

Minimise Necessities to Maximise Bhakti - Part 3

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Maharaj: Even now, if you can do with the lamps, maybe kerosene or whatever oil lamps - oil is very costly but kerosene or whatever. Or, the best thing is, that these Jains follow, that before it gets dark, they eat. So, everything is finished before dark. And we were in Rajasthan in some village, it was a very nice custom. They eat and finish everything till the twilight is there, and as soon as it is dark, they will go on the roof, which was very flat and they take rest, on the roof. Because Rajasthan is very hot, you cannot sleep in the house. So, on the flat roof they take rest. The roofs are like this (Maharaj showing the action) flat, all houses are flat. There is no rainfall, so they go on the roof and take rest. And then in the morning they get up, and then again within one hour or so, they used to get up at 5 'o clock. So, after 6 'o clock there is light again. So, they don't have any need of any lamp. And their eyes were so very nice. Their teeth were strong. Their whole body was very nice. ***Early to bed and early to rise, is the way to be happy, healthy, wealthy, and wise. This way we can escape.***

But one thing is there again, you may try to be simple, but the family members are not. No, that is great difficulty with the family (laughter) (The family says) - 'if you want to be simple you do', they want all the... because they are enamoured by all the illusory energy. They see, they see everything - that the neighbour has the Mercedes car. I was working in London and there was a nice young boy working with me, he was English, he had nice two children, and I used to go to his house, he used to come to my place. And one day, he was crying. I said, "Hey, what happened John?" He said, "my wife ran away." I couldn't take it. I asked, "what happened to her after two children?" He said, "my neighbour had a Mercedes car, so for Mercedes car, she went." (laughter). This is the standard we are following because the Vedic culture is absent. And then we don't worry about the children. The most suffering party is children when you don't have the Bhagavat dharma culture. No other so-called religions insist too much on the behaviour. ***You see, all the verses are regarding the behaviour. Please understand this pattern. In the Bhagavatam or in Bhagavad gita or in any other scripture, majority verses are on the behaviour.*** How to improve, how to come out of these modes of material nature. Because of the modes, we have to again and again take birth. If you can come out of the modes, then it is very easy. That is the thing.

But we don't worry about these things. And then "Radhe, Radhe Radhe." Aare man, what Radha can do (laughter). Thousand times he will Radhe, Radhe Radhe. Then they become *sahajiya*. Those who are *sahajiyas*, all these *sahajiyas* the bunch goes, Radhe, Radhe Radhe. (laughter) *tamo gun*. Radhe, Radhe Radhe (laughter). Hare Krishna! And the dirtiest possible clothes. Jamuna is flowing, he doesn't wash his clothes. Please, save yourself from this.

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Hare Krishna.

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Minimise Necessities to Maximise Bhakti - Part 4

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Now we shall hear further.

Maharaj: And that's why Prabhupada never spoke about Gopis or Radha, he didn't want, he followed as it is. Once he was in Radha Kund, so people thought that now Prabhupad will talk about Radha, so many people were waiting, instead he took the class on Upadeshamrit (Nectar of Instruction) - *vāco vegarṁ manasaḥ krodha-vegarṁ jihvā-vegam udaropastha-vegam* (laughter). This you have to learn. ***If you really follow Prabhupada, please try to improve your own behaviour and other's behaviour, if you can. Otherwise at least try to improve ourselves.***

(Maharaj speaks in Hindi) - If our behaviour would not change, what would you do then fool? What would you do then? Tell me if it's true or not? Would people feel alright? If our behaviour changes for good, then they would say that he is chanting the names of the Lord and so he is good. This is the thing to be understood.

Majority of the verses in Bhagavad gita, even if we take out around 5 to 10 verses, then we will find most of the verses are all aiming at our behaviour, how we should live. If you don't behave alright, no matter how much you ring the bell in the temple, nothing will change. (Joking with a devotee) Oh God! He is smiling. How much of bell did you ring? One side you do the puja ringing the bell and then once you are awake, you cut and sell the meat (laughter). Please, the behaviour has got to be improved. That is the thing. This is also behaviour. We are unnecessarily complicating our life. And because we are increasing unnecessary necessities, that's why we are in trouble. Otherwise, there is no trouble, no trouble at all. Even in these days also, we may not be able to do without the house, there must be some humble residence. If you are alone, then you are king, because there is no family. Do you understand? If you have no wife, then you are blissful. Then you have no needs. The family many times comes in our way, in that way. But once you marry, your situation is completely different. Then you cannot just forego. Now, as you have child, or children or whatever. Then children will suffer. So, you have to abide by.

I always give the example of the Jimmy and Terry. There is a nice couple, middle-aged couple in Minneapolis, they are Americans. So, Jimmy is this painting man (painter), he does labour, and his wife is nurse, so they go on very nicely. People ask Jimmy that; how you are going so nice, every couple is fighting. He said 'I have a mantra' (laughter). The people were eager to know what mantra it is. "So tell us so that we can also be happy". "I have mantra", (Jimmy) he said - 'Yes Madam' (laughter). She says, "now it is night." "Yes Madam". She says, "I want money." "Yes Madam". "No Madam" - never. You do whatever you like, but say "Yes Madam" (laughter). This is how. ***Please, those who are married, for children's sake, they have to tolerate. In the end, the children will eventually follow the father or mother, they will have traits, their father, mother's traits. So, better to concentrate on these things***

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4. Married couples should tolerate each other for the sake of children's welfare.

Now we shall hear further.

Maharaj: There is one very nice Bihari boy is there in Minneapolis, he is initiated. He is a very nice boy, and he is working in computers. So, earning is very good. But his wife still eats meat, and he has three children. So, he came to me and asked "Maharaj, what shall I do? They are eating meat; I am not eating meat. But they don't stop." So, I told him, "Now, children are there, you have to be very considerate, carry on till you can." We should not disturb in this way. This is how. ***For children's sake, you have to sacrifice.*** And then 'what to do?' he says. I told, "she cannot examine your brain, so in mind you please go on chanting. Don't chant in front of her on beads, but in mind please go on and you will be alright." He is now exactly following this; he doesn't come to the program also. When she was away, he was very nice. Now she has come, so he stopped coming. That is good. I told, "soon the children will be older, then you leave it to them. They may do whatever they like, then you do whatever you like. But till children grow up, please don't do anything." This is how practical instructions, we have to give. ***We have to see individual, what circumstances, he or she is in and then advise them. So far as possible, we should not break the couples. No breaking. Because as soon as the father and mother separate, the most suffering party are the children.***

Then again there is another danger, that you may try to remain brahmachari - "I don't want to marry." But unsatisfied brahmachari will create a chaos in the society. Again, there is this danger. *If you are not satisfied, please at least marry one.* Don't have here something, there something, there something (laughter). Once, I had to beat one south Indian boy. That time I was not a sannyasi (laughter). I went to one house to take the class; some program was there. So, I was very busy in the class, and I didn't see that boy. So, eventually I tried to look, and I couldn't get him because I was giving the lecture. So, I sent somebody to bring him. That fellow was in the room somewhere, in the house. And I knew everything what is going on. So, as soon as he came out, I slapped him in front of everybody. He said, "No, no don't beat Maharaj", and then he started crying. Since then, he did not accompany me again.

Please, this is a very terrible thing we do. Unsatisfied brahmacharis, will always create a chaos. ***There is no exception to this. Please, please, please, if you want to remain brahmachari, you have to be real brahmachari. And you marry Bhagavatam. I always tell, either you marry Bhagavatam, or you marry the girl. If there is no girl available, then marry Bhagavatam till that time at least.*** And you find your girl, you marry and get doomed, whatever you want (laughter). Please, this is how, both ways are dangerous, to remain brahmachari and that is unsatisfied brahmachari, is very dangerous.

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4. Married couples should tolerate each other for the sake of children's welfare.
5. Unsatisfied brahmacharis, will always create a chaos. So either get married to Bhagavatam or to a girl.

Murali Prabhu: Regarding being a lifetime brahmachari, sometimes at the age of fifty, they get married...

Maharaj: The thing is, they appear brahmachari. Who knows? (what's going on) (laughter). And they fall down. The world is real hypocrite. **We want to show what we are not. It is better to be very honest with ourselves at least.** And then, there is a very nice verse; those who are thoroughly honest.

SB 1.5.11

*tad-vāg-visargo janatāgha-viplavo
yasmin prati-ślokaṁ abaddhavaty api
nāmāny anantasya yaśo 'ṅkitāni yac
chṛṇvanti gāyanti grṇanti sādavaḥ*

There sadhu is translated by Prabhupada as '**thoroughly honest man**'. This is the thing - **thoroughly honest**. Otherwise, *śṛṇvanti gāyanti grṇanti*, is absent, we cannot hear, *śṛṇvanti, gāyanti*, we cannot sing, and we cannot accept *grṇanti*, unless you are sadhu. Beautiful verse it is.

Devotee: I have a question in relation to this. While it is difficult to be honest, you said, if you are attracted to the grahastha ashram, you say, it's like pouring fuel on the fire

Maharaj: Yes that's right.

Devotee: Whichever way one goes, it is difficult.

Maharaj: No, I pointed out the pitfalls in both the ways. You follow me? it's not difficult.

Devotee: But sometimes the Grahastha ashram is not the solution, it just compounds the problem.

Maharaj: Yes, that is what it is meant for (laughter). It is meant to be difficult. So, you are throwing yourself into the fire. From frying pan to the fire. You are already in the frying pan; you are throwing yourself into the fire. Fire is meant to burn you. That is how it is. Unless you are fortunate and both of you are inclined for Krishna consciousness, and then there is no trouble. But even then, there is kicking. Kicking is going on (laughter). They kick each other. If somebody comes then, "ha ha ha ha. " He knew one here. (Referring to some couple Maharaj said) Officer was sitting and his wife was inside, and officer means wife respects very much. Officer wife respects very much. So, I thought that the wife should be proud of him. And wife (addresses him as) Sahib, Sahib, Sahib, she will never call him (by his name) in front

of others.

And one day, they were in dark there, it was Janmasthanami, and the wife came outside and then she shouted and screamed and abused him. And when she saw him, (some other person, she said) "How nice these lightings are!" Kicking is going on, that is a fact. They kick because they are tired. Every time the wife smiles, you are after her body. So, she stops smiling (laughter). And if she stops smiling, then you say, "Hey why are you not smiling with me?" She smiles with others (laughter). Please, please, these are all so very intricate problems. Somehow or the other be simple and be honest with you(rself), either you are this ashram or that or brahmachari or whatever.

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Maharaj: And brahmachari also there are pitfalls. In Grahastha, it is all pit (laughter). It is a pit.

Murali Prabhu: In Vanaprastha also there is pitfall.

Maharaj: Everything. Because we are not, what is it? There is a nice verse in Bhagavad gita. *sannyāsas tu mahā-bāho duḥkham āptum ayogataḥ* (Bhagavad Gita 5.6)

*sannyāsas tu mahā-bāho duḥkham āptum ayogataḥ
yoga-yukto munir brahma na cireṇādhigacchati*

Come on, read the equivalents.

