

ŚRĪ MAHĀNET

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Godless kings or heads of state, when puffed up by advancement of material wealth, education and increase of population, always make a show of military strength and give trouble to the innocent. When Lord Kṛṣṇa was personally present, there were many such kings all over the world, and He thus arranged for the Battle of Kuruksetra. In His manifestation of viśva-rūpa, the Lord expressed said as follows: "I have willingly descended on the earth in My capacity of inexorable Time in order to decrease the unwanted population. I shall finish all those who have assembled here except you, the Pāṇḍavas. This killing does not wait for you to take part in it. It is already arranged: all will be killed by Me. If you want to become famous as the hero of the battlefield and thus enjoy the booty of war, then, O Savyasācī, just become the immediate cause of this killing and thus take the credit. I have already killed all the great warriors. Do not worry. Fight the battle and be famous as a great hero."

(Bg. 11.32–34)

(Prabhupada Purport SB 3:1:43)

ŚRĪ ŚRĪ PRAPANNA-JIVANAMRTAM

by Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣhaka Śrīdhara

Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

Verse 3.6

yukta-vairagyam evanukulam –

*yavata syat sva-nirvahah, svikuryat tavad arthavit
adhikye nyunatayan ca, cyavate paramarthatah*

Sri Vyasapadanam

Only renunciation in devotion (*yukta-vairagya*) is favorable –

"A person with genuine insight will accept only as much facility as needed to fulfill his personal necessity. Over or under acceptance of one's due measure may cause a fall from spiritual practices."

- Sri Vyasadeva



Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaja

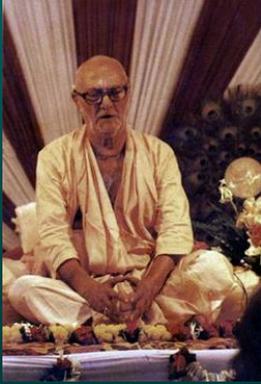
WORDS OF OUR GUARDIANS

Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja
from *The Loving Search for the Lost Servant*

The Brahmin Leper

Kaviraja Goswami has cited as an example of this sort of devotion a historical reference from the Puranas. There was once a chaste wife whose *brahmana* husband was a leper. She always tried her best to serve Him. One day, while she was bathing her husband at a holy river, he became infatuated with the extraordinary beauty of a prostitute by the name *Laksahira*. Her name indicated that she possessed the luster and beauty of a hundred thousand diamonds. The leper *brahmana* was irresistibly charmed by her. Upon returning home, his chaste wife detected some dissatisfaction within her husband,

and inquired, "Why are you so unhappy?" Her husband replied, "I felt some attraction for the beauty of that prostitute. And I can't take my mind off her." "Oh. You want her?" "Yes. I do." "Then I shall try to make the arrangement." Then, because she was poor, the chaste lady, although a qualified *brahmana*, began to go to the house of the prostitute every day and work as a maidservant. Although she was aristocratic by birth, she accepted the work of a maidservant without any remuneration. And she did her duties so diligently that she attracted the attention of the prostitute, the mistress of the house, who began to inquire. "Who cleans everything so neatly and beautifully?" And she came to know



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Maharaj**

"The calculation of Prahlada's demonic father about the environment was falsified, but Prahlada's deeper vision saw reality correctly. He saw that Krsna is everywhere. And Krsna consciousness is commanding the whole."

that a *brahmana* lady was coming every morning and performing many menial tasks. The other attendants said, "We tried to stop her, but she would not hear of it. She wants to meet you."

The mistress replied, "All right. Tomorrow, you may bring her to me." Then, the next morning, when she was taken to the prostitute, the *brahmana* lady expressed her inner motive. "My husband is so attracted to you that it is my desire that you may satisfy him. It is my concern as his devout wife that he be satisfied, and this is his aspiration. So I want to see him happy." Then the prostitute understood everything and said, "Yes. Bring him tomorrow. I invite both of you to dine in my house." This was intimated to the *brahmana* and the following day they came. Many dishes were prepared fitting the occasion. Two entrees were served. One was

prasadam on a plantain leaf accompanied by Ganges water in an earthen pot - all pure vegetarian food. Side by side with that in gold and silver pots were so many meats and rich dishes. They were served with a very nice table arrangement and sitting places. Of the two kinds of foodstuffs, one was *sattvik*, pure, and the other was *rajasik*, filled with passion. Then, with folded palms, the prostitute invited the *brahmana* and his wife and indicated, "This is *bhagavata prasadam*, and those are rich dishes prepared with meat. Whichever you like you may take at your sweet will."

