

Transcendental Pearls of Wisdom - Part 4

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Dear Vaishnavas,

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

I am sharing herewith my notes from the instructions given by our most merciful spiritual master, His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja, at an evening program in London, June 7, 2008.

Real-isation Vs Concoction:

We're all here by Srila Prabhupada's mercy only. Unless we follow seriously we cannot pass it on. What we often forget is this world is 1) temporary and 2) very much changing. That is REAL-isation.

Cala cittam. Our mind is flickering, always. Unless it's under the shelter of Krishna, it is never steady. *Calatvittam*. Our wealth is flickering. Wealth is always under the Lord's control. Inflation always eats up the wealth. *Calācalam idam sarvam*. We base all our behavior on the concoctions and thus make problems only.

Those who know, knows that Krishna is sarva karana karanam. But we concoct. For eg., If someone did not invite me, immediately we concoct "Why I'm not invited? They do not like me?" etc. As soon as we stop concocting, half of our lifetime is saved and we can utilize it on Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

Cleanliness Needed:

Except for ourselves, we look at everyone else. For eg., in the temple: "Why he's not doing this?" etc. This must be stopped. If our room is clean, our mind is clean, and if our mind is clean, we can do anything.

So we must be clean. I always advice: "In one hand the bead bag and another, the duster. We claim cleanliness is next to Godliness, but that's only lip service. As soon as someone visits us, so much we have to clean. Because we're not organized, we cannot do anything; forget about bhakti."

If our room is dirty, then so are we. And if we are dirty, we cannot be happy.

We may have degrees etc. but our spiritual education is lacking. We want to educate ourselves spiritually!

Cleanliness

Discipline

Education (spiritual)

For

God

With these preliminary habits, we become ready for Bhagavad-gita. Please keep small Bhagavad-gita with you and you'll gain taste, and with this higher taste you'll never be attracted to the lower taste.

Please remember Krishna:

One thing we should remember: We cannot remember Krishna, if Krishna doesn't remember us. We are here today because Krishna remembered us! Those who know Bhagavad-gita, but do not preach, will be proud of it. As soon as pride is there, we'll become envious: "They are not doing anything".

Pride

Envy

Anger

P-E-A. Peas, especially split peas; produces unnecessary air in the body, giving so much pain. It is important that our body is in order, just basically. As long as there is unregulated air in the body, we cannot concentrate on the Bhagavad-gita. But don't go to doctors – they do not know anything! At least Ayurvedic doctors, they know about ginger etc. But as far as possible, do not go to the doctor. Just try to find some solution; change something, For eg., the air you breathe, your habits – what's needed. Please remember: *āgamāpāyino 'nityās* – that what has come, will eventually go away. Like you have come here; we don't need to throw you out, because eventually you will go away. We just have to tolerate you while you're here, that's all. Please read our Granthraj – you'll benefit so much.

Determination Needed:

*yeṣāṁ tv anta-gataṁ pāpaṁ janānāṁ puṇya-karmaṇām
te dvandva-moha-nirmuktā bhajante mām dṛḍha-vratāḥ*

Three things mentioned here: Those people

- 1) whose sins are completely eradicated (*anta-gataṁ pāpaṁ*),
- 2) who have acted piously in previous lives (*puṇya-karmaṇām*), and
- 3) who are free from the dualities of delusion (*dvandva-moha-nirmuktā*)

– they can engage themselves in serious devotional service to Krishna (*bhajante mām dṛḍha-vratāḥ*). Often a verse's conclusion is stated at the end. Yamaraja is not after those who have done something in devotional service. How long does it take to remember these verses? But we're not serious about it. We're not serious about leaving our body. (Maharaja sings a Gujarati bhajana, saying that the sinful reactions stops us from remembering Lord Krishna.) Medicine cannot eradicate sinful reactions – it aggravates it. But if we go to Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam we can become cured. "By-pass?" There is no by-pass or "fly-over" for the body. There is no limit to our foolishness. Misery captures our mind.

For those who have miserable inclination, more attentive chanting should be there. We're only miserable when we are weak in devotional service – so we should increase the devotional service. Please don't read anything else than Srila Prabhupada. You'll be misled. Everything is there in Srila Prabhupada's translations and purports.