Devotee: *sannyāsaḥ* — the renounced order of life; *tu* — but; *mahā-bāho* — O mighty-armed one; *duḥkham* — distress; *āptum* — afflicts one with; *ayogataḥ* — without devotional service;

See, **without devotional service it is duḥkham, sannyas is miserable without devotional service**. It cannot work. Without devotional service, it cannot work. Because you are all alone, only these four walls are there. If you are not interested in devotional service, in scriptures, then the walls will eat you away. And then mind says: “*Oh, why didn't I marry. It would have been better if I had married*”. And then boom. This is how we catch the idea. So, if this is the case, then you get married. And then *yoga-yukto munir brahma na cireṇādhigacchati*. Read the translation.

Devotee: **Merely renouncing all activities yet not engaging in the devotional service of the Lord cannot make one happy. But a thoughtful person engaged in devotional service can achieve the Supreme without delay.**

Maharaj: That's it, this is the thing. *yoga-yukto*, those who are engaged in devotional service, they can achieve the goal. That verse could be referred. What is it? (BG 2.59)

*viṣayā vinivartante nirāhārasya dehinaḥ
rasa-varjam raso 'py asya param dṛṣṭvā nivartate*

If you see Krishna, then everything goes away. But how to see Krishna, we don't have Krishna. So, please go through Bhagavatam, Bhagavad gita daily, and that is Krishna. As soon as you are with these things, only two books, only two Granthas, nothing more. Either you have Bhagavad gita or Bhagavatam. Because we are not doing **this**, so why to go to Nectar of Devotion? We don't have time, we haven't done this. (Devotee at the background saying Caitanya-caritāmṛta). Caitanya-caritāmṛta, you can take the Bhagavatam verses from that. ***Please make your main study book - Bhagavatam, and Bhagavad gita should be referred. It should be learnt.*** That is how. These two Granthas, they are more than enough for you. Don't divert to this Kadambini and that Kadambini, Madhurya Kadambini. I told that I don't have any Kadambinis, I only have one Kadambini (laughter).

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Devotee: (Says about how people are eager to manufacture their own ways and giving their own mantras like - "Nityananda Gaura Hari.")

Maharaj: Some manufacture. Prabhupada also is Nityananda or Gaur bhakta. But never excessively he gives. Nice Puja he (Prabhupada) introduced. But not fanaticism. (Referring to other person who claimed himself as Guru and was giving his own mantra to others) This guru is fanaticism. Maharaj imitating (Nityananda Gaura Hari, Nityananda Gaura Hari) (laughter). Man, what are we doing? Something new he has to give, and he has followers now, he has found out some 108 names of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Coined something, weird things. (Maharaj coughs.) His books are printed, misguiding, completely naked.

Devotee: I saw a very thick book about Maha mantra. 400 pages just explanation of Maha mantra.

Maharaj: Mahamantra? (Laughter), please chant (laughter). If it is so important, then you should chant 64 rounds (laughter). Man! Never our forefathers tried to explain Mahamantra (laughter). They chanted. This is unnecessary necessities, increasing unnecessary necessities. It is not only that you are increasing your comfort, but this way also you are comfortable. Because then you are Guru, 'I had written 400 pages book, very elevated, very elevated'. This is also unnecessary necessity. It is not needed. Our Gaur Kishore das Babaji was certainly highly elevated. He went to Indian toilet and chanted so that nobody should come to him. Indian toilet you don't know. Indian toilet means you will not be passing through near it (laughter). It's all, you know... please, please save yourself from this. This one sentence of Prabhupada, is very powerful. What is that? (Maharaj requests all the devotees to repeat the lines from the purport) - ***The necessities of life for the protection and comfort of the body must not be unnecessarily increased. Human energy is spoiled in a vain search after such illusory happiness.***

(Referring to a devotee who left for Vrindavan without doing seva, Maharaj says) See, he understands everything and in Vrindavan "Radhe, Radhe, Radhe, Radhe." Here it was so important work, and before 2 days of Janmastami he went, "Radhe, Radhe, Radhe." (Hindi - Look at me, Radhe, Radhe, Radhe, you were also doing.) (laughter) Foolish.

The necessities of life for the protection and comfort of the body, must not be unnecessarily increased. This body we love so much, every-body, any-body, this-body, that-body, our words are like that. Every-body, any-body, my-body, your-body (laughter). Body, all body. In Sanskrit, the body word doesn't come, but English in wonderful - body, every-body, any-body, some-body, any-body (laughter). Any-body, some-body, my-body, your-body, body, body, body. Die with body. ***"The necessities of life for the protection and comfort of the body must not be unnecessarily increased. Must not be unnecessarily increased"***. And the second sentence is also very nice. ***"Human energy is spoiled in a vain search for such illusory happiness. Human energy is spoiled in a vain search after such illusory happiness"***.

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Maharaj: We want to be happy, *māyā-sukhāya bharam udvahato vimūḍhān*. What is that verse, *māyā-sukhāya bharam udvahato vimūḍhān*. (Quoting verses 7.9.43 and 7.5.30 of Srimad Bhagavatam)

*naivodvije para duratyaya-vaitaraṇyās
tvad-vīrya-gāyana-mahāmṛta-magna-cittaḥ
śoce tato vimukha-cetasa indriyārtha-
māyā-sukhāya bharam udvahato vimūḍhān*

*matir na kṛṣṇe parataḥ svato vā
mitho 'bhipadyeta gr̥ha-vratānām
adānta-gobhir viśatām tamisraṁ
punaḥ punaś carvita-carvaṇānām*

punaḥ punaś carvita-carvaṇānām, but along with this, *māyā-sukhāya bharam udvahato vimūḍhān*, the last line, for *māyā-sukh* – for illusory happiness, he carries so much burden, so much burden, so much burden. And all the living entities without exception, unless they are Krishnaized. And it is very difficult to Krishnaize. Because Krishnaize means 4 'o clock (laughter). Nobody touches Krishna. Oooh 4 'o clock. No. Mata is alright - 8 'o clock (laughter). Shiva is best, no getting up (laughter). Shiva is best, 11 'o clock maybe. And always in tamah, Shiva. He (referring to a devotee) is personified Shiva in the house. (laughter) This is the thing.

Maharaj reads and devotees repeat: ***“The necessities of life for the protection and comfort of the body must not be unnecessarily increased. Human energy is spoiled in a vain search after such illusory happiness”***. Please repeat: ***“The necessities of life for the protection and comfort of the body must not be unnecessarily increased. Human energy is spoiled in a vain search after such illusory happiness”***.

That's why somehow or the other, we should be busy – those who are in the temple- either in service or studying. I told you once, that we were invited by Hridayananda Goswami one day, when we were in Los Angeles. He was telling me that he was temple commander in Los Angeles. So Prabhupada had instructed him clearly, that these new boys, they must not be left vacant. And our boys in the morning program now we are seeing them. After eating, we did not see you yesterday, you were here? Didn't see you, were you working or sleeping upstairs? People go upstairs and sleep - That is anger chamber. (Referring to a devotee) Many times, he will climb 4 floors and lock the door, bolt it (laughter).. And even Brahma comes, he will not open (laughter). It's not him, we are all topping him. No. Please..either we should be in service or study. Body does require rest, but minimum should be given, very required rest.

Devotee: If we eat less, then we require less rest.

Maharaj: Yes but eating also, we cannot control really (laughter). But do something, at least do something. (Joking with a devotee - What is your opinion?) He doesn't follow English. So, he is the happiest man in this discussion

(laughter).

Devotee: He doesn't understand? (laughter)

Maharaj: Prabhupada told, two people are very happy, either those who are very intelligent, he is happy or the opposite, who doesn't mind at all.

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

See how nicely he chants. And by chanting he is moving around as a pujari. "**Human energy is spoiled in a vain search after such illusory happiness**". These two sentences please remember, rest of the sentences, we will go.

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Devotee: Maharaj, I have a question.

Maharaj: I don't understand your question.

Devotee: Why we are not working as hard (for Krishna) as they (materialists working for material things) are. They are working for their own bodies and senses.

Maharaj: Basically, we are lazy. But they have some goal in front of them. They want to buy the sofa set. Or they want to buy the comforts in the house. That is the goal. So, they are much better than us. **We have left their goal and we haven't caught this goal.** What is that, *dhobi kā kuttā, na ghar kā na ghat kā*. You used to tell me, *dhobi kā kuttā, na ghar kā na ghat kā* and then what is it, you used to say?

Devotee: *dushman anāj kā*

Maharaj: *dushman* - Our enemy (laughter). (Joking with a devotee) You are neither in Dwarka, nor in Newzealand. And in top of that *dushman anāj kā*. **The thing is, we have to set up a goal. Our mind is our enemy. Mind has somehow or the other convinced us that you are getting nice food to eat, just forget about everything else and come to Krishna, come to Krishna.** That we have agreed with the mind. Because that comfort is there. Because eating and sleeping. Big places, this, that, everything we have done. *But then we haven't recognised the necessity of the human existence.* That is our defect. *Really if you recognise the human existence, the goal of the human existence you will not spoil the time.* That verse is beautiful. Gajendra's, that's right. SB 8.2.33

*yaḥ kaścaneśo balino 'ntakoragāt
pracaṇḍa-vegād abhidhāvato bhṛśam
bhītaṁ prapannaṁ paripāti yad-bhayān
mṛtyuḥ pradhāvaty araṇaṁ tam īmahi*

This one verse is enough to set us on a right path. See the translation - **"The Supreme Personality of Godhead is certainly not known to everyone, but He is very powerful and influential. Therefore, although the serpent of eternal time, which is fearful in force, endlessly chases everyone"**. This 'chasing everyone' is the important thing. Eternal time is chasing everyone. Yesterday you (referring to a devotee) went to Dwarka, time is gone. If you don't do anything, time is gone. Time is chasing and your end is coming near. And every minute and every hour it is chasing. Again (repeat) **The Supreme Personality of Godhead is certainly not known to everyone, but He is very powerful and influential. Therefore, although the serpent of eternal time, which is fearful in force, endlessly chases everyone, ready to swallow him, if one who fears this serpent seeks shelter of the Lord, the Lord gives him protection.**

See, this is the thing. Whereas we want to seek the protection by increasing unnecessary needs, unnecessary necessities. We don't want to take shelter of the Lord, but instead, what is the sentence we remembered, just now we

remembered the sentence?

Devotees: - ***The necessities of life for the protection and comfort of the body must not be unnecessarily increased.***

Maharaj: We are increasing unnecessary things. Instead, we should come to the Lord. (Maharaj reads the translation, and all devotees repeat.) **The Supreme Personality of Godhead is certainly not known to everyone, but He is very powerful and influential. Therefore, although the serpent of eternal time, which is fearful in force, endlessly chases everyone, ready to swallow him, if one who fears this serpent seeks shelter of the Lord, the Lord gives him protection, for even death runs away in fear of the Lord. I therefore surrender unto Him, the great and powerful supreme authority who is the actual shelter of everyone.**

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

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Dinavatsala Krishna das

Singapore.

Minimise Necessities to Maximise Bhakti - Part 11

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in conclusion of the transcription of the nectarean lectures given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.2.4 in Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav dham Rajkot, on 23rd November 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj that whichever ashram we are in, we have to be honest. Now we shall see further.

Devotee: So, these jivas are running to accumulate wealth to protect them...

Maharaj: They won't be. They think that they can be protected. "If I have money, I can do whatever I want, (I can go to New York and get treated, best medical and there in he goes and dies (laughter). This is how we seek the false shelter. And in that pursuit the whole human energy is spoiled. That sentence is the best. **Human energy is spoiled in vain search**, very nice word – '**in vain search, after the illusory happiness**'. Human energy is spoiled. And as soon as human energy is spoiled, you are as good as dead. I don't know if you have experienced or not, but after sex, we always feel that why did I do it.