Immediately the leper *brahmana* chose the *prasadam*, and began to take his meal. After he had finished taking *prasadam*, the prostitute said, "Your wife is like this *prasadam* - *sattvik* - and all these *rajasik* things - meat, rich dishes, gold, silver - this is like me. I am so low and your wife is

the purest of the pure. Your real taste is for this *sattvik prasadam*. Externally, the meat is very gorgeous, but internally it is very impure, filthy. And therefore you are repulsed by it. So why have you come here to me?" Then the *brahmana* came to his senses. "Yes, I am wrong. God has sent a message to me through you. My fleeting desire has ended and now I am satisfied. You are my guru!"

Kaviraja Goswami has quoted this in the *Caitanya-caritamrta*. The chaste lady went to serve the prostitute. Why? For the satisfaction of her husband. So Radharani says, "I am ready to serve those in the opposition camp, if they can really satisfy My Lord. I am completely ready to serve them if they can really satisfy Krsna. But they can't. Yet still they have some demand. But I differ on that point. It is not that I am concerned that My share is being lessened. That is not My

attitude. Whenever any unfavorable circumstances come, I think it is always coming from within Me (*durdaiva vilasa*); I don't find anything corrupt to be traced outside." That should be the attitude of a true devotee of Krsna. With this attitude, we shall be able to see within ourselves that everything is ultimately part of the absolute good. Although it is not very easy, still, our energy should be devoted only to collect good will from external circumstances. In this way we should take care to see things in such a way as to purify our own position.

And so, we are encouraged by *Srimad-Bhagavatam* to look deeper. We must try to look deeper and then we will find our friend; if we are liberal in our attitude towards the environment, we cannot but come in connection with the plane which is really liberal. That is Krsna consciousness in its

ultimate reach. If we look deeply into reality with this sort of vision, we will find our real home. Prahlada boldly met all adverse circumstances and ultimately he was victorious. The calculation of Prahlada's demonic father about the environment was falsified, but Prahlada's deeper vision saw reality correctly. He saw that Krsna is everywhere. And Krsna consciousness is commanding the whole. So we must not allow ourselves to be discouraged under any circumstances, however acute they may apparently seem to us. Krsna is there. As much as the circumstances appear to oppose us, it is really not so. If only we can develop the right vision, the smiling face of the Lord will appear from behind the screen. That is Krsna consciousness.

DIVINE INSTRUCTION

Srila Bhakti Sundara Govinda Deva Goswami Maharaja
from "Revealed Truth"

THE QUALITY OF OUR EXISTENCE IN KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS

If we chant the Hare Krsna Mahamantra with the qualities of humility, tolerance and giving honor to others we will certainly get a proper result. Mahaprabhu has promised us this and even Krsna will not be able to check our result because our result will come to us through His devotee's devotee. Humility, tolerance and the offering of respect are the

essential qualities of a devotee and everyone must maintain those qualities in their devotional lives. If anyone is successful in practicing Mahaprabhu's procedure then they will be very, very close to liberation, and after liberation they will see and feel how everything is transcendental and alright, by the will of the Lord.

So, how humble we are, how tolerant we are, and how much we give honor to others is the

quality of our existence in the line of Krsna consciousness. This is the teaching of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami, Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur, Prabhupad Srila Saraswati Thakur, and my Guru Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

Dasa-mula-tattva: Truth Ten

Love for Sri Krsna is the singular supreme ultimate objective.



Srila Bhakti Sundara
Govinda Deva Goswami
Maharaja

The Inconceivable Glories of Krsna's Devotees and Divine Abode

Everywhere throughout the Scriptures Krsna is glorified supremely, beyond all other gods and demigods, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead who lives eternally in His divine abode of Goloka Vrndavan.