That is our position: We're condemned to death, but the day is not decided. We always think it will happen two years later. Intelligently we have to visualize this, and then we can become determined to get out of this bodily concept. Like the seabird's determination. The sea took her eggs. When asked, the sea didn't give the eggs back, so the bird told the sea: "Please return my eggs, or I'll empty you". With her small beak she then began to pick out the water and put it on the beach. Garuda then came down and made the ocean return the eggs.

How much determination Srila Prabhupada had. 40 rupees and all these temples. Prabhupada said: "I didn't waste my time. I always did something, and Lord Krishna helped me."

Very Simple:

Devotional service is very simple: Simply chanting nicely. Why make it more difficult? Get up for mangala-arati: (Maharaja sings another poem)

Give up sleeping,
Just remember Krishna.
You are the one.
You are the one.

Very simple instruction. Simply through song. Our attachment is creating so many horrible things, so please be spiritually detached and do this simple way of devotional service.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

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Transcendental Pearls of Wisdom - Part 1

Date: 2010-01-22

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Dear Devotees,

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

I was going through my notes and found the points I had taken from some of the lectures of our spiritual master H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj 2 years back. I thought it would be good to share these transcendental pearls of wisdom with everyone. The following are some of the points taken from Maharaj's lecture on 29th Feb 2008 in Rajkot.

1. Soul has **no meaning** without the Supersoul. That is why Supersoul always accompanies the soul.
2. The Supreme spirit supplies unlimited energy to the sparks **as long as the spark is near** the Supreme spirit.
3. We should always remember we are sparks. Remembering that we are 'spark' means **we should be never proud** (because spark is so tiny and insignificant). If the Supersoul decides to stop supply of energy, the soul cannot function.
4. If we try to brush off Krishna, **we will be brushed off.**
5. A boy grows to become a man by the **energy of Krishna**, not by pumping air into his body. This is developed by the unseen energy of Krishna. Thus we can understand that Krishna is present everywhere in the form of His energies. His energy is called 'Supreme' because **it does not require external support.**
6. At least 1 hour we should be with Prabhupada **everyday** by studying his books or listening to his lectures.
7. The power of karma must be established to control the **exploitation** tendency. (In other words we will know that if we exploit others, we will be exploited and avoid it).
8. Since Bhagavatam is absent in our lives these days, **narrow-mindedness** is increasing. Those who follow Bhagavatam in their lives will be broad-hearted.
9. Our life is completely useless if we are not habituated to see the spiritual thing everywhere. At the same time **work must be done sincerely.** If you do not have income you would not be able to come here (Rajkot).
10. In **trying circumstances our faith in Krishna must increase.** With devotional service, 'suffering' becomes 'enjoyment'.
11. Try to reduce artificial necessities, especially **electronics.** Unless you understand the **importance of Krishna,** you cannot cut down material necessities.
12. In the process of getting spiritual attraction we should not become lethargic in our material duties.
13. Artificial life will never give healthy life. Prabhupada did not give us **easy-chair philosophy.** At 4.00 am we have to **stand up (for mangala arati).**
14. For old persons, **it is a sin** to remain at home. Bhagavatam says we should **live like a 'guest'** in our home (*grheshu atitivat vasan*).
15. Our life must be completely simple and straightforward. No **corners** must be there in our mind.

16. Our material development also if it is through **honest** means, then it is spiritual. If it is through foul means, then it is material.

17. Too much of **miserliness** will finish our body, but we must be **economical**.

Thank you very much.

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

Transcendental Pearls of Wisdom - Part 2

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Dear Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Here are some of the transcendental pearls of wisdom I had written down in my notebook from the pravacan of our spiritual master on evening of 29th Feb 2008 in Rajkot. Maharaj gave a lecture on the verse BG 9.22:

*ananyāś cintayanto mām ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣām nityābhiyuktānām yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham*

But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form — to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have.

1. If we increase the necessities in our life, inebriety also increases.
2. One rule we should follow in our lives :- **Do not lend, do not borrow**. We should avoid loans at all costs. If we owe money to somebody, our minds are disturbed.
3. Vaishnavas never grapple into **indefinite atmosphere**. If something is not definite we should not venture in that area.
4. Material world is a **disturbed platform** and we are trying to balance ourselves, this is completely contradictory.
5. Unless we are healthy how can we perform our material duties? Therefore we need **spiritual practices** to keep ourselves healthy.
6. janaah means those who are going through birth, death, old age and disease. All these janaas should follow *ananyaas cintayanto maam* - **worship Krishna with exclusive devotion**.
7. Bhakti is not *nishkriya* (inaction). Krishna is so active. He is maintaining so many universes. How much active we should be? **We cannot be devotees without being active**. We should not be inactive in the name of devotional service.
8. Material activities do not take much time. Unnecessarily we are **prolonging** these activities and wasting a lot of our time.
9. The **quality of our life must improve**. As soon as we detect any inferior quality in us, we should drive it away.
10. The life flowing from Sun (*urja*) comes between 4 and 7 am. This air is special for our health. Hence we must make the best use of this time for spiritual activities. The curative force is inside us. **Immunity is the monopoly of mangala arati time**. To maintain immunity in us, Krishna has nicely planned the Varnashrama system for us.
11. *nitya abhiyukta* - "**always feelingly engaged**". *abhi* (feelingly) *yukta* (engaged). We should be engaged in Krishna's service **with feeling**, not mechanically.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
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Transcendental Pearls of Wisdom - Part 3

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Dear Prabhujis and Matajis,

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

Here are some of the transcendental pearls of wisdom I had written down in my notebook from the pravacan of our spiritual master on 1st March 2008 in Rajkot.

1. Krishna is addressed as *yashoda nandana* - Yashoda is the purest devotee. *yashah dadaati iti yashoda*. **If we run after Krishna we will also become famous**. Great devotees like Srila Prabhupada, Kulashekara Alwar etc became famous because they took exclusive shelter of Krishna.

2. Krishna is referred in Gita as *nidhaanam bijam avyayam*. *nidhaanam* means **inexhaustible and eternal resting place**. In dharmashaala we are kicked out after a while. This material world is like a dharmashaala.

3. We must be economical but not miserly. **Richness** (*paisaadhaar*) is completely different from **opulence** (*srimanth*). Srimanth is one **who has money and uses it for devotional service**.

4. We must always eat seasonal fruits and vegetables because Krishna has **infused His energy** in those fruits and vegetables that is suitable for our bodily nourishment according to the particular season.

5. We should buy milk and **churn our own yogurt**. We should always use excess money in maintaining cows and farm land.

6. Krishna's appearance must be there in our life. Those who follow Bhagavatam are called *bhagavadiya*. Bhagavadiya people are always **peaceful**. Because they practice the verse:

*mā kañcana śuco rājan yad īśvara-vaśam jagat
lokāḥ sapālā yasyeme vahanti balim īśituḥ
sa saṁyunakti bhūtāni sa eva viyunakti ca*

Sri Narada said: O pious King, do not lament for anyone, for everyone is under the control of the Supreme Lord. Therefore all living beings and their leaders carry on worship to be well protected. It is He only who brings them together and disperses them.

7. You cannot look after your own digestion. How can you look after others? We don't realize that we ourselves are **helpless**. Hence we are beating around the bush.

8. Bhishmadev says *na hy asya karhicit raajan* - **Nobody knows Krishna's plans**. An accident appears to be accident but it is not.

9. As soon as our behavior goes **anti-vedic, our health is disturbed**. Never worry. 'Worry' stops our digestion. For digestion, organs should move freely. By worrying the organ's movements gets stopped and it leads to indigestion.

10. **Honesty** always gives us protection. Cheaters cannot survive in this world. Our relationships should never be clouded by **selfish interest**.

11. **Theistic attitude** is interwoven in the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavat-gita.

12. Encouragement in life comes from the **constant chanting** of holy names.

13. We are not running after happiness. We are looking for bliss. **Bliss and Bless** are related. We should have blessings from everybody to be in bliss. Elders must be **always respected** and goodwill from everybody must be there for us to be in bliss.

14. As the waning years approach, **invalidity** is bound to creep in. If we are with Krishna, even during old age **we can be in bliss**.

15. Unless we are *vraja jana*, *ranjana* will not be there (Krishna's **pleasing reciprocation** will not be there).

16. Every word of Srimad Bhagavatam is impregnated with unlimited meanings. Broadcast it with your own **self-assimilated experience** (*yah svaanubhaavam akhila shruti saaram ekam*).

17. Our goal of existence is not preaching but to **become a devotee**.

18. We are always **infected by the three modes** of material nature. Only Krishna's presence in the house (like deity, shastras etc) will reduce the effect of the modes.

Thank you very much.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
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