Devotee: It is disgusting Maharaj.

Maharaj: It's really. No, we lose everything, then we think that why did I do it? But then again we do.

Devotee: After a while. It's not just after sex, but it's after everything that we do wrong, if it is not as per our principles...

Maharaj: Yeah, really. If Bhagavat Dharma is not obeyed, then we always feel. Unsatisfied. That's what the other verse told us - '*jugupsitam*'. And your verse also - '*vishama dhiya*'. All these verses, the core is one, but there are different arguments. **Somehow or the other every verse insists that we should take shelter of the Lord because He is all powerful. He can give protection, nobody else.** We depend on the police department for our protection. And police department in Dwarka - wonderful. Once there was, light vanished – there was no electricity for 15 days. And nobody knew when it is coming. We were ringing like mad persons there. "When is light coming?" (Police) He said, 'am I here to answer your questions' (laughter). I told, "you are working there, that's why we are ringing." (Police) 'Am I here for that?' (laughter) Then what happened, there was only one theft, and that was at the bank manager's house, it was broken into at 2 am. And bank manager thought there was light, and he went to switch on the light. So, they cut him, and his wife was also cut. Then after a while, they went away. So, they were alive. They were injured but they were alive. So, they rang the police. Police said "you catch the thief, don't allow them to go away, we are coming." (laughter). How to catch the thief? Without catching, they were cut. So, if they catch, they will be finished. Police came next day at 10 'o clock (laughter). "Where is the thief? You did not catch the thief? How are we going to catch?" (laughter) This is the police (laughter). Dwarka police - "I don't bother," he said. "Let him finish and next day 10 'o clock I will go," this is how.

We seek false protection. False protection. And we are not satisfied then, and we are not protected. Man, this Rajiv Gandhi had so much security. But he went to Madras and through garland he was finished. And he was very happy (that) so many garlands are coming. And in garlands, he was finished to that level that nothing was found. Only his slippers were found. Slippers didn't get destroyed. Otherwise, no limb. Somebody's limb they collected, and 'Rajiv Gandhi, come on' (laughter). This is how. Please, material arrangements, they fall short of the protection. This is how it is.

Devotee: It's like a cat, when there is a rat in its mouth. This is like how the Lord appears to a person whose time has come. But for devotees it is not like that.

Maharaj: Yes, that's really good. This is nice. Kitten are happy with the cat's mouth. But the mouse is completely baffled. This is right. Those who don't take protection, eventually they will be caught. And at the time of death, they are bewildered. Anyway, these are few of the things. We must stop here. Hare Krishna, Jai! Jai Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai

Devotee: Jai His Holiness Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai

Our heartfelt thanks to Maharaj for this wonderful class on enlightening us that Krishna alone can protect us and all we need to do is to simply surrender to Him.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

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Krishna Eka Sharanam - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis

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

In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 2 Chapter 3, we find Sukadev Goswami telling to Parikshit Maharaj about the different demigods who have to be worshiped for fulfilling various kinds of material desires. For each and every desire, a material body is ready for us. So these desires keeps us entangled in the cycle of of birth and death.

Srila Prabhupada very nicely explains in his lectures that when scriptures provide provisions for fulfilling sense gratification, it is not encouragement, but it is actually restriction. Eating meat is not recommended for our spiritual advancement. But there might be foolish men, who are in lower modes, who are unable to give up this desire. So in order to gradually restrict them, scriptures say that, "*If you want to eat meat, then you sacrifice one goat before the goddess Kālī.*" *And Goddess Kālī is worshiped once in a month, on the dark-moon day, at night. And there are mantras. The mantras say that... Within the ear of the animal it is said that "You are sacrificing your life before the deity; so next life, immediately, you get a human form of life. And when you get a human form of life, you'll have the right to kill this man also." This is the mantra.*"

His Divine Grace says that when one gradually understands the meaning of mantra, realises the pain suffered by the animal being killed, he would stop eating meat. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.3.9 Sukadev Goswami says

*rājya-kāmo manūn devān
nirṛtiṁ tv abhicaran yajet
kāma-kāmo yajet somam
akāmaḥ puruṣaṁ param*

One who desires domination over a kingdom or an empire should worship the Manus. One who desires victory over an enemy should worship the demons, and one who desires sense gratification should worship the moon. But one who desires nothing of material enjoyment should worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

For fulfillment of our desires we may go to demigods, but demigods are themselves limited. None of them can give liberation from cycle of birth and death. They also fulfill our desires as per sanction of Supreme Lord and are subservient to Supreme Lord. Whatever desires that are fulfilled by demigods are not going to give us permanent bliss. When one desire gets fulfilled, it leads us to one more and there is no end to our desires. Since material desires causes us so much misery and keep us loitering from one body to another, His Divine Grace says in purport to above verse that ***one should therefore not desire any sort of material enjoyment, being sensible enough to worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead.***

After listing various kinds of demigod worship, Sukadev Goswami then says in 2.3.10 that all kinds of people *akāmaḥ, sakāmaḥ, moksha akāmaḥ* - all of them can worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead and Krishna willing we shall meditate further on that point in the subsequent offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

Sudarshana devi dasi

Krishna Eka Sharanam - Part 2

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis

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

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled, "Krishna Eka Sharanam" wherein we were meditating on verses 2.3.9 and 10 of Srimad Bhagavatam. In the previous offering we saw that

1. For every unfulfilled material desire, we will get another body.
2. One who wants to become akama - no material desire should take up to devotional service.

Now we shall see further.

In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.3.10 Sukadev Goswami says to Maharaj Parikshit

*akāmaḥ sarva-kāmo vā
mokṣa-kāma udāra-dhīḥ
tīvreṇa bhakti-yogena
yajeta puruṣaṁ param*

A person who has broader intelligence, whether he be full of all material desire, without any material desire, or desiring liberation, must by all means worship the supreme whole, the Personality of Godhead.

While explaining about *akāmaḥ* - His Divine Grace says, "**Desireless means, therefore, not to be inert like the stone, but to be conscious of one's actual position and thus desire satisfaction only from the Supreme Lord.**"

When we go to Krishna with material desires, it is His sweet choice to either give or withhold what we desire. Just like how a parent would choose not to fulfill those desires of the child which are dangerous for child, Krishna would not fulfill our desires, if those desires prove to be detrimental to our spiritual well-being or would keep us remain entangled in cycle of birth and death. Even then if we still go to Krishna, the benefit is that He would give us the gift of loving devotional service unto His lotus feet. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 5.19.27, the demigods while glorifying Krishna say

*satyaṁ diśaty arthitam arthito nṛṇāṁ
naivārthado yat punar arthitā yataḥ
svayaṁ vidhatte bhajatām anicchatām
icchāpidhānaṁ nija-pāda-pallavam*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead fulfills the material desires of a devotee who approaches Him with such motives, but He does not bestow benedictions upon the devotee that will cause him to demand more benedictions again. However, the Lord willingly gives the devotee shelter at His own lotus feet, even though such a person does not aspire for it, and that shelter satisfies all his desires. That is the Supreme Personality's special mercy.

Dhruva Maharaj initially approached Supreme Lord with material desires. But when he started to honestly and sincerely follow the process taught by Narada Muni to attain Krishna, Lord was so pleased that He not only fulfilled his material desire, but also gave him His shelter, so much so that Dhruva Maharaj started regretting as to why he had

earlier approached Lord with material desires. Pure devotees of the Lord simply want to be engaged in loving service of the Lord and would not desire anything else.

Krishna willing we shall meditate further on that point in the subsequent offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

Sudarshana devi dasi

Krishna Eka Sharanam - 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 previous offering titled, "Krishna Eka Sharanam" wherein we were meditating on verses 2.3.9 and 10 of Srimad Bhagavatam. In the previous offering we saw that

1. For every unfulfilled material desire, we will get another body.
2. One who wants to become akama - no material desire should take up to devotional service.
3. Lord Krishna knows what is best for us and so in any condition it is best for us to pray to Him.

Now let us see further.

In his wonderful lecture on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.3.10, Srila Prabhupada very nicely says how this kama or desire is there for us even at the stage of dying. Particularly those who are karmis, never want to die. His Divine Grace quotes his experience of seeing a dying man requesting the doctor to extend his life for four years. Our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj used to tell this tendency as - *jīviṣe* - urge to live long. But no matter whatever we may desire, we cannot skip or escape from death. His Divine Grace says, "Is it possible to prolong life? Not for a second even. When you are destined to die, you must die. *Mṛtyuḥ sarva-haraś cāham* [Bg. 10.34]. This death is Kṛṣṇa. You cannot defy Kṛṣṇa; that is not possible. Kṛṣṇa says, *mṛtyur aham, sarva-haraś ca*."

Without any exception - every one of us have to die. Even the most powerful demons like Hiranyaksha, Hiranyakashipu, Ravana and so many others had to die. What to speak of insignificant people like us? Prabhupada also quotes the example of Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who was so reluctant to leave the post until death. He tried so many best medical treatments, but when his death was for sure, he still had the desire to die as Prime Minister. All these material designations have no significance in our life after death. The only designation which we need to hanker to possess life after life is to be sincere servant of Lord and His devotee.

Those who are jnanis have desire for liberation or merging with the Supreme. But bhaktas don't desire anything other than pure devotional service. In this regard His Divine Grace gives the example of Ambarish Maharaj-Durvasa Muni and Prahlad Maharaj-Hiranyakashipu. Durvasa Muni although being a great yogi, could travel up to Vaikuntha to see Lord, but could not stay there because of his offence towards Ambarish Maharaj. On the other hand Ambarish Maharaj remain unperturbed even when a demon was sent by Durvasa muni to kill him. Hiranyakashipu did so much penance to get the boon of immortality from Lord Brahma. When Brahmaji said that he is incapable of giving such a boon, he tried to ask a very smart boon which he thought would guarantee immortality. But Prahlad Maharaj even when attempted to be killed in various horrible ways by demoniac father and his men, remain undisturbed. So we can see that devotees are fully dependent on Krishna and simply desire only to be engaged in Lord's service. His Divine Grace says, "*Even the yogīs are not so powerful as the devotees. Why? Because devotee's fully surrendered to Kṛṣṇa. **Fully surrendered means, "If Kṛṣṇa likes, He will save me; otherwise, I don't try for myself. I have to simply serve Kṛṣṇa. That's all."** And Kṛṣṇa takes charge of your saving.*"

Krishna willing we shall meditate further on the above topic in the subsequent offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

Sudarshana devi dasi

Krishna Eka Sharanam - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis

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

This is in continuation of the previous offering titled, "Krishna Eka Sharanam" wherein we were meditating on verses 2.3.9 and 10 of Srimad Bhagavatam. In the previous offering we saw that

1. For every unfulfilled material desire, we will get another body.
2. One who wants to become akama - no material desire should take up to devotional service.
3. Lord Krishna knows what is best for us and so in any condition it is best for us to pray to Him.
4. Death is inevitable. So instead of hankering for temporary designations, better to hanker for eternal designation of being servant of Lord.