*virajara pare suddha-paravyoma-dhama
tad upari sri-gokula-vrndaranya nama*
(Gitavali: Radhastaka, 2.1)

“Beyond *Viraja*, the river that divides the material and spiritual worlds, is *Paravyoma Dham*, the spiritual sky, and the supreme, original abode within the spiritual sky is *Goloka Vrndavan*, Lord Krsna's eternal abode.”

In Krsna's transcendental abode everything moves according to Krsna's will for Krsna's satisfaction. We cannot conceive how much beauty, ecstasy, love and everything play in the Pastimes of the Sweet Absolute there in Sri Vrndavan Dham.

Radha-kunda, *Yogamaya* arranges everything there. So, under the guidance of *Yogamaya* and *Radharani*, Krsna's supreme servitor who fulfils all of His desires to the extreme, everything and everyone within the transcendental abode is engaged in satisfying Krsna.

WISH-FULFILLING SERVITORS

The glory of Krsna's transcendental abode has been very beautifully described in *Sri Brahma-samhita*, the *stava*, prayers, of Lord Brahma. Through *dhyana*, meditation, upon the *Gayatri-mantram*, everything was revealed in the heart of Brahma and he expressed in *Brahma-samhita* his divine vision of Krsna and Krsna's divine abode.

*sriyah kantah kantah parama-purusah kalpa-
taravo
druma bhumis chintamani-gana-mayi toyam
amrtam
katha ganam natyam gamanam api vamsi priya-
sakhi
chid-anandam jyotih param api tad asvadyam
api cha*

In Vrndavan, time, space and everything within the environment move, expand and contract according to the will of Krsna. But Krsna Himself is not directly concerned with anything, He simply enjoys. Krsna's immediate expansion *Sankarsana Balaram* is the actual manager of the transcendental world and He makes all the arrangements for the play and satisfaction of Krsna through His potency, *Yogamaya*. So it is *Yogamaya*, Krsna's delegated power, who actually arranges all of the Pastimes of Krsna. Through her power *Yogamaya* can understand all the desires that appear in the heart of Krsna, as well as *Radharani*, the *sakhis*, the *maijaris*, and all the servitors of that abode. She can understand in which way Krsna wants to play with the *gopis*, in which way Krsna wants to play with *Radharani*, where They want to play, etc. She can understand everything. Krsna only wishes in His heart, “I want this,” or “I want that,” and *Yogamaya* arranges everything to fulfil that.

When *Radharani* wants to worship Krsna in

*sa yatra ksirabdhah sravati surabhibhyas cha su-
mahan
nimesardhakhyo va vrajati na hi yatrapi
samayah
bhaje svetadwipam tam aham iha golokam iti
yam
vidantas te santah ksiti-virala-charah katipaye*
(*Sri Brahma-samhita*: 5.56)

Sriya kahntah, all the girls and ladies in Goloka Vrndavan are like *Laksmidevi*. Their ankle bells are made of wish-fulfilling *chintamani* gems and they are full with all wealth, beauty, love, charm, etc. They play with their beloved Krsna who is their only enjoyer. *Kantah Parama-Purusah*, the sole enjoyer in Goloka Vrndavan is Krsna Himself and He enjoys all the different moods of devotion present in the hearts of all His associates there in His divine abode.

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SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja
from “Guidance” – Volume 1



Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja

Disentangled

6 December 2010

Continued from our Jan 2021 issue...

*jananī-jāṭhare, chhilāma yakhana,
viṣama bandhana-pāśe*

“When I was in the mother’s womb, I got very much austerity.”

*eka-bāra prabhu,
dekhā diyā more
vañchile e dīna dāse*

“One time You showed me Your form—I saw You in my mother’s womb, but now I cannot see You.”

*“Then I was born, and māyā, the
illusory environment, attacked me.
I have become surrounded by the
net of illusory environment and
now I cannot come out—māyā has
bound me in her net.”*

*takhana bhāvinu,
janama pāiyā,
kariba bhajana tava,*

“At that time I thought and promised You that I would worship You, I would chant Your Name.”

*janama ha-ila,
paḍi’ māyā-jāle,
nā ha-ila jñāna-lava*

“Then I was born, and māyā, the illusory environment, attacked me. I have become surrounded by the net of illusory environment and now I cannot come out—māyā has bound me in her net.”

*ādarera chhele,
svajanera kole,
hāsiyā kātānