget our obligation to the Lord.

Here we see the concluding point.

7. Lord's mercy comes in the form of encouragement: We have to understand and accept that we can never know Krishna's plans. When you try to know Krishna's plans, you are defeated and then you become disturbed. When you are peaceful and humble, you see the hand of Krishna. The first point in the science of mercy is to say that, "I do not know what Krishna's plan is." The second point is a devotee is convinced that, "he is nobody". That is the mood of Brahmaji. Because he said that he is nothing, actually he became something. When we say, "we are something", actually we become nothing. Maharaj says that *when we take credit for something, then we have to pay back with interest*. So a devotee does not take credit for anything. A devotee genuinely believes that he is nothing. And he naturally becomes humble. When a devotee is grateful and humble, Lord's mercy comes in the form of encouragement to perform more bhakti. Nobody encourages us more than Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and our spiritual master. ***In material life, we may appear as failure for others. But as long as we are under shelter of Krishna, we never fail.***

Srila Prabhupada writes in his purport, "*The more a devotee engages himself in the devotional service of the Lord, the more encouragement is supplied by the energy of the Lord. In the Bhagavad-gita the Lord says that to those who are constantly engaged in devotional service with love and affection, the Supreme Personality of Godhead gives intelligence from within, and thus they may make further progress. Being so encouraged, the devotee can never forget, at any moment, the Personality of Godhead. He always feels obliged to Him for having achieved increased power in devotional service by His grace.*"

Our heartfelt thanks to HG Devakinandan Prabhuji for sharing these valuable realizations.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Abu Dhabi.

Brahmanas' Wives Part -1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 10 Chapter 23 gives detailed account of inspiring pastimes wherein Lord Krishna tested the ritualistic brahmanas and their wives separately. Brahmanas' wives came out hugely successful in Lord's test and brahmanas failed miserably in the test. In fact, Lord Krishna wanted to show them His mercy by way of His darshan/blessings to His beloved devotees. Furthermore, Lord Krishna gives very important message in this chapter. Let us purify ourselves by pondering over these pastimes.

Once in Vrindavana, the cowherd boys were hungry and so they requested for food from Lord Krishna. Lord informed cowherd boys to go to nearby sacrificial arena wherein the brahmanas were performing Angirasa sacrifice to gain promotion to heaven. Cowherd boys went and offered respectful obeisances to the brahmanas and said that they were sent by Lord Krishna and Balarama for some food. Bhagavatam says that brahmanas failed to even reply 'yes' or 'no', as they were full of petty desires and entangled in elaborate rituals. Though presuming themselves advanced in Vedic learning, they were actually inexperienced fools.

Indifference shown by the brahmanas to Lord Krishna's request is a mistake, we quite often make. For example when we are chanting Krishna's names, if we are not attentive, then we are actually neglecting or being indifferent to Him. For the Lord and His names are non-different. So when Krishna appears before us every time in the form of Holy Names or Gita or Srimad Bhagavatam, we should be very careful that we are not inattentive. As Srila Prabhupada says Lord does not want experts in Vedic learning nor He cares for various elaborate rituals in the devotional service. What He wants is unalloyed bhakti. **Reading of scriptures such as Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam is not a competition so that we master them. It is a process of purification to become devotee of the Lord. Reading should not make one proud; instead change one's behavior.**

Brahmanas in the above case are experts in Vedas and rituals, but they saw Lord as ordinary human being. They failed to recognize that He is the Supreme Absolute Truth, the directly manifest Personality of Godhead, whom the material senses cannot ordinarily perceive. Thus, bewildered by their false identification with the mortal body, they did not show Him proper respect. This example is very much applicable to us, as we tend to forget very purpose of our Krishna Consciousness in the course of our performing several services and reading of scriptures. We too may not be able to recognize Krishna if He comes before us.

Poor cowherd boys returned disappointed to Lord and reported to Him what had happened. Interestingly, Lord laughed and pacified the boys. Here, Krishna laughed because brahmanas were performing sacrifice for which all ingredients such as place, time, paraphernalia, mantras, rituals, priests, fires, demigods, performer, offering and unseen beneficial results are all coming from Him only. Any sacrifice performed anywhere in the universe is to satisfy the Lord. Lord is Yajneswara. He is the enjoyer of Yajna. However, here unfortunately, when Lord is present before them for food, the brahmanas could not recognize Lord.

Now Krishna sends cowherd boys to the brahmanas' wives. Lord says very nicely appreciating the qualities of the brahmanas' wives in Srimad Bhagavatam 10.23.14,

*mām jñāpayata patnībhyaḥ sa-saṅkarṣaṇam āgatam
dāsyanti kāmam annam vaḥ snigdhā mayy uṣitā dhiyā*

[Lord Kṛṣṇa said:] Tell the wives of the brāhmaṇas that I have come here with Lord Saṅkarṣaṇa. They will certainly give you all the food you want, for they are most affectionate toward Me and, indeed, with their intelligence reside in Me alone.

Krishna willing, we shall continue to learn more about the brahmanas wives in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Manohar Suvarna

Abu Dhabi.

Become Krishna's Instrument

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

The Supreme Lord Sri Krishna treats all living entities equally for He is the Supreme father. Due to His causeless mercy, both demons and devotees get liberated by His transcendental touch. In his book, 'Laws of Nature' His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada very nicely mentions the destination reached by devotees and that of the demons. He says, "*Krishna's planet and the Vaikuntha planets are beyond the Brahman effulgence and that only devotees can enter those spiritual planets. The jñānīs, the mental speculators, practice severe austerities to enter the Brahman effulgence. But the demons who are killed by Krishna are immediately transferred to that Brahman effulgence. So just consider, Is the place that is given to the enemies of Krishna very covetable? If my enemy comes to my house, I may give him some place to stay, but if my intimate friend comes, I give him a much nicer place to stay. So this Brahman effulgence is not at all covetable. In this way, the devotees are above the karmīs, jñānīs, and yogīs. The devotees' place is the highest because only by devotion can one understand God.*" In Bhagavad Gita verse 18.55 Lord Krishna says,

*bhaktyā mām abhijānāti yāvān yaś cāsmi tattvataḥ
tato mām tattvato jñātvā viśate tad-anantaram*

One can understand Me as I am, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, only by devotional service. And when one is in full consciousness of Me by such devotion, he can enter into the kingdom of God.

The following is a short story about the flute (Venu) service to Krishna. Once Gopis in Vrindavan curiously asked the flute, "How do you maintain yourself to remain constantly near and dear to Lord Krishna? What is the secret? Please tell us." The flute replied, "First of all, I became straight then I became hollow internally. Over my body I made six holes and fully surrendered to Lord Krishna and gave up kāma, krodha, lobha, mada, moha and mātsarya completely. I know that I have no value without Krishna's touch and I fully depend on His mercy and when Krishna blows me, the transcendental vibrations passes through me and the entire world gets the message of Bhagavat Dharma."

So we learn the following lessons from the flute.

1. We must be simple and straight-forward in our dealings with others.
2. We must not have any corners in our heart or carry any baggage.
3. We must sincerely attempt to give up lust, anger, greed, pride, envy, illusion.
4. We must surrender to Krishna and sincerely pray to Him to use us as His instrument to spread His glories to others.

Then we will be able to approach the Lord. As Srila Prabhupada says, "*Except for devotional service, there is no possibility of understanding the Absolute Truth. Any other process is imperfect because it is based on speculation.*"

We celebrate so many festivals like Janmashtami, Damodar month etc. Such festivals are very good opportunity for us to serve the Lord as we get an opportunity to serve Lord Krishna with great love and affection. He also gives opportunity for us to approach the new living entities and give them the gift of Krishna consciousness. In the wonderful purport of Srimad Bhagavatam verse 9.4.64, Srila Prabhupada says, *"Not only does the Supreme Personality of Godhead enjoy the company of His devotees, but because He is unlimited He wants to increase His devotees unlimitedly. Thus, He descends to the material world to induce the nondevotees and rebellious living entities to return home, back to Godhead. He requests them to surrender unto Him because, unlimited as He is, He wants to increase His devotees unlimitedly. The Krishna consciousness movement is an attempt to increase the number of pure devotees of the Supreme Lord more and more. It is certain that a devotee who helps in this endeavor to satisfy the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes indirectly a controller of the Supreme Lord."*

It does not matter whether the people whom we invite join the program or not but Krishna is more pleased with the attempt rather than the result. Jatayu in his attempts to protect Mother Sita from Ravana, lost his life. In fact he could not save Sita from Ravana. But still Lord Ram did the final rites for Jatayu and considered him as his father even though from material angle of vision it will appear as though Jatayu failed in his service to protect Sita. Lord was simply satisfied by Jatayu's sincere attempts. Krishna sees the endeavor and not the result and it is upto to Him to give the mercy.

We sincerely pray at the lotus feet of Lord Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and Gurudev to bestow their mercy upon all of us so that we can have an opportunity to approach Krishna with pure love and devotion and by His mercy give this gift of Krishna bhakti to others as well.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Tushta Krishna das & Suniti devi dasi

Sharjah.

Get Rid of Demonic Qualities

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

In Bhagavad Gita Chapter 16, Krishna very nicely describes the nature of divine and demonic people. In the previous yugas we find many demons like Kamsa, Ravana, Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu etc. Although the demons who existed in erstwhile yugas were vanished, the demonic qualities are still present in Kaliyuga in various proportions in all of us. In verse 16.4 of Bhagavad Gita Lord Krishna says,

*dambho darpo 'bhimānaś ca krodhaḥ pārūṣyam eva ca
ajñānam cābhijātasya pārtha sampadam āsurīm*

Pride, arrogance, conceit, anger, harshness and ignorance - these qualities belong to those of demonic nature, O son of Pṛthā.

Due to the presence of these demonic qualities, we find so many ruthless activities like murder, thefts, cheating, bribery etc happening so commonly, even in broad day-light. For the demons of the previous ages we find that Krishna personally descended to kill them and by His transcendental touch all of them got liberated. But what is the way out for getting rid of the demonic qualities in this age.

In Caitanya Caritamṛta Antya lila verse 3.50 and 51 we find Mahāprabhu expressing His concern about the demons of this age. He says to Haridas Thakura, "*My dear Thakura Haridasa, in this Age of Kali most people are bereft of Vedic culture, and therefore they are called yavanas. They are concerned only with killing cows and brahminical culture. In this way they all engage in sinful acts. How will these yavanas be delivered? To My great unhappiness, I do not see any way.*" Haridas Thakura very nicely replies to the Lord requesting Him not to be anxious. He says that even if yavanas possess demonic qualities, they chant 'ha rama' 'ha rama'. Though they utter this without any intention to please the Lord, still they will be saved even by this namābhāsa for the Holy Names are very potent. He further gives the example of how Ajamila, when he was in death-bed, called out his younger son Narayana. Simply by uttering the Lord's name, he was saved by the Viṣṇudūtās, from the clutches of Yamadūtā. Such is the transcendental potency of the Holy Name. He further says, "***If a devotee once utters the holy name of the Lord, or if it penetrates his mind or enters his ear, which is the channel of aural reception, that holy name will certainly deliver him from material bondage, whether vibrated properly or improperly, with correct or incorrect grammar, or properly joined or vibrated in separate parts. O brahmana, the potency of the holy name is therefore certainly great.***"

In this Kali yuga, Krishna has mercifully appeared in his Holy name. So Harinam is the only way in this Kaliyuga to diminish/get rid of the demonic qualities present in us. By chanting the holynome, from the heart, with feelings and with attention, the demonic qualities are gradually destroyed and the divine qualities are manifested in us. So, let us work towards getting ourselves purified and the force of our purity would help the persons coming in contact with us also to come out of the demonic qualities.

Let us pray Lord Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev, to guide all of us, to attain blissful and divine qualities of life forever, by the process of chanting.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Shyamsundar das

Vrindavan.

The Five Great Elements - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

The following is a humble effort to transcribe one of the nectarean class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on Bhagavad Gita verse 7.4 in Singapore on 29th December 2001.

*bhūmir āpo 'nalo vāyuḥ kham mano buddhir eva ca
ahaṅkāra itīyaṁ me bhinnā prakṛtir aṣṭadhā*

Earth, water, fire, air, ether, mind, intelligence and false ego—all together these eight constitute My separated material energies.

1. **The five great elements:** By the end of the discussion, everybody should learn the verse by-heart. So please be attentive. *bhūmi* - earth; *āpaḥ* - water; *analaḥ* - fire; *vāyu* - air; *kham* - ether; These are the five great elements. We call them as *pancha bhut*. The word *bhūta* is very nice to understand. *bhūt* means to exist. The word *bhūmi* is coming from *bhuta* and if you don't understand in this sense then for you *bhūta* becomes *bhūt* - ghost. Those who don't understand the beginning of the creation, they are like ghost. Because they don't get into the real knowledge of the creation and that is why they are completely faithless. And they don't have faith anywhere, just like ghosts. Ghosts have subtle body. So it doesn't care about any faith. It is completely faithless. That is why it is known as *bhūt*.

Then we have one more shloka in Bhagavad Gita - *brahma-bhūta prasannātmā*. Here *bhūt* means living entity. Those who are running after the Supreme Lord Krishna, they are *prasannātmā*. The first reward for them is that they become very *prasanna*, very joyful. And those who avoid running after Supreme Brahman Krishna, they may run after so many other things. Then they cannot be *prasanna*. They are *aprasanna*. There is no joy in their life. **And because you are not joyful, you are harming your health. And you are harming any other living entity who is coming in contact with you. That is the drastic effect of not coming to brahma bhūta stage.**

We may be dal-*bhūt*. I like dal very much. So I am dal *bhūt*. Or we may be rice *bhūt*, pati-*bhūt* or patni *bhūt*. Some *bhūtas* are there and these are all ghosts. Only brahma *bhūt* is known as the living entity. We know our constitutional position. We are very tiny soul. So tiny one has to serve the Supreme. It is so easy to understand. It is like '1+1=2'. We are very tiny. We can never compete with the Supreme one.

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,

Kalacakra Krsna das.

Brahmanas' Wives - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the previous topic titled, 'Brahmanas' Wives' wherein we were meditating on the pastime of Lord Krishna with the brahmanas who were performing Angirasa sacrifice and their wives. In the previous offering we learnt that

1. We should be careful not to neglect Krishna (while chanting, listening about Krishna, performing Deity worship) and His devotees.

On brahmanas refusal to give food, now Krishna sends the boys to brahmanas' wives for food. We shall see today how brahmanas wives respond to Lord's request.

2. **Hearing is seeing:** Cowherd boys went to brahmanas' wives and paid obeisance. They said that Lord Krishna sent them for some food. Brahmanas' wives were excited on hearing that Lord is nearby and wants food. Brahmanas' wives took large vessels of food, full of fine tastes and aromas and rushed to see their beloved Krishna. Bhagavatam says that having heard Lord Krishna's transcendental qualities for a long time and enchanted by the descriptions of His beauty, they were so eager to see Him just as rivers flow towards sea. Their husbands, sons, brothers and sisters tried to stop them from going, but could not succeed. Brahmanas' wives saw Lord Krishna in the garden strolling along in the company of cowherd boys and His brother Balaram. Lord appeared like a dramatic dancer to them. Having their mind always absorbed in Him, now those ladies forced Him to enter their hearts through their eyes and embraced Him for a long time.

Here is the difference between brahmanas who were experts in Vedic learning and rituals and brahmanas wives who only knew to serve their husbands and to hear always the descriptions of Lord, His qualities, glories etc. Brahmanas did not say even 'yes' or 'no' to cowherd boys when they went and asked them for food. They simply neglected them. And on the contrary we see that brahmanas' wives did not ask any questions but took the best for Krishna. In verse 10.23.20 of Srimad Bhagavatam Sukadeva Goswami says,

*niṣidhyamānāḥ patibhir bhrātr̥bhir bandhubhiḥ sutaiḥ
bhagavaty uttama-śloke dīrgha-śruta-dhṛtāśayāḥ*

Although their husbands, brothers, sons and other relatives tried to forbid them from going, their hope of seeing Krishna, cultivated by extensive hearing of His transcendental qualities, won out.

The words '*dīrgha-śruta-dhṛtāśayāḥ*' are very beautiful and has a nice meaning which is worth meditating in the above verse. *dīrgha* means prolonged or extensive. *śruta* means hearing. The brahmanas wives had not seen Krishna in person so far. *dhṛta aśayāḥ* means their hopes and expectation to see Krishna, won. Here we see the potency of hearing about the Lord's glories. When one extensively and sincerely hears about Krishna and His glories, they become eligible recipients of the Lord's mercy and are blessed with the gift of personal darshan of the Lord. In this regard we are reminded of one of the favourite verses of H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj - Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.6.25 wherein Narada Muni says the following to Vyasadev.

Then that supreme authority personified by sound and unseen by eyes (*nabholingam alingam*) , but most wonderful, stopped speaking. Feeling a sense of gratitude, I offered my obeisances unto Him, bowing my head.

In the wonderful purport to above verse His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada says, "*That the Personality of Godhead was not seen but only heard does not make any difference. The Personality of Godhead produced the four Vedas by His breathing, and He is seen and realized through the transcendental sound of the Vedas. Similarly, the Bhagavad-Gita is the sound representation of the Lord, and there is no difference in identity. The conclusion is that the Lord can be seen and heard by persistent chanting of the transcendental sound.*"

Krishna willing, we shall continue to learn more from this nectarean pastime of Krishna and the brahmanas wives in the subsequent offerings.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Manohar Suvarna

Abu Dhabi.

The Five Great Elements - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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*bhūmir āpo 'nalo vāyuḥ kham mano buddhir eva ca
ahaṅkāra itīyaṁ me bhinnā prakṛtir aṣṭadhā*

Earth, water, fire, air, ether, mind, intelligence and false ego—all together these eight constitute My separated material energies.

In the previous offering we were hearing from Maharaj about the five great elements. Let us continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj.

1. **The five great elements:** Srila Prabhupada has very nicely said jokingly that those who claim themselves as God, they are not God. But the reverse of it. Reverse of 'God' is 'dog'. So at the best we are dogs. Everywhere we find this tendency. Prabhupada writes very nicely that '*maya is nothing else, illusory energy is nothing else, but when the living entity wants to be served, then he is in illusory energy.*' Because as it is our constitutional position is that we are the servants. *jīvera 'svarūpa' haya-kṛṣṇera 'nitya-dāsa* - That is branded by Caitanya Caritamṛta and we cannot change it. *jīvera 'svarūpa'* - His own constitutional position is to be servant of Supreme. That is his *svarūpa*. We cannot change *svarūpa*. You may change so many other things. But it is not in your capacity to change the *svarupa* of the living entity. So better come voluntarily to *brahma-bhūta* stage. Otherwise you are *bhūtas* anyway. You are the living entity and behaving like ghosts, because you are not coming to the point.

Bhagavad Gita directs our life. But when you don't follow, then the reverse is true. That is, you are not living entity. But you are living bhūt-ghosts. And nobody likes ghosts. He has to enjoy. In ghosts the enjoying tendency is there. But because they are engaged in the subtle body, he cannot enjoy. This is how the living entity's position is brahma-bhūt. That is our natural position. But when you don't follow scriptures, then, even then *bhūt* is there; but brahma is absent. When brahma is not there, then anything has got the tendency to be the subtle like body. And that is ghost. As soon as we come to this, then we understand the *pancha-mahā-bhūtas* - the five great elements. And *bhūt* means they exist in the creation and that is why they are known as *bhut*. These 5 things are very easy to understand and very easy to remember. See, in the first line, three out of the five *pancha mahā bhūt* are there. They are *bhūmi āpa* and *anala*. These are the three given in the first line. *bhūmih, āpaḥ* and *analaḥ* and when you combine in Sanskrit it becomes *bhumir āpaḥ analaḥ* and *vāyuḥ* is the fourth one. So *bhūmi* is there. *Bhūmi* is *prthvi* - earth. Earth is definitely there. And *āpaḥ* - water is there and *anala* - fire is there. And *vāyu* - wind is also there. These are the four great elements and that is given in the first line. Then in the second line *kham* or ether is mentioned. That is the fifth great element.

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

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Kalacakra Krsna das.

The Five Great Elements - 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 the nectarean class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on Bhagavad Gita verse 7.4 in Singapore on 29th December 2001. In previous offering we heard from Maharaj about the five great elements - *bhūmir, āpa, anala, vāyu and kham*. (**earth, water, fire, wind and ether**).

2. **We are kinkarās and not ahankāra**: Now apart from these 5 great elements, there is something else which is present in the creation. *kham, mano buddhir eva ca. man* means mind and *buddhi* means intelligence. So mind and intelligence are also included in the creation of the material manifestation. So now we have seen 7 elements and again there is one more in the third line - *ahankāra*. Very easy to understand. *aham* means 'I' and *kāra* means *karoti* - '**I am doing**'. 'I do', 'I do', 'I have come to Singapore'. 'I am earning money'. 'I', 'I'. *aham karoti* - 'I do'. 'I do'. And that is not our position. This is illusory energy. When we are under the spell of illusory energy, we speak like this. '*ahankār*' and that is why *ahankār* is known as false-pride. Pride is there. But it is false. It is very easy to understand. Because there is false-pride, and that is why it is not our position. Then the question is, what is our position? If *aham karoti* is not our position, then there should be something else regarding us. And it is very nicely said, "*kiṁ karoti?*". "What can I do for you?" I have come to you and I want to serve you. So I am asking, '*kiṁ karoti?*' *kiṁ* means what. *karoti* - '**What can I do for you?**' We go to Krishna and ask Him, '*How can I serve you?*' This is our constitutional position.

So we are kinkarās and not ahankār. These two words, please remember. This gives you the definition of illusory energy - *ahankār*. We are not doing and we believe that, 'I am doing.' That is illusory energy. If you think wrongly, that is *maya*. It is not there. But you are thinking it is there. That is *maya*. Illusory energy forces us to utter this '*aham karoti*' and we become very proud. Our chest becomes two feet wide, 'I am doing it'. We don't know that *niḥśvāse nahi viśvāsa*. We are thinking that, "I am in Singapore!". We will go any time. But *niḥśvāse nahi viśvāsa* - That is *shastras*. *Shastra* - *śāsan* - that which rules the society is known as *shastras*. *Shastra* is ruling over us. The ruling is that *niḥśvāse nahi viśvāsa*. This is *shastra*. And it is correct. Nobody can refute. Many times we have seen, the man stands and suddenly he collapses. As soon as the breath stops, we don't have any vital energy. Everything comes to an end. *niḥśvāse nāhi viśvāsaḥ kadā ruddho bhaviṣyati*. When it will stop, we don't know. And what is our duty, *kīrtanīya mato bālyād* - Whether young or old, please engage yourself in glorification of Krishna, God or Supreme Absolute Truth - *harer nāmaiva kevalam*.

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,
Kalacakra Krsna das.

The Five Great Elements - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

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1. The five great elements - *bhumi, āpa, anala, vāyu* and *kham*. (earth, water, fire, wind and ether).
2. We are *kinkarās* and not *ahankāra*.

Now we shall continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj.

3. Krishna is non-different from Bhagavad Gita: We don't want to change anybody's faiths. There are different faiths. Follow your own faith. But this is common that everybody should know that *niḥśvāse nāhi viśvāsaḥ*. Can't trust this breathing in and out. Anytime it will stop - *kadā ruddho bhaviṣyati*. When it will stop we don't know and as soon as it stops, it is zero - full stop completely. We cannot say, "I don't breathe. But I am alive." No. It is not in our capacity. As soon as it stops, everything stops. All your different ideas, different likings and hatings - they come to an end. So the *shastras* again rule our society. And that is what Indian society means. Bharathiya culture is ruled by Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam - This is the meaning of *shastra*. It rules over us and at the same time 'tra' is there. *trāyate mahato bhayāt* - As soon as you digest this idea from the *shastra* that *niḥśvāse nāhi viśvāsaḥ* - you have digested this idea, which is the universal truth. It doesn't matter if one is Mohameddan or Hindu, doesn't matter at all - this is *shastra*. It rules the society equally. And there is no differentiation at all.

As soon as it is digested, then the idea comes to us that, 'if I have to end any time, then what is my duty?' We may be consumed by the material activities as we are. They are needed. So we can't escape. But there is a way how to perform the material activities. **As soon as you are free, you must come to the shastras. Being non-different from Krishna, Krishna is always present with us in the form of Bhagavad Gita.** We are discussing these things here. They are non-different from Krishna. We are completely in illusion that, 'I am studying Bhagavad Gita and Krishna is somewhere else.' 'No. no.' He is here. That is why with all reverence, we handle this book. We don't mishandle this book. Why we have awe and reverence for this book and not other papers? There are plenty of paper lying in the godown. But nobody cares for it. But as soon as Bhagavad Gita is on it, it becomes a reverential thing. What is the difference between this paper and the ordinary paper? The only difference is that, it has the print of Krishna's words. Your life is also completely useless, crores of living entities, millions of living entities are flapping around here and there and they don't have any value at all. **Why this group has value? Because you have Krishna in your life. You have Bhagavad Gita with you. Otherwise your life is moghaṁ pārtha sa jivati. mogham - useless. Moghāśā, mogha-jñānā, moha vicetasah - We are all endeavouring to fulfill our own desires, which are completely useless. And vicetasah - you are completely bewildered because you are not coming to the shastras.**

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,

Kalacakra Krsna das.

The Five Great Elements - Part 5

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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1. The five great elements - *bhumi, āpa, anala, vāyu* and *kham̐*. (earth, water, fire, wind and ether).
2. We are *kinkarās* and not *ahankāra*.
3. Krishna is non-different from Bhagavad Gita.

Now we shall continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj.

4. **Come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita:** Fortunately we are here seeing each other and discussing these eternal things. Otherwise people may see each other and simply ask, "How are you? How are your children? How is your wife?" Wife is not good at all. But simply you have to tell, "She is alright. Since the time I got married, I am very happy" (laughter). But face reveals some other thing. (loud laughter) Same is true with wife also. She says, "My husband is very good." She doesn't mean a single word. Please, please. This is not about wife or husband. But it is the material existence. Material existence is like that. '*duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam*' - full of miseries. And the only comfort is that it is temporary. Otherwise, we don't know really what will happen. **And that is why we must come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita and let Bhagavad Gita rule our life and then life has some meaning. Otherwise it is all miserable.** And those who want to be miserable, we can't help them. Let them be miserable. They enjoy their miseries and we enjoy them more. If some one is suffering, we are very happy. As it is we are envious and we don't want anyone to be happy except ourself. But *we don't have the dint of idea that, 'unless everybody is happy, I cannot be happy.'* **That is absent in my mind. And shastras say that, 'unless everyone around you is happy, you can never be happy.'** That we don't know.

And shastras insist that we should always chant the Holy Names. Srila Prabhupada said that if you are not able to know or see God then simply chant His Names and the whole world is chanting

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

But we think, 'that which the whole world is chanting, I will not chant'. This is *ahankār*. Whole world is getting peace by chanting Krishna's names. Why are you suffering? Because you prefer suffering. What is to be done? Simply chant the Names. If you don't know what to chant, I will give you the Holy Names. Please chant. Why you are ignoring, we don't know.

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,
Kalacakra Krsna das.

The Five Great Elements - Part 6

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4. Come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita.

Now we shall continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj.

4. **Come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita:** All these manifestations are given in the first seed verse of Bhagavad Gita. Four seed verses are there and in the first verse Krishna Himself says, '*aham sarvasya prabhavo mattaḥ sarvaṁ pravartate*' - '**I am the source of all spiritual and material planets.**' But we think, "*He may be the source of everything else. But He is not the source of mine. I am completely independent.*" (laughter) This is again maya. And because He hides Himself with this curtain, Kunti devi very nicely prays - 'You are hidden' - '*māyā-javanika acchannam*' - 'You are completely covered by this curtain of maya' - *na lakṣyase mūḍha-dṛśā* - *mūḍha* is very nice word. We are all foolish number one. We are all super-excellent fools, because we don't see Him. He is the remote cause of everything. Immediate cause may be something else. We fail to recognise His presence. And for this again we have to go to the shastras. **Every now and then, because our thinking is completely wrong and against the shastras, we are punished by the illusory energy.** And then after punishment, we don't find any other way. Then finally we think, "There must be some program on Saturday, Let me come." This is how we sit here. It is not voluntary surrender. You don't come here voluntarily. It is the dragging. Maya has dragged you. In circus, have you seen? The animals move about and there is only one out-let. So we are also like those animals moving about in the circus and there is only one outlet and that is to go to Bhagavad Gita. That's it. It is not your choice. But you are forced to do it. **And those who come to this stage, voluntarily or by force, they are completely liberated as soon as they come to this idea from the shastras that the breath cannot be trusted.** We should remember only one, one instruction of the shastras that the breath cannot be trusted.

Unless you come to the eternity, you will not be satisfied at all. And this is what Vyasa Bhagavan says by His own example. He has written so many puranas, so many Upanishads, Mahabharat, Ramayana, everything. And even then he was not satisfied and then Narada Muni sat before him and said, "You have discussed about everything. But you have forgotten to glorify the Supreme Absolute Truth and His instructions. So please do it now and that purana will be *amala purāna* - There will not be any defects - spotless." And the result was Srimad Bhagavatam in our hands. *purāṇam amalaṁ yad vaiṣṇavānām priyam*. It is very dear to us. We are not mad crowd. The crowd which is not coming to Bhagavatam is definitely mad. Those who are still hovering on the mental platform, they are called mentals. Their sanctuary is mental hospitals. If you go there, shout and scream, then you will get beaten and they will tie you. They don't leave you alone. That is the punishment for not coming to Krishna, ending up in mental hospital. **Please stop this and come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam.**

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,
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The Five Great Elements - Part 7

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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4. Come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita.

Now we shall continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj.

5. **Learn at least one verse:** Learn at least one verse from Bhagavad Gita or Bhagavatam and it is equal to studying the whole Gita or Bhagavatam. (Pointing to a small child Maharaj said) Once I was giving lecture in Auckland and that tiny fellow was there. He was just 4 or 5 years old then. And I told them in the class, "**You please learn one verse as each verse is equal to whole Bhagavatam.**" So after the program he came to me and said, "*Maharaj, you said that one verse is whole Bhagavatam. So why should I learn more verses? I will study only one verse.*" (loud laughter) See how clever was he. We want to escape. (laughter) And at the age of 4 years he could understand. We are also like him. 4 or 40 does not make any difference. Zero has no value any way. (loud laughter) We are as good as that small child. We also find the simplest way. But doesn't matter. Anyway you come to at least this one verse. **Only remember this that niḥśvāse nāhi viśvāsaḥ. Thats it. As soon as you remember this shastra, then it will drag you to the right point.**

If you don't remember this shastra, then you are without ruling. And without ruling all chaos is there. Don't convert this society, such a nice Vedic society into a chaotic society. We have to take it very seriously and we are all elders. Our pious duty is to guide our younger ones. And you will not be able to guide unless you follow seriously. So please without any concoctions and without any delay, please start following these things immediately. And it is very easy. Even if you don't have your japa mala, you have your fingers with you always. You don't forget to carry you fingers. Do you? (laughter) So whenever you are in difficulty, start chanting immediately.

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

And **if you chant sincerely, then these things are easy to remember.**

*bhūmir āpo 'nalo vāyuḥ khaṁ mano buddhir eva ca
ahaṅkāra itīyaṁ me bhinnā prakṛtir aṣṭadhā*

bhumi, *āpa*, *anala*, *vāyu* and *khaṁ* - These 5 are gross material things. *bhūmi* - I can see. It is gross. *bhūmi* is *prthvi* - earth. *Anala* is fire - I can see. *Apaḥ* is water - I can see. *Vāyu* is wind - I can feel. *khaṁ* is ether. That also I can feel. These are all gross elements.

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

Thank you very much.

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Kalacakra Krsna das.

The Five Great Elements - Part 8

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3. Krishna is non-different from Bhagavad Gita.
4. Come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita.
5. Learn atleast one verse.

Maharaj so far explained about the five gross elements mentioned in the verse 7.4 of Bhagavad Gita. Now we shall continue to hear from Maharaj about the 3 subtle elements.

6. **Mind has no factual existence:** There are three subtle elements - *man, buddhi, ahankār*. *man* is mind and you can't see it. You just think. If you just think, "Where is my mind?", you will not see it anywhere. But it is very powerful. There is no factual existence of the mind. There is no existence. But even then, mental level is very powerful. I don't know what level we are running after. But mental level, we can immediately tell that this is mad man. He will speak nonsense always. Those who don't have Krishna's touch, those who have never had darshan of Krishna, those who have never heard about Him, they are just on the mental level and they simply talk that, "I am the one, very powerful". It is all about "I" and "mine". And this is regarded as the, destructive energy. Factually it doesn't exist. There is no existence of the mind. So how can it exist ? But you should know that mind is very powerful.

We had a desire to come to Singapore and we came here. If you think about London, then within a minute you can go and come back. That is the speed of the mind. And all those who don't come to this point, then their destination is *manorathena* - they sit on *mano-ratha*, chariot of the mind. *manorathena āsati* - They sit and *dhāvato bahiḥ* - they run outside for their own entertainment and everything. (SB - 5.18.12) Why ? There is no need of it. Please understand, mind may be very powerful. But because it doesn't exist, we can nullify it anytime and because we are using the mind, we have different tendencies. As soon as a living entity comes in front of me, we judge him. I either hate him or like him. That is again mind. **And all the time, almost 99% of the time, as soon as the jiva comes in front of us, we see with critical eyes - This has got to be avoided.** In shastras again they have said that **as soon as there is discriminatory vision, we discriminate by vision, then we suffer. Krishna stands in front of you in the form of cruel death. This is the result of discrimination.**

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

Thank you very much.

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The Five Great Elements - Part 9

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2. We are *kinkarās* and not *ahankāra*.
3. Krishna is non-different from Bhagavad Gita.
4. Come to the pages of Bhagavad Gita.
5. Learn at least one verse.
6. Mind has no factual existence.

Maharaj was explaining about how we should not discriminate people. Let us continue to hear more nectar from Maharaj on this.

7. Be happy to see each other: Living entities hardly come together. By Krishna's arrangement we may come together. Nanda Maharaj after celebrating the birth ceremony of Krishna, *he wanted to please Kamsa also*. He was giving gold, cows and so many other things in charity to brahmanas and everybody who came. He was profusely giving things in charity to everybody. So he said that, "*I must please Kamsa also because Krishna is very kind to have come to me as my son.*" So he went to Mathura and he wanted to clear the tax balance and everything. If we were there, we will hide the taxes. We will not pay at all. But Nanda Maharaj was very pleased and he equally tried to please Kamsa also. So he went to Mathura and Vasudeva was there. Vasudev wanted to see him and he came there and he said a very nice thing - Again from shastras - all these saintly living entities were just behaving by the dictates of the shastras and he said (SB 10.5.24),

*diṣṭyā saṁsāra-cakre 'smin vartamānaḥ punar-bhavaḥ
upalabdho bhavān adya durlabhaṁ priya-darśanam*

It is also by good fortune that I am seeing you. Having obtained this opportunity, I feel as if I have taken birth again. Even though one is present in this world, to meet with intimate friends and dear relatives in this material world is extremely difficult.

diṣṭyā saṁsāra-cakre asmin - In *samsāra cakra* nobody's life is guaranteed. We have crossed the ocean and come here. Who knows whether the machine in plane will work while going back? At the risk of life, we have come here. And we are very sure that we will go back. But nobody knows if it will happen for sure. This is *samsāra cakra asmin* and then he says, '*vartamānaḥ punar-bhava*' - **if you see each other, we should be happy as if it is a rebirth**. This is really correct. Somebody comes from Australia, some from Kaula Lumpur. There is so many possibilities of disaster. But by Krishna's arrangement, no disaster was there and the living entity is standing in front of us. But as soon as the living entity comes in front of us, either we hate or like. This is completely obnoxious behaviour - against the shastras. Please don't do it. *In the end hate will kill you. If you hate anybody, you will disturb your own system*. The system is working in a certain rhythm and because of that rhythm we are alive. When something will go wrong, we don't know. And we will call it heart-attack or whatever. *Please, please understand this precarious condition and whenever living entities come together, think that it is Krishna's arrangement. We should be equal to everybody, we should be very happy that it is rebirth*. Why? This is again shastras. Because we cannot trust this breath. His/her breath may stop and our breath may also stop. So this shastra gives us the sanity and that is the result of following the tenets of the

shastras.

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

Thank you very much.

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The Five Great Elements - Part 10

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8. **Shaastras keep us sane:** Shaastras give us sanity. Otherwise as it is, you are insane, because you don't know the shaastras. And in Vedic families unknowingly they follow the shaastras. And Prabhupada wanted to re-establish these traditions which we have forgotten. **The families which don't have the traditions, they cannot be together for a long time. There are so many Kali yuga forces working on them. Kali yuga cannot touch a person who is sober enough to understand his own position and go to the shaastras. Shaastras is non-different from Krishna and if there is Krishna, Kali cannot stand. But there is always possibility that as soon as you forget shaastra or Krishna, means Kali yuga is waiting.** You have your own experience. So far as you are with Krishna, some activity regarding Krishna, there is no fighting. As soon as that activity stops, we come back to fighting. Please for our own interest, we have to come to these pages and try to understand. Otherwise we are always entangled into hating each other or harming each other or what not. Always. As soon as two persons meet, they talk about the third one. This is our tendency. (laughter) Please, Prabhupada has said that, '**You should give up this tendency for good. And if you have time, please come to me through the pages of Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam**'. This is in short. Please remember this and then this verse will be clear to you.

9. **The three subtle elements:** In this verse (Gita 7.4) we have seen five great elements and three subtle elements. Again you have to remember that at the time of death, if our devotional service is not complete, because of these inebrieties in our life, then we have to forsake this pancha mahābhæt body. We have to leave this body and because our devotional service is not complete, according to our karma, '*karmanā daiva-netreṇa*' - by the force of our activities under the supervision of Krishna, we have to accept another body. *jantur dehopapattaye* - The creation of another body depends upon these two factors. Whatever karma we have performed now, we have to bear the reactions, and accordingly we get the body, under the supervision of Krishna. So He decides that, 'This one will be happy in a pig's body. So come on. Go" And our pig body is there. And there is a training. At the moment we are in human body. So we know only the human activities. In pig's body, we are trained to know the pig activities. And that training is there only for few moments. But it is very painful. From human body, human habits, you have to go to the pig habits. As soon as your soul is put into the pig's body, the training begins in Yamaraja's place. And it is very painful. Can you imagine human being going into pig body and behaving like a pig? You have to get used to gutter water. That training is there and then we think that '*O this is shrikhand*'. At the moment you are attracted to shrikhand. But gutter water is like shrikhand when you are in pig's body. When the body changes, the funny thing is we have to take the subtle elements along with it. That is *man*, *buddhi* and *ahankār* - mind, intelligence and false-ego. These three always accompany us. And that is how we see in this existence also, few living entities with very little explanation take to this culture and few living entities tell, "Ah, at the moment I am busy. I will take up this bhakti later when I am free'. So many forces work on us. People will say, "Don't go there. What is there? Same Bhagavad Gita always.." It is same because fact is always same. *niḥśvāse nāhi viśvāsaḥ* - Who can change this? Who can change?

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,

Kalacakra Krsna das

The Five Great Elements - Part 11

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9. **The three subtle elements:** Your body depends upon three of the bhūtas, three of the 5 great elements - *bhūmi, āpaḥ and anala* - **earth, water and fire**. You cannot change it. Is it in your hands to change it? Can you say, "I don't want fire. I want vāyu - air." Can you say? No, you can't. This is not your choice. And you cannot say, "Oh is this my father? I don't want this father. I will change." No. It is Krishna's selection. (laughter) Krishna has selected your father and mother. You may feel that it is not your suitable father. But it is none of your concern. These things can never be changed and this is mind, intelligence and ego. **Krishna knows the tendencies of the mind and He knows that this living entity will ONLY be suitable for this family. So He insights - that is daiva netrena.** And as soon as you come to this point, then we understand the importance of mind, intelligence and ego. And to be very frank about this, upto this level, everything is material. Whatever you think in your mind, whatever you ascertain by intelligence, whatever you give out in ahankār attitude - pride, is all material. And Krishna is completely transcendental. He transcends. He has nothing to do with this. This is the position of Krishna.

And that's why it is said in the last line of verse 7.4 of Gita, *itīyaṁ me bhinnā* - **I am completely separate from these**. These are My energies. And energy and energetic cannot be separated. But as soon as the living entities, stops hearing about Him, he is rejected by Krishna. You know we employ some people. If he serves nicely, then we keep him. Instead if person comes and asks us to get up from the chair and occupies it, then next moment we will say, "You are not wanted here." This is Krishna's thing. **As soon as you try to disobey the Supreme person, in other words the shastras, then you are thrown out. Thrown out means you are left at the mercy of illusory energy and then all miseries are there.** In this position, **with Krishna, with shastras, the miseries are also very nice. We are attached to Krishna, so we ignore the miseries.** As soon as you don't entertain the miseries, they may be there for a while, but they just go away. It will go away or we will go away. Death is only once. So why to die, before the death. Better die only once and don't think about it.

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

Thank you very much.

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