Now let us see further.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada very nicely explains in his lecture as to how pure devotees, who are akama are very peaceful. Whereas others are always lacking peace of mind. Quoting from Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya lila 19.149

*bhukti-mukti-siddhi-kāmī---sakali 'aśānta'
kṛṣṇa-bhakta---niṣkāma, ataeva 'śānta'*

Srila Prabhupada explains how karmis want to enjoy, jnanis want to merge with the Lord, yogis want to get some siddhi. Because of all these wants, they are always anxious. Whereas devotees of Lord Krishna have no material wants and so they are peaceful.

Our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj says a very nice quote about these "wants". *khape* means **want**. *Kape* means **cut down**. *khape khape je kape / inke jag jape* - "**Those who cut down their wants and lead a simple life will be glorified all over the world.**" Srila Prabhupada himself is the best example of this verse. Because he did not want anything for himself and was always simply wanting to glorify the Supreme Lord as instructed by his spiritual master, now he is being glorified all over the world.

But unfortunately it is so difficult for us to cut our wants on our own. So what could be done? The pages of Bhagavatam teaches us that if we are full of anarthas, we have so many desires, still we lose nothing by going to Krishna and taking His exclusive shelter. Krishna might not give all that we want, but He would definitely give all that we need and by His touch, we would simply be purified of all contaminations and anarthas in our heart. In the pastime of Diti and Indra also we find this nice lesson, that Diti wanted to get a son to kill Indra and Indra wanted to somehow or other nullify the plans of his aunt Diti. Herein we see the nice intervention of Kashyapa Muni who advises his wife Diti to follow devotional service and worship Krishna. Indra also in the pretext of serving his aunt Diti and comes and stays with her. And in the end we can see how both their hearts got cleansed because of their attempts to serve the Lord and His devotees.

His Divine Grace very encouragingly says in his lecture - "*This chance is there. Even with your kāma, desires, you execute devotional service, make connection with the Supreme Lord, a time will come, you'll become akāmaḥ, no more... A time will come. Therefore it is recommended. Not that sarva-kāmaḥ goes to Kṛṣṇa and simply bothers Him, "Give me this, give me this." No. Let him talk like that, "Give me this, give me that," Kṛṣṇa will see to that. But by devotional service, if he comes in contact with Kṛṣṇa seriously, then time will come, he will become akāmaḥ. Therefore it is recommended. **Not that it is advised that you go to Kṛṣṇa and ask all nonsense from Him. That is not pure devotion. Pure devotion is akāmaḥ---nothing. Na dhanam na janam na sundarim kavitam va jaga.***" .. [Cc. Antya 20.29, Śikṣāṣṭaka 4]."

So in any stage of life let us take shelter only of Supreme Lord Krishna - *Krishna Eka Sharanam* and purify our existence.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

Sudarshana devi dasi

Sadhu sanga is Valuable

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 2 Chapter 3, Sukadev Goswami explains to Parikshit Maharaj about the different kinds of demigods one could approach, according to their wants and desires. He also says how everyone could simply worship Lord Krishna - irrespective of whatever desires material or spiritual one would have. In Bhagavad Gita Lord Krishna says in verse 9.25

*yānti deva-vratā devān
pitṛn yānti pitṛ-vratāḥ
bhūtāni yānti bhūtejyā
yānti mad-yājino 'pi mām*

Those who worship the demigods will take birth among the demigods; those who worship the ancestors go to the ancestors; those who worship ghosts and spirits will take birth among such beings; and those who worship Me will live with Me.

So what would be the case of people who worship demigods after they reach the planet of demigods? Will they ever get a chance to turn to Krishna? In this regard Sukadev Goswami says in verse 2.3.11

*etāvān eva yajatām
iha niḥśreyasodayaḥ
bhagavaty acalo bhāvo
yad bhāgavata-saṅgataḥ*

All the different kinds of worshipers of multidemigods can attain the highest perfectional benediction, which is spontaneous attraction unflinchingly fixed upon the Supreme Personality of Godhead, only by the association of the pure devotee of the Lord.

In the above verse, the word *niḥśreyasa*, *bhagavaty acalo bhāvo* and *bhāgavata-saṅgataḥ* are all worth meditating. Srila Prabhupada translates *niḥśreyasa* as **highest benediction**. The highest benediction in life is Krishna-prema - *bhagavaty acalo bhāvo* - unflinching love for Krishna. Sukadev Goswami says that even those who are worshiping different demigods can attain this if they get *bhāgavata-saṅgataḥ* - association of pure devotee. We can see how potent is sadhu-sanga.

When Vibhishana went to meet Lord Ram, after Sita was abducted by Ravana, few of demoniac servants of Vibhishana also followed him. When Sugriva saw them from a distance, he was skeptical that whether they are coming to harm Lord Ram as they are from Ravana's camp. But Lord Ram just for pleasure of devotees, consulted with Hanumanji as to what was his opinion. Hanumanji told that during his visit to Lanka in search of Sita devi, he could recognise that Vibhishana was a great devotee of Lord Ram and that he could be welcomed. At that time Lord Ram asked Sugriva to allow Vibhishana as well as his demoniac followers to come before Him. So simply by associating with Vibhishana, they also could get darshan of Lord.

Also in the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.7.6, Srila Prabhupada narrates the story of brahmana who was a devotee of Lord Shiva. When he sought a benediction from Lord Shiva, Lord Shiva directed to him to go to Sanatana Goswami. When the brahmana came to Sanatana Goswami, requesting him to give the best benediction, Sanatana Goswami asked him to take a touchstone which was kept in the garbage. The brahmana became very happy to take

the touchstone. But as he began to return, he wondered why Sanatana Goswami had disregarded it in garage. So he went back to him to find out what was the real precious thing which he was possessing. Sanatana Goswami understanding the plan of Lord Shiva, smiled at the brahmana and said that if he wants the ultimate benediction, then he has to throw away the touchstone. The brahmana agreed to the proposal and then he got the most precious gift of Harinam from Sanatana Goswami. His Divine Grace says in the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam verse 4.7.6, "Thus by the benediction of Lord Śiva the *brāhmaṇa* got the association of the best devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa and was thus initiated in the *mahā-mantra*: Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare."

So in the above examples we can see that how potent is the association of pure devotee. In his lecture on verses 2.3.11-12 of Srimad Bhagavatam, Srila Prabhupada gives a very practical example. His Divine Grace says, "***I have my connection with Kṛṣṇa. It may be little, very. I may be very minute, but that, I mean to say, connection is very valuable. I have given many times this example, that a car running at a speed of sixty miles, and a cycle is running at the rate of ten miles, but as soon as the cyclist catches the car, the cyclist also runs in the sixty miles.***" So association with pure devotees is very valuable. Our position is like the cyclist and pure devotees are like car running at high speed. So just like how cyclist speed also improves when he touches the car, when we take shelter of pure devotees, our advancement in spiritual life and by mercy of pure devotees and Krishna, going back to Krishna is also guaranteed.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

Sudarshana devi dasi

Harikatha Transcends the Modes

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 2 Chapter 3, Sukadev Goswami explains to Parikshit Maharaj as to how we can transcend the modes of material nature. In verse 2.3.12 Sukadev Goswami says

*jñānam yad āpratinivṛtta-guṇormi-cakram
ātma-prasāda uta yatra guṇeṣv asaṅgaḥ
kaivalya-sammata-pathas tv atha bhakti-yogaḥ
ko nirvṛto hari-kathāsu ratim na kuryāt*

Transcendental knowledge in relation with the Supreme Lord Hari is knowledge resulting in the complete suspension of the waves and whirlpools of the material modes. Such knowledge is self-satisfying due to its being free from material attachment, and being transcendental it is approved by authorities. Who could fail to be attracted?

The word *guṇormi* and *cakram* in the above verse are worth meditating. Srila Prabhupada translates them as waves and whirlpool of material modes. Waves tosses us hither and thither and whirlpool ultimately sucks us down. So we can never experience steadiness or bliss in life when we are caught by these waves and whirlpools. Devotional service or bhaktiyoga alone helps us to come out of these modes as guaranteed by Lord Krishna in verse 14.26 of Bhagavad Gita. **"One who engages in full devotional service, unfailing in all circumstances, at once transcends the modes of material nature and thus comes to the level of Brahman."**

Supreme Lord is the controller of all the modes and so He is transcendental to them. Likewise knowledge related to Supreme Lord or Hari katha is also transcendental and when one takes sincere shelter of Hari katha, they also become transcendental to the modes. Hearing Krishna katha gives us *ātma-prasāda* - satisfaction to our soul. Lord Krishna says in the second seed verse 10.9 of Bhagavad Gita

*mac-cittā mad-gata-prāṇā
bodhayantaḥ parasparam
kathayantaś ca mām nityam
tuṣyanti ca ramanti ca*

The thoughts of My pure devotees dwell in Me, their lives are fully devoted to My service, and they derive great satisfaction and bliss from always enlightening one another and conversing about Me.

While explaining about - *ātma-prasāda uta yatra guṇeṣv asaṅgaḥ*, His Divine Grace says, "I am eternal part and parcel of Kṛṣṇa. I may be very minute part, but because I am now attached with the complete machine, now I am safe. This example I have given so many times, a big machine and a small screw, part of it. When it is detached from the machine, it has no value. But when it is again attached to the machine, even it is very insignificant, small, it has got value. Similarly, *ātma-prasāda uta yatra guṇeṣv asaṅgaḥ*. *Asaṅgaḥ*, no more connection with this material nature. But I have my connection with Kṛṣṇa. It may be little, very. I may be very minute, but that, I mean to say, connection is very valuable."

Krishna is like fire and we are tiny sparks. Spark dies down when it exists independent of fire. So likewise our life is also meaningful so long as we are connected with the Supreme Lord. So we should always connect with Supreme Lord by chanting and hearing His names and glories. Krishna katha not only gives us bliss but also gives us the real knowledge

that we are eternal servant of Supreme Lord and helps us to detach from material things.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

Sudarshana devi dasi

Being Alert to Our Prime Duty

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

The great poet Kalidasa was in the court of King Bhoja of the Kingdom of Dhara and he was a great patron of poetry. The king knew well the talent of Kalidasa as a poet, especially the innumerable ways of bringing simile in his poems. It is famously said "Upama kalidasasya". The King developed a strange interest, knew not why, but he desired Kalidasa to sing the last song for him before he died. Normally the 'charama sloka' eulogizing the person is sung only after a person is dead. Kalidasa, therefore made it clear to the king that as he was blessed by Kali Devi, if he sang the song, the king's life would come to an end immediately. Bhoja raja got angry with Kalidasa for disobeying his order and banished him from the capital of Dhara.

The King dearly missed the presence of Kalidasa and he went in search of the great poet disguising himself as a 'Sooth Sayer'. The king somehow spotted Kalidasa, and he decided to play a strategy to make Kalidasa to sing the last song for him. When he was talking to Kalidasa, the King told him that he is from the city of Dhara and immediately Kalidasa with genuine interest in the welfare of King Bhoja enquired him for the news of the city and whether the King Bhoja was keeping sound health. The Sooth Sayer replied, "Oh, what a calamity, King Bhoja is dead as he was unable to bear the separation from his best friend and poet Kalidasa." Kalidasa was shattered to hear the sad news about his friend and with great grief sang the 'charama sloka' in praise of the departed soul!!

*adya dhārā nirādhārā nirālbambā sarasvati
panditāh kanditā sarve bhojarājā divam gate*

The Kingdom of Dhaaraa is now deserted due to the demise of Bhoja Raja. The learned poets would get punished anywhere now as Goddess Saraswathi remains unsupported without King Bhoja.

