

Presence of Krishna - Part 4

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

This is in continuation of the previous topic titled, "**Presence of Krishna**" wherein we saw the below points.

- 1) we can realise the presence of Krishna by purifying our consciousness and His presence instills fearlessness in us.
- 2) when Krishna resides in our hearts, nothing material touches us.
- 3) Residence Vs Accomodation
- 4) Purpose of going to dhama.

Now we shall see further.

5. **Presence of Krishna makes everything glorious:** In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 10.2.18, while continuing to narrate the appearance of Krishna, Sukadev Goswami says to Parikshit Maharaj

*tato jagan-maṅgalam acyutāṁśam
samāhitam śūra-sutena devī
dadhāra sarvātmakam ātma-bhūtaṁ
kāṣṭhā yathānanda-karaṁ manastaḥ*

Thereafter, accompanied by plenary expansions, the fully opulent Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is all-auspicious for the entire universe, was transferred from the mind of Vasudeva to the mind of Devakī. Devakī, having thus been initiated by Vasudeva, became beautiful by carrying Lord Kṛṣṇa, the original consciousness for everyone, the cause of all causes, within the core of her heart, just as the east becomes beautiful by carrying the rising moon.

In his wonderful purport to above verse His Divine Grace while narrating the glorious manner in which Lord was transferred from Vasudeva's mind to Devaki's mind, gives a very nice explanation of what is initiation. His Divine Grace says, "***We should note carefully that the Lord was transferred to Devakī not by the ordinary way for a human being, but by dīkṣā, initiation. Thus the importance of initiation is mentioned here. Unless one is initiated by the right person, who always carries within his heart the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one cannot acquire the power to carry the Supreme Godhead within the core of one's own heart.***" So by the process of initiation, spiritual master is teaching us the way to carry Krishna in our hearts.

In the previous verse (SB 10.2.17) we saw that when Krishna entered Vasudeva's mind Vasudeva was effulgent like illuminating sun. Here in this verse, when Krishna is transferred from Vasudev's mind to that of Devaki, her beauty is compared to that of rising moon. Wherever Krishna appears, that person, place becomes very glorious. That is why Gopis also sing in Srimad Bhagavatam 10.31.1 - *jayati te 'dhikarṁ janmanā vrajaḥ* - The gopīs said: **O beloved, Your birth in the land of Vraja has made it exceedingly glorious.** In the battle of Kurukshetra also we find Pandavas were successful and glorious because of presence of Krishna with them. Our beloved spiritual master HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj said that in Dwarka, while acquiring the land for temple, Maharaj had to face so many challenges and troubles from the local gundas, as well as the authorities. But as soon as the deities of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish appeared, all of them kept quite and they in fact appreciated Maharaj for his efforts in attempting to build the stone temple. Also in Rajkot dham, which was initially barren, as soon as deities of Sri Sri Radha NeelMadhav were installed, there has been regular rainfall. So as soon as Lord resides, everything becomes auspicious, glorious.

In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.8.39 Kunti Maharani also very nicely says in her prayers to Supreme Lord,

*neyam śobhiṣyate tatra yathedānīm gadādhara
tvat-padair aṅkitā bhāti sva-lakṣaṇa-vilakṣitaiḥ*

O Gadādhara [Kṛṣṇa], our kingdom is now being marked by the impressions of Your feet, and therefore it appears beautiful. But when You leave, it will no longer be so.

The tilak marks we decorate on our body also signifies the lotus feet of Supreme Lord. So wearing tilak, not only brightens our face, but also helps others to remember Krishna. So we see that Krishna's names, forms, deities and paraphernalia are all non-different from Him and so His presence in any of these forms makes everything glorious.

Krishna willing we shall continue to meditate more on this topic in the subsequent offering.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

Kalacakra Krsna das and Sudarshana devi dasi