The moment Kalidasa sang the charama sloka, the King in the disguise of the 'Sooth Sayer' fell down on the ground and died. Kalidasa was quick to realise that it was none other than his best friend and the King himself who acted as the Sooth Sayer to hear the charama sloka from him. Kalidasa prayed to Kali Devi to spare his friend by singing the same sloka to give the opposite meaning. Kali Devi was moved by Kalidasa's poetry and gave a new lease of life to the King but restricted it to a time of about a Muhurta. Kalidasa embraced the King and told about the short life at his disposal. King Bhoja wanted that time to be utilized in glorification of the Supreme Personality Of Godhead and he urged Kalidasa to compose an epic on the glories of Lord Rama and Bhoja also joined him to make it. The kavya is well-known as " Bhoj Champu" or Champu Ramayana and is one of a very rare literary joint venture by King Bhoja and Poet Kalidasa.

This reminds us of the great Parikshit Maharaja and King Khatvanga who when informed of the time left to live in this material world, made a conscious decision to absorb themselves in glorifying the Supreme Personality of Godhead, that being the supreme interest and prime duty of our life. Srimad Bhagavatam 1.19.5 says on what King Parikshit did once informed that he would live only for seven days.

*atho vihāyemam amuṁ ca lokam
vimarśitau heyatayā purastāt
kṛṣṇāṅghri-sevām adhimanyamāna
upāviśat prāyam amartya-nadyām*

Mahārāja Parīkṣit sat down firmly on the banks of the Ganges to concentrate his mind in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, rejecting all other practices of self-realization, because transcendental loving service to Kṛṣṇa is the greatest achievement, superseding all other methods.

Srimad Bhagavatam 2.1.13

*khaṭvāṅgo nāma rājarṣir
jñātveyattām ihāyuṣaḥ
muhūrtāt sarvam utsṛjya
gatavān abhayaṁ harim*

The saintly King Khaṭvāṅga, after being informed that the duration of his life would be only a moment more, at once freed himself from all material activities and took shelter of the supreme safety, the Personality of Godhead.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport that **a fully responsible man should always be conscious of the prime duty of the present human form of life.** *The activities to meet the immediate necessities of material life are not everything. One should always be alert in his duty for attainment of the best situation in the next life. Human life is meant for preparing ourselves for that prime duty.* Mahārāja Khaṭvāṅga is mentioned herein as a saintly king because even within the responsibility of the state management, he was not at all forgetful of the prime duty of life. Such was the case with other rājarṣis (saintly kings), like Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira and Mahārāja Parīkṣit. They were all exemplary personalities on account of their being alert in discharging their prime duty.

Herein we see that King Bhoja initially wanted to hear his own glories from the mouth of the great poet Kalidasa, but once he came to know that only a few moments are available to live, he realized that the Lord is the Supreme object of glorification and without feeling sorry, became alert to the prime duty of human life of remembering the Supreme Personality of Godhead and absorbing himself in glorifying Lord Rama during the last few moments of his life. We pray that we may snatch or steal whatever time available to remember and glorify the Supreme Lord and thus be always alert to our prime duty in human form of life.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Chennai.

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 1

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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The following is a humble effort to transcribe one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. Now let us hear from Maharaj

Maharaj: So nice to be with you all. It's a very rare chance that we come across each other and discuss about the Supreme Absolute Truth Krishna. In Bhagavatam it is very nicely said, when Hiranyaksha, the elder brother of Hiranyakashipu was killed by Varaha Bhagavan, his whole family was plunged into the ocean of sorrow. Hiranyakashipu consoles his mother and sister-in-law and nephews and he says, '*naikatra priya-saṁvāsaḥ*' - *naikatra* - We cannot be together, '*priya-saṁvāsaḥ*' - **the living entities who are near and dear to us, we cannot be very long, near together.** And he gives the example that, *prapāyām iva suvrate* (SB 7.2.21) "Listen mother, we are just coming together. As the summer season, when the sun is very hot and in the travel area, there are a few drinking water centres. Those who are thirsty, they come together near the water centre, for drinking water. And as soon as they drink water, they separate and go away." All these living entities are helplessly behaving like this. In one family, they are squeezed for a few years here and there and when somebody will just get up and go away, we don't know.

And then he says, that **we come together by the arrangement of Krishna.** Krishna wanted me to come together here and fortunately we are also here and we are pleased to discuss Krishna katha. He says, "*daivenaikatra nītānām*" - by the arrangement of Krishna, we have come together. *unnītānām sva-karmabhiḥ.* **We are here for 1 hour, 2 hours and then according to our karmic activities, we will be separated. Never to meet again may be. So this is how, when the living entities, they see each other, should try to utilise every second of their meeting to discussion of the Supreme Absolute Truth Krishna. All other things are not very much useful.**

Then when Yudhishtira Maharaj was lamenting after the battle of Kurukshetra, all the hundred Kauravas were killed, Dhrtarashtra and Gandhari were alone. So they took shelter in Yudhishtira Maharaj palace, the Pandavas. Yudhishtira was very respectful to them. So one day, Vidur came from the pilgrimage place and requested Dhrtarashtra, "Why are you staying in this degraded position? You have lost all your sons. Pandus are your enemies actually, with whom you fought for whole of your lifetime and now again you have come their place to eat two chappatis. So somehow or the other Dhrtarashtra was convinced and then he left for the forest and Gandhari also followed him.

So that time Narad muni came and he consoled Yudhishtira. Yudhishtira was feeling morose, "Where my uncle is gone? Have I committed some crime against him?" So Narad muni suggests him (SB 1.13.41), *mā kañcana śuco rājan yad īśvara-vaśaṁ jagat. mā kañcana śuco rājan* - Don't worry about the living entities. Why? because *yad īśvara-vaśaṁ jagat* - The whole universe is under the control of the Supreme Absolute Truth. So our worries are no worries at all. **Everybody is breathing, because he wants them to breathe. Everybody is eating, because he wants them to eat. Everybody's food is digested unknown to everybody. It is done by Him. How can we just take credit for ourselves?** So he says, "please don't worry." *lokāḥ sapālā yasyeme vahanti balim īśituḥ.* *lokāḥ* means - all the living entities, including their kings, leaders etc. They are all helplessly working under the control of the Supreme Absolute Truth. *sa saṁyunakti bhūtāni* - He alone the Supreme Absolute Truth Krishna, alone forces us to be together and *sa eva vijyunakti ca* He alone separates us. Please try to make best of the meeting with the family or with your friends or whatever. Try to do your karmic duties according to your age very expertly and whatever time is left to yourself, please utilise it to understanding the Supreme Absolute Truth.

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

Thank you very much

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi

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Now let us hear from Maharaj

Maharaj: Your activities - *niyat karma* - they are known as - the prescribed duties, have got to be performed very expertly. Then you are at peace. You are sitting here peaceful, because everybody of you, have continuous flow of Lakshmi. That is required. We don't hide these facts. On the contrary these activities which are got to be done, we perform it expertly, nicely, and then by performing nice activities, there will be continuous flow of Lakshmi in your lives. And then you will get some moments, very peaceful moments. Please utilise them in understanding these scriptures and try to realise and try to put it into practise, whatever you see from the scriptures. This is why we come to the pages of Bhagavatam and it is said *nityam bhāgavata sevayā* and whatever ineberities we have, we may be having some defects, we may be having our own modes, our own moods, our own good behaviour or bad behaviour. Everything will be purified eventually by regularly hearing Srimad Bhagavatam or more so by reading it yourself. So please make it a point to read Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam and if you have time, please try to chant Krishna's names.

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

Young ones - we claim that we love them. If we really love them, please, you elders, you put these things into practice. They are looking at you. So they will take up the same process. These eternal things have got to be given to the younger generation, so that it continuously goes to their lives and their lives are getting purified. This is our great responsibility. Otherwise for the young ones, they don't have any direction in this life. Without direction, they try here and there few things, they are completely lost. And because of their condition, eventually, they may become mentals and may be admitted to the mental hospitals. Please always consider about these things, very seriously and try to follow these activities in your life and very soon young or old, everybody must come to this point.

To follow these instructions is very easy because it is favourable for our healthy condition of living. These activities being very essential for the spiritual existence, it definitely gives us the material well-being. **Spiritually if we are strong, material well-being follows it. On its own, material well-being is not there. There must be some spiritual backing.** And you can see those who come to the temple, just you decide, "today I want to go to this place," since then your devotional service starts. As soon as the bhakti starts, from the time you decided to come to this place, Krishna is always with you. Krishna has suggested you that, "today instead of going anywhere else, you please go to hear and try to hear about the Supreme Lord." This is the starting point of bhakti. And as soon as the devotional service starts, Krishna is definitely there. And you definitely become very simple, you are sitting here cross-legged. That's way we could accommodate hundred to two hundred living entities here. Otherwise if you had artificial standards of living, then hardly 10 to 20 people may sit. **Please you have to become simple. Those who have become simple, they are known as sadhus. Sadhus don't have horns on their head. There is no need of changing anything. The only attention to be made, is make our life as simple as possible.**

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

Thank you very much

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 3

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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Now let us hear from Maharaj.

Maharaj: Our life should not depend on artificial material standards. That is sadhu. As soon as you become simple like this, then Krishna likes you. *sādhavo hṛdayaṁ mahyaṁ* - (SB 9.4.68) *sādhavo hṛdayaṁ mahyaṁ* - He says, these sadhus are simple people, who come see Me, bow down before Me. **They are in My hearts.** *sādhūnām hṛdayaṁ tv aham* - **And I am also in the heart of those sadhus.** And then He gives the reason why. *mad-anyat te na jānanti* - **they don't know anything apart from Me.** *nāhaṁ tebhyo manāg api* - **I also don't know anything apart from Him.**

With this understanding we are very extremely fortunate, that we become Krishna's heart. He becomes our heart and we are forced that our whole mind should be covered by Him. If the mind is not captured for Krishna katha, then it will go hither and thither for sense gratification. If you go round here and there, you are going to be completely miserable. We have tried so many times, so many things, in which we are completely defeated. After trying so many things, somehow or the other by our culture, by hearing something, by distribution of books or by seeing the devotees, we may crowd around in this temple or the places like this, wherein the genuine Krishna katha is going on. Here there is nothing else needed. We just want you to hear a few words from the shashtras. Today we are reading very nice verse from Srimad Bhagavatam which is very instructive, at the same time merely hearing is not enough. We should realise it. We should put it into practice. I leave it to you We shall go to second canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, third chapter and the title of third chapter is "Pure Devotional Service" . *Shuddha bhakti* and he gives the characteristics. (SB 2.3.12)

*jñānaṁ yad āpratinivṛtta-guṇormi-cakram
ātma-prasāda uta yatra guṇeṣv asaṅgaḥ
kaivalya-sammata-pathas tv atha bhakti-yogaḥ
ko nirvṛto hari-kathāsu ratim na kuryāt*

These sounds alone, being transcendental for the material existence, they are very pleasing to our soul. And as soon as the soul is completely satisfied, it experiences the transcendental bliss. This transcendental bliss is all on our body, and not only on our own body, but whoever hears it, they are also completely satisfied. And because of throughout satisfaction, our body has become *prasanna* - very happy and this happiness drives away all the miseries of the material pangs. These bodies can never be sick, provided they chant this transcendental voices. As soon as these sounds spread here and there, it has a capacity of *jagat-pavitraṁ pragṛṇīta karhicit*, they can sanctify the atmosphere of the whole universe. What to talk of this room or in my life? It's nothing. Everything is completely purified. Now we will understand the word-to-word meaning of this shloka.

jñānam — knowledge; *yat* — that which; *ā* — up to the limit of; *pratinivṛtta* — completely withdrawn; *guṇa-ūrmi* — the

waves of the material modes; *cakram* — whirlpool;

This is the first line. The word to word meaning suggests that the transcendental knowledge has the capacity to drive from our existence the waves of the whirlpool of our material existence. Waves and whirlpool are the material modes of nature - they always trouble us and there are continuous waves of these three modes of material nature. Three modes are mode of goodness, passion and ignorance. *sattva*, *raja* and *tamah*. We are consumed by the waves of these three modes. Waves are bit tolerable, but whirlpool is not tolerable. We'll see how it is. And the reason is *ātma-prasāda* - we are completely satisfied because of hearing Srimad Bhagavatam, the definite effect is - we are completely satisfied. As soon as we see the deities, we are completely satisfied. As soon as we see the pure devotees like Srila Prabhupada, we are completely satisfied. Everywhere in this building, the satisfaction is the main ingredient. We don't care where we take rest. We are not worried, what we are eating. We are not worried, what we are wearing. We only take care, that we are clean. That's it. We are worried the whole day, how to come to this hall and have continuous darshan of Krishna. And because of only these things, we are completely satisfied.

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

Thank you very much

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 4

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3. Mere hearing is not enough. We have to realise and practise it.

Now let us hear from Maharaj.

Maharaj: Frankly speaking, materially speaking, we are paupers. We don't have any riches, but we are very opulent. Please, don't mix the riches and opulence. Riches is one thing and opulence is completely another. **You may have a bit of riches here and there, but unless we are attracted to the Supreme Absolute Truth Krishna, all riches are only riches, they will kill you. But if we are opulent with Krishna bhakti, then those riches are also very useful. Those riches will not drive us mad. This message, we must convince to our foolish mind.** Otherwise we mix these things. Another famous example given is Kennedy - President Kennedy in America and he has a widow Jacqueline Kennedy. She was married to a Greek tycoon Onassis or something. He was very rich. He had only one daughter Christina and he died. So the daughter inherited the whole riches. She was so rich that she could have fed the whole India, then also her riches would not have exhausted. But she had only riches. No Krishna consciousness was there. So, she had to die very young at the age of 35, and somewhere in Argentina, in South America, outside the city in some big haven. After her death, her secretary wrote the report in the newspaper that the reason of her early death was that she was eating junk food like these burger etc and drinking so many fizzy drinks. This is the end, this is the result of the riches.

Whatever we have done, we don't know but we are completely saving ourselves from this junk food. Our food is *yuktāhāra* - very regulated food, and that too very little and offered to Krishna. This is the main ingredient. You eat anything which could be offered to Krishna, then its purified by the mercy of Krishna. It doesn't remain as the food. The rice, ordinary food, we don't know where it is cooked, who has cooked, and who has presented to us. We don't know. So much ready made food is available and instant food we want and that food also comes to our plate through that "micro". "Microwave"- (my crow wave) - everything goes to crow. What can crow give? Crow gives shit. This micro is the shit on our table. Please avoid these things. I don't know how. **You should organise your lifestyle for at least some fresh food that will be available during the day time. Otherwise we are going to be destroyed. There is no satisfaction. Because there is no satisfaction, kaivalya path - our bhakti yoga is completely absent in our lives.** That is the third line and because bhakti is absent, sometime we may come here, that is our piety. And so many births you may get, to continue to do the past activities. That's why we are here. There are so many living entities in Sydney. Why we are here a few people? Because these people, these *yuvās* are selected by Krishna today, that they should come here. Those who come here should be proud that at least they are selected.

As soon as you know, that you are selected, you are elated. And this is a fact, otherwise the whole Sydney will come here. But they are not allowed. This is Krishna's palace and you have to have visa to come here. He has granted you visa today. Before you came here, you could decide. Because of the visa, in your heart, He suggested that, "you have the visa. So you please go there." ***We are here. This is atma-prasad and because you are in atma-prasad, this satisfaction, that you are invited by the Supreme Lord, we are here. Just to know this, is to be attracted to the devotional service. And as soon as you are attracted, all your enberities are completely vanishing and only the pure bhakti remains - which is our constitutional birth-right.***

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

Thank you very much

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The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 5

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3. Mere hearing is not enough. We have to realise and practise it.
4. If we are not regulated in our eating, our life will be destroyed.

Now let us hear from Maharaj.

Maharaj: As it is we are spiritual sparks, flying around and part and parcel of Krishna. So because we belong to Him, there is a natural attraction in us. Those who don't come to this point, they are getting miserable. Pandavas were always attracted to Krishna. So they were only five and Krishna did not have any army with Him. Army had already gone to Duryodhana. And even then, Pandavas were very satisfied. In the twelve years, they had to go the forest, they were completely satisfied in that situation also and Duryodhan was in the palace, with all the amenities, he was always agitated and unsatisfied. This is *gunormi*.

Duryodhan is the prime example of the waves of modes of material nature. He had to associate with like-minded people like Karna, Shakuni, Dushaasan etc and all of them combined together, they committed so many sinful activities. This is the result of guna. We are in the control of the all these three modes of material nature. And *urmi* is alright and once it so happened, I'll give the example how these waves of material nature leads to the whirlpool. The water of the river flows, so there are waves in the water of the river. Sometimes there is some stone - big stone in between the current, and there is a whirlpool created. The water stops flowing and goes around the stone. That is whirlpool. As soon as you try to understand this, you will understand how we are entangled into these three modes of material nature .

This Duryodhan was always captured by waves of the modes of the material nature - he was highly envious of the Pandavas. Why? Because he wanted to usurp their kingdom. When the grabbing tendency is there, we create the enmity with nears and dears. For the fraction of grabbing things, we fight like anything. This is Duryodhan. He had all the kingdoms at his disposal. Pandavas were banished in the jungle for twelve years. He was completely eased with the time. But no. He was not at ease. He was in the waves of the modes of the material nature in greed and passion etc. He had a desire to insult Pandavas more in the forest also. So what happened, one day he thought, the Pandavas are staying in some part of the forest and there was a big ranch, no-man's ranch near Pandavas' place and so many cows were there. So he wanted to go there with a big army and show the might to the Pandavas that, "you don't have anything. You are getting rotten in the forest and how big a king I am." And again waves of modes of material nature was there. He has already played a trick in the game of gambling and he had banished the Pandavas for thirteen years outside. Even then he was not satisfied.

So again he created the whirlpool and how he was entangled, please hear. So one day he wanted to decide to go to the Pandavas exile and show them how mighty king he is. But how to go? He had to take he permission from Dhrtarashtra. And Dhrtarashtra being bit better than Duryodhana will not allow him to go near the Pandavas. He said

that, "we have already punished them enough. So now leave them alone." But this fellow would not leave them alone. So they found out a trick. These three people , Shakuni, Dushaasan and Duryodhan, they came together and made a nice plan that they are going to convince Dhrtarashtra that there are so many cows there. And every year, they go there to count the cows. So this the right time to count the cows. So we have to count the cows. So Dhrtarashtra did not mind and he allowed them to go.

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

Thank you very much

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

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Abu Dhabi

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 6

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This is in continuation of the transcription of one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj that when we are not satisfied - it means we are caught up in the waves and whirlpools of material modes. Maharaj was explaining the meaning of waves and whirlpool by quoting the example of Kauravas and Pandavas. Kauravas even after banishing Pandavas to forest for 13 years wanted to see them suffer and so in the pretext of counting the cows, they went to the forest.

Now let us hear from Maharaj.

Maharaj: So Duryodhan's big army went and under the garb of counting the cows. He went there and wanted to show off to the Pandavas. So what he did, he sent his persons near the Pandavas residence. Then in between the residence, Pandavas' residence, and Duryodhan's place, there were celestial living entities staying. They had a camp, big camp there. Duryodhan did not have any idea about this. So the celestial living entities, obstructed Duryodhan's men. They said that, "this area is ours. You can't cross." So they were really upset. And as soon as they were upset, they came back to Duryodhan and informed him that, "somebody is blocking the way. They don't hear your orders, they don't care for you. So we could not reach Pandavas." So Duryodhan was very angry. This is whirlpool stage. As it is he had fallen a prey to the three modes of material nature. And now in this whirlpool again, he became very upset, agitated and angry. So he wanted to go himself, with some of the army, with him. So he approached, "who was stopping me to go there? He went and they had a severe fight.

Eventually Duryodhan lost the battle and was arrested and punished and Duryodhan was shouting - "Somebody should come and relieve me, somebody should come." Great shouting. See Yudhishtira heard this voice. Yudhishtira said to Arjuna, "See our cousin is in trouble." Because Yudhishtira was out of the reach of these three modes of material nature, he was always steady. A steady person regards him and the enemy the same way. So Bhima was upset with Yudhishtira. "Let him cry, he has insulted our wife. Why should we worry about this?" "No." Yudhishtira said, "No please, it is our duty to save him. So you and Arjuna, go and save him." So hesitatingly, Arjuna and Bhima went to fight with the celestial living entities. And eventually they could defeat and get Duryodhana out of that place. Duryodhana was completely ashamed. With the whole army, he returned to Hastinapur, without thanking the Pandavas.

This is *gunormi* and we are all in this whirlpool of modes of material nature. We don't know what we are doing. Only one thing can save us from here. And that is the unflinching attraction towards the topic of the Supreme Absolute Truth. These are daily discussed here at 6.30 in the morning to 7.30. We have seven arathis during the day. Offerings are there, arathis are going on, poojas are going on. (Appreciating the devotees in temple Maharaj says) Nice place we are having here. And because of your hard labour, this place may increase. We want bigger places, so that all the living entities like us, who are helplessly under the three modes of material nature, in the material existence and because of that we are suffering unsurpassable miseries.

So we should come to these places, take advantage of Hari katha and get relieved from the three modes of material nature. ***Till we are sitting here and the Lord is present here in His murti form, you will be out of modes. Nobody is fighting here, nobody is screaming here, they are completely in mode of goodness. And you should always remember that if you want to remain in the mode of goodness - it is very favourable for your successful bodily existence. Otherwise all these modes will create unknown trouble in your body.*** And as soon as you glide to lower modes your circulation stops. And irregular circulation of the blood gives rise to so many diseases. It is in our interest to come to the lotus feet of Krishna, try to understand Him and try to follow in a

puny way, whatever you can follow. And to follow this, its not very difficult. Have some picture or deity in your house, have a nice altar, bit of pooja here and there and read some Bhagavad gita, Bhagavatam and try to learn these things. That's the only thing we did.

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

Thank you very much

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 7

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the transcription of one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj that mode of goodness is favourable for successful bodily existence, whereas other modes trouble our body.

Maharaj: As soon as you start these things, get up early in the morning - early to bed, early to rise is the way to be happy, healthy, wealthy and wise. We all want to be happy, we all want to be healthy, we all want to be wealthy and we all want to be wise. But the conditions we don't follow. Just by going to bed early, and rising up early, you completely come out of the modes of material nature. Only after 10 o'clock at night, you are in the mode of ignorance, because that is the sleeping time. And sleep is definitely in the mode of ignorance. **Please sleep, so that you don't talk. In the lower modes, we should never open our mouth. If you are angry, don't speak please. If you don't speak, then you are quite safe. As soon as you start speaking, the modes will be completely create disturbance, in your body and the other's body.** We don't know these things. **By giving unnecessary vent through our mouth, for the lower modes, our own health is deteriorated. By becoming angry, you don't harm the person to whom you are angry. But your circulation becomes completely irregular. And if irregular blood circulation is there, it gives rise to blood pressure and so on. And if unfortunately, the clot is formed, you can die within no time.** Please please, save yourself from this unsurpassable miseries and come to this point to understand the waves of the modes of the material nature and the whirlpools, and the ways to save yourself from these whirlpools.

Never give-in to these things. As soon as we try to do these things, we control our greed also for this material acquisition. We are very greedy by nature. Extremely greedy. And why because we have passion mode - "I want to have one house, two houses, 3 houses and have big business. I want to do this, do this, do that." No please take your turn, regarding the material proprietorship. Everything belongs to Krishna. And He has reserved quota for each one of us. *tena tyaktena bhujithā mā gṛdhaḥ kasya svid dhanam* - (Isopanishad mantra 1) You please enjoy your own quota, and don't try to grab others' belongings. As soon as the greed is decreasing, the sign is very good, because then you are not running here and there unnecessarily, to increase the material possessions. The thing which is not ours, how can you possess? You have come here through the door and we are welcoming you, but if you sit here and tell that, "this hall belongs to me", may be the police will come and drive you out because this doesn't belong to you. So if anything belongs to Krishna, how much Krishna would be upset when you try to grab. This is the bad result of the greed.

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

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi.

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 8

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the transcription of one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj that **we should never open our mouth when we are angry**. Now we shall hear further.

Maharaj: **Be satisfied. We are trying very hard to do some service or business. Whatever we get is Krishna's mercy, we are completely satisfied. And this satisfaction, will give you nice help. Otherwise this greed, can never satisfy you.** Today in the morning we heard a nice story about greed. Please hear. Narada muni was walking on the road one day in a village. So there was a beggar in the village by the side of the road. And he had one begging bowl with him. He saw that Narada muni is coming and he said, "Please sage, you are a very nice sage. I've heard about you. Nobody can fill up this, my begging bowl which is very small. So please fill it up." So Narada muni said, "this is a small begging bowl. Nobody could fill it??" "Yes, nobody could, but you will be able to." He said, "I don't have anything. but I'm not the richest person. The treasurer demigod is Kuver. So, he will definitely fill up your begging bowl. I will give you one letter to Kuver. Please go with my letter and he will immediately fill up your begging bowl." So beggar was very satisfied. He said, "Hurry up and write the letter." Narada muni wrote a nice letter.

My dear friend Kuver,

I am sending this person with a small begging bowl. Please fill it up and oblige.

Your servant,
Narada muni.

He grabbed the letter and went to Kuver immediately. And when he approached Kuver, he said, "Narada muni, has given this letter to you. Kuver was very happy to receive a letter from Narada Muni and when he opened the letter, he read about the begging bowl and Narada muni requesting him to fill it up and oblige. "Oh ..then sit. Alright. Where is your bowl? please show me your bowl. Alright." There was one servant around him. He called the servant and said, "Take this beggar to our treasury and fill it up upto the brim." So the servant went there and he started putting all the jewels and everything in the begging bowl. To his surprise, the begging bowl was not full. The treasury was really empty. Eventually nothing was left. He ran to Kuver and said, "Maharaj you are completely poor man. All your treasure is gone and even then the beggar's bowl is not full."

Kuver was really upset and worried about it. He said, "what is happening? There must be a hole in the bowl, Narada muni should have examined the bowl." Then again Narada Muni was passing from there. He (Kuver) called and said, "Hey Narad. What did you do? My whole treasury is gone, but again this bowl is not filled." Narada Muni said, "Oh is it? What kind of bowl is this?" He asked the beggar, "Show me the bowl." The beggar showed the bowl. He said, "Not like this - topsy turvy." He just put it like this and showed. Narada muni saw that it is not a begging bowl. It is a human's skull. **Human skull can never be satisfied even if the whole treasury is emptied. This is the skull we all have.**

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

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi.

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 9

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the transcription of one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj the thoughtful story about how **the human skull is unlimitedly greedy and it will never be satisfied with any amount of material enjoyment**. Let us continue to hear from Maharaj further on this topic.

Maharaj: Control your skull. And come to the right point and Krishna will bless you and you will be very happy. From today, don't follow this skull. As soon as we realize this, we will understand that the unlimited amount of sense gratification also is not enough to satisfy this skull. We are running after here and there like mad persons for sense gratification. All the way we are coming from India to Australia just to fill the skull fully. And here we find that the skull is empty again. This is our *guna urmi cakram* - the waves of the modes of material nature and we are completely stuck in the whirlpool. The parents are shouting in India, "where is my son gone?" The son is shouting here, "I don't have anything, I can't come there." Please please save yourself from this.

We are honestly trying to increase all these things, but it is not under our control, nor we can control these things. Please try to start chanting. You have your own circumstances, whatever they are. Try to improve. If you cannot improve, surrender to Krishna and He will improve us, He will take the charge. Those who voluntarily surrender to Krishna, He takes the charge. Ramachandra Bhagavan says in Ramayan that, '*sakrt eva prapannoyas* - those who perform the pious activities, and the greatest pious activity is to chant whenever you get time, chant Mahamantra

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

and the effect will be the Lord is completely pleased, and then He says *abhayam sarvadā tasmai dadāmi etad vrtam mama* - those who come to Me and only say that *tava asmi iti ca yācate* - those only beg to Me that 'I am Yours, please accept me', I accept them and I give them the *abhayam*, fearlessness. Then they are not afraid in the material existence.'

Always we are scared about these things. Save yourself from this *guna urmi* and *cakram* and you will be completely happy. As soon as you realise this, then you are unconsciously attracted to the good activities and Krishna katha and celebration etc.

Krishna willing we will continue to hear transcendental realizations from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi.

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 10

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the transcription of one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj as to how Krishna takes charge of us, when we voluntarily surrender to Him. Now we shall hear further.

Maharaj: (Referring to devotees in Sydney, Maharaj said) You would be pleased to know that these people very hardly they are trying, our Atmaram Prabhu and crew, for a very big project. Fortunately it is very near to the world attractive place called "The Blue Mountain" and they are organising a big thing. May Lord bless them and may something comes up there soon. So please help these people by coming here and chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra rounds. ***If you chant, that project will come up. We want you to be sincere and always chanting***

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

And remember that bhakti is the root of all manifestation. These manifestation are the result of our Guru Srila Prabhupada's unflinching faith in Krishna and his devotional service.

We are at the moment proud, transcendently to inform you, at the moment that more than 3000 temples are there all around the world. Biggest communities are there. Everywhere continuous Krishna katha is going on, prasadam is prepared, distribution is going on. All these require lakshmi no doubt. More than lakshmi, we want you to be fixed in Krishna consciousness and chant for us.

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

With this we must stop here. Have you any questions?

Devotee: Maharaj, can we hear Krishna katha outside ISKCON?

Maharaj: Krishna katha is Krishna katha. It is not ISKCON Krishna katha. When did I tell so? I told Krishna katha. Isn't it? We have our own father. Everyone has one father. Isn't it? Have you more than one? (laughter) ***I have my own father. But I respect my uncles also I have my uncles also and elders in the society also. It is my duty to welcome everybody. But I don't leave my father and go to everybody and tell, "You are my father." Father cannot be changed. No. It's not my selection.*** Did I select my father? Did you select your father? It was selected by Krishna. I stick to my father and I go to everybody and respect everybody that, "you are my uncle, you are my cousin or whatever." This is how, Krishna katha is everywhere. But my father is Prabhupada. He has given the capacity to hear these things. Outside India particularly, those who are attracted to Krishna, those who are here, their guru is Srila Prabhupada. You cannot create any offence against Prabhupada. You go anywhere and hear. Who stops you? When did I tell you that you have to come to ISKCON? Wherever Krishna katha is there, you also can hear. In your own, house you read. I told you, you have to set the precedence. Go anywhere. But don't leave Prabhupada. That's my request. Your father is Prabhupada. You cannot change your father and go here and there....(mimicking) .."you are my father" (laughter). I will slap you if you change your father. (in a strict tone) You can't do it. So this is the thing. Krishna katha - hear anywhere. But this is the point. Anything else?

Krishna willing we will continue to hear more transcendental answers from Maharaj in the subsequent offering.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi

The Waves and Whirlpools of Material Modes - Part 11

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in conclusion of the transcription of one of the nectarean Bhagavatam class given by our beloved spiritual master, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on verse 2.3.12 in Sydney on 6th July 2003. In the previous offering we heard from Maharaj that chanting is the basis for everything. Now we shall see further.

Devotee: (asks a question - inaudible)

Maharaj: Pardon.

Devotee: (Repeats the question)

Maharaj: That's right. It is a very good question. You see, there is a factory. There are so many factories are running. The owner of the factory has selected a manager, deputy manager, supervisor, labourer. Everything is carried on according to His will. He really is present in His factory, in the form of His instructions. But He is outside also. He is with His family also. He is with His friends also. He goes and attends the parties also. So He is inside and outside both - He is inside. But He is not here, but we cannot tell that He is absent In accordance to His will, everything is going on. But He has so many business. May be other factories, other building or whatever..So He goes everywhere. So He may tell that, "I am not in that factory, I am here. I am doing this." But that doesn't mean He is not there. This is how Krishna has so many things to do. His energies are working. *na tasya kāryam karaṇam ca vidyate na tat-samaś cābhyadhikaś ca drśyate*. He doesn't have to do anything. Nobody can be instrument of Him. *na tat-samaś ca* - There is nobody equal to Him. That is the fact. *ābhyadhikaś ca drśyate* - If there is no equal, how can there be, "more powerful" than Him? There is no one powerful than Him.

parāsyā śaktir vividhaiva śrūyate - So many energies He has and all these are *svābhāvīkī jñāna-bala-kriyā ca - svābhāvīkī* - by their own nature they are working. If there is a seed of mango tree, mango tree will come out and it will give you mango fruit. Never Krishna will come to you and tell, "Please excuse me. This is a mango tree. But I forgot and kept banana in it." Never, Never. *svābhāvīkī jñāna-bala-kriyā ca - svābhāv* - These energies have *svābhāv*. Whatever is going on in your mind is also known to Him. Because the night watches you, the sun watches you, the moon watches you. Everybody is watching you. The sky watches you. He has so many witness around us. We are not alone here. Any discussion in the mind, it goes to Him and either you enjoy or you are punished. He is everywhere. But at the same time His own business is to go and graze the cows. He is a cowherd boy. He doesn't get entangled with your sex life here. But He knows that your sex life is regulated and you are not going outside. You are not irregular. And if you go irregular then AIDS will be punishing you and we cannot blame Krishna then. He has chalked out a lifestyle and if you go out of it - you will be punished. His laws are very stringent. Here you may commit murder. And if you are arrested, you will be punished. But there is no question of escaping there. Definitely you will have to suffer. This is how His energies work. He is with this and at the same time He is out of this. Yes. Hare Krishna.

Jai. Srila Prabhupada ki Jai

Heartfelt thanks to Maharaj for wonderfully explaining to us the meaning of waves and whirlpools of material nature and also the ways to come out of it. HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai! Srila Prabhupada ki Jai.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Suchitra Vijay

Abu Dhabi

Hear Hari katha and Be Happy

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 2 Chapter 3, we find the sages of Naimisaranya led by Shaunaka Muni, express their eagerness to hear Krishna katha from Suta Goswami. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.3.14 he says

*etac chuśrūṣatām vidvan
sūta no 'rhasi bhāṣitum
kathā hari-kathodarkāḥ
satām syuḥ sadasi dhruvam*

O learned Sūta Gosvāmī! Please continue to explain such topics to us because we are all eager to hear. Besides that, topics which result in the discussion of the Lord Hari should certainly be discussed in the assembly of devotees.

The sages of Naimisaranya, were conducting a 1000 year sacrifice for the welfare of all and while doing so, they were hearing Srimad Bhagavatam from Suta Goswami. They are showing be personal example how we should also be always eager to hear about Krishna. So irrespective of the inconveniences which they were undergoing while doing the sacrifices, they were very blissful to hear from Suta Goswami and that too in the association of devotees.

When topics are related to Krishna - it gives us bliss. When we speak any other thing, not in relation to Krishna, we are bound to be trapped by the modes. In the Bhagavad Gita seed verse 10.9 Lord Krishna Himself says

*mac-cittā mad-gata-prāṇā
bodhayantaḥ parasparam
kathayantaś ca mām nityam
tuṣyanti ca ramanti ca*

The thoughts of My pure devotees dwell in Me, their lives are fully devoted to My service, and they derive great satisfaction and bliss from always enlightening one another and conversing about Me.

Our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj very nicely says in today's calendar quote the secret for this satisfaction and bliss. Maharaj says, "***If a circle is there, then there has to be center. In our life, Krishna must be at the centre. If Krishna is not at the centre, we will never be satisfied.***"

Srila Prabhupada in his wonderful lecture to the above verse humorously says how people in those days were giving so much importance to reading mundane newspaper that once when a missionary person was preaching Christianity, "he began to describe hell to be a place where there will be no newspaper. So if one doesn't want to go to hell, then they should surrender to Christ."

But now-a-days media and electronic gadgets are all overflowing with so much of mundane news. If we are not alert enough, then easily we would get distracted to so many things and lose our peace of mind. His Divine Grace very nicely says in his lecture on verse 2.3.14 of Srimad Bhagavatam, a simple, sublime and sure way to become fully Krishna conscious.

- If you think of Kṛṣṇa twenty-four hours, then you'll become fully Kṛṣṇa conscious, and your life is successful. Don't allow anything. This requires little practice, abhyāsa-yoga-yuktena cetasā nānya-gāminā [Bg. 8.8]. I should not allow my mind to go, to think of any other subject than Kṛṣṇa. Now we have got so many books. So whenever you find time... You must find time. There is so much time. So read all these books or chant. But when you are hungry, you take prasādam. When you are sleepy, take a nap. Not very much; just to refresh. And go on, either chanting the beads or reading the books or talking about Kṛṣṇa. In this way, always remain in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Smartavyaḥ satato viṣṇuḥ. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to remember Viṣṇu always, twenty-four hours, some way or other. Type for Kṛṣṇa, write for Kṛṣṇa, go outside for Kṛṣṇa, saṅkīrtana party, sell book for Kṛṣṇa, bring money for Kṛṣṇa, spend for Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa. That's all. Everything Kṛṣṇa. This is Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Particularly these days, when we use the electronic gadgets etc, we must be very alert not to get distracted by unwanted pop-ups and get drowned in the web of material consciousness. That is why Maharaj always recommends that we should use books to study scriptures instead of using gadgets like mobiles and computers. That would help us to have more focussed attention and association with Srila Prabhupada and Lord Sri Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev
Sudarshana devi dasi

Who is The Owner?

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

In the Ishopanishad Mantra 1, it is clearly declared:

*īśāvāsyam idaṁ sarvaṁ yat kiñca jagatyāṁ jagat
tena tyaktena bhujīthā 'mā gṛdhaḥ kasya svid dhanam*

Everything animate or inanimate that is within the universe is controlled and owned by the Lord. One should therefore accept only those things necessary for himself, which are set aside as his quota, and one should not accept other things, knowing well to whom they belong.

Thus ultimate proprietorship of the Lord over everything is clearly delineated throughout the scriptures. Disregarding this proprietorship of the Lord and trying to lord over things is the root of all our sins. The Lord, when He incarnates in this material world, by His own personal example, shows how we must be satisfied with the quota allowed for us. In Srimad Ramayana, after Ravana is killed, Vibhishana is crowned as the King of Lanka and Lord Rama wanted Hanumanji to go and inform Sita of Rama's victory and bring Sita mata from Ashokavana where she had been imprisoned by Ravana. At that point of time, we see the following verse spoken by Lord Rama in Srimad Ramayana 6.112.24

*anujnāpya mahārājam imaṁ saumya vibhīṣaṇam
praviśya nagarīṁ laṅkāṁ kauśalaṁ brūhi maithilīm*

O the benevolent one! Taking permission from this Vibhishana, the great king and entering into the City of Lanka, inform about our welfare to Seetha.

Herein we see that Lord Rama is referring to Shri Vibhishana as Maharaja, the King, and is asking Shri Hanuman to get his permission to approach Sita. Lord Rama is duly respecting Shri Vibhishana who has been consecrated as the King of Lanka and does not claim any ownership over the place, though it is He only who had killed Ravana and gained victory. This is the greatness of the Lord and we stand to learn so much from this.

Also we see that Lord Rama reached back to Ayodhya travelling by the Pushpaka vimana which originally belongs to Kubera, the brother of Ravana and which had been forcibly abducted by Ravana from him. Lord Rama travelled in Pushpaka vimana, being requested by Shri Vibhishana. Once He landed in Ayodhya, Lord Rama immediately directed the Pushpaka vimana, the aerial car to fly back to Kuvera, to whom it belongs. We see in Srimad Ramayana 6.127.59 to 61

*abravīcca tadā rāmas tad vimānam anuttamam
vaha vaiśravaṇaṁ devam anujānāmi gamyatām
tato rāmābhyanujñātaṁ tad vimānam anuttamam
uttarāṁ diśam uddiśya jagāma dhanadālayam
vimānaṁ puṣpakaṁ divyaṁ samgrhītaṁ tu rakṣasā
agamad dhanadaṁ vegād rāmavākya pracoditam*

Then, Rama, after having descended from the pushpaka vimana, for his part, spoke to that excellent aerial car, "Serve as a transport to Kubera, the lord. I permit you to leave." Thus permitted by Rama, that excellent aerial car, thereupon proceeded towards the northern direction, so as to reach the abode of Kubera the lord of riches. That wonderful aerial car, Pushpaka which was seized by Ravana once, went in speed to Kubera, as impelled by Rama's advice.

This is a valuable instruction to us on returning back the things to the owners of the things. Many times we borrow things from others, but conveniently forget to return them. Here we see that the Supreme owner of everything the Lord is very carefully showing us the right values to be followed.

Our beloved Gurudev HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj, was very very particular that we don't grab anything from anyone. He says, "*Greed is our ingredient, but greedy for material things is very, very sinful. We have to grab, grab, grab, dhṛt. dhṛt is a word in Bhagavatam. dhṛt is forcefully grab, forcefully grab. That's dhṛt and that sinful living entity was grabbing the land you know, kingdom, that's why he's known as Dhṛtarāṣṭra. rāṣṭra means land. Dhṛtarāṣṭra, we know Kauravas' father, Dhṛtarāṣṭra. Blind man, he wanted to grab the kingdom and because of grabbing tendency, dhṛt, to grab, dhṛtarāṣṭra, his whole dynasty was wiped out. Nobody was left except these blind people, him and his wife and even then after losing everything, see the Dhṛtarāṣṭra, he went to the Pandavas with whom he fought, he wanted to kill them and in the end of life, he went there and stayed as their guest. Again, dhṛta, dhṛt, dhṛt, "I'm allowed", he said, "never mind my hundred boys are dead". Please! Please! Please! These are all examples in front of us and he was Dhṛtarāṣṭra. I am dhṛta dollar, jai!!!, dhṛta dollar, dhṛta. Where is the green thing? Where is the green thing? Come on! Come on! Come on! And I lose all my existence just after this greed and I may take one bundle of dollars from you son, yeh! Big stack and I can't take it with me. At the time of death, the stack doesn't accompany me. Otherwise we'll see all the stacks of notes vanishing. Government will be in trouble to print again.(Gurudev laughs). No! Nothing happens. **Everything we have to leave here. That is an eternal fact. We can't take our own bodies also. This is the truth to be realized. Real, it is real, isn't it? Reality, reality that I can't take anything from here and this is reality. I am understanding this reality, that's why I am realized. That's the meaning of realized. The realized people don't have horns on their head but their consciousness is completely changed because they have realized that nothing belongs to me. I am at my best, I can use it here.**"*

Let us be satisfied with the things the Lord has kindly set aside for us, and let us always consider to whom those things we possess actually belong.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Chennai.

Give Krishna to All

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

We keep hearing that this human birth is very rare - one in 8 million 400 thousand species and that too to take to path of devotional service is also very very rare. By causeless mercy of Sri Guru and Vaishnavas, when we somehow get this fortune of practising devotional service, what is our duty in this world?

In mundane life when we kept some precious gift from others, we feel very happy to receive it. But unless we feel compassion for others who don't have that gift, we would not care to share the gift with others. Likewise the path of devotional service - Krishna consciousness is a "matchless", "priceless" gift from Srila Prabhupada. We should not only value or treasure this gift, but also have the responsibility to pass on the legacy to others.

Is it enough if we simply do our prescribed duties, sadhana and just mind our own business and leave? But can we imagine what would have happened if His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and all other acaryas had also thought in those lines? Most of us would have never come to know what is devotion at all. As Srila Bhaktivinod Thakura writes in his Gitavali song "Nadiya Godrume Nityananda Mahajan" *jīve doyā, kṛṣṇa-nām—sarva-dharma-sār* - **The showing of compassion to other souls by loudly chanting the holy name of Kṛṣṇa is the essence of all forms of religion.**

Srila Prabhupada showed his compassion to all souls not just by his pure chanting, but he gave Krishna to all. For this purpose he did not mind his own personal inconveniences. We can see this nice mood of Srila Prabhupada in one of his lectures on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.3.14-15, given in Los Angeles on May 31 1972.

His Divine Grace says, *"So life is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So if you actually feel for your country, for your community, for your people, just spread this Kṛṣṇa consciousness. They're dying. You spread this Kṛṣṇa consciousness, they'll come again to life, and everything will be actually beautiful. That is my request. **I came to your country with this mission, that "The American people, they are feeling frustration. If they take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness, they'll be happy, and others will follow their example."** So now, some of you, my advanced students, you have understood the philosophy. Some of you have taken sannyāsa. So go town to town, village to village. Preach this Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Bring them to life, so this frustration will be stopped. The leaders of the society, the politician, they should take care where they are going.*

May we remember the words of His Divine Grace, cherish and treasure the loving gift of Krishna consciousness which he has given us and try our level best to give to all.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Sudarshana devi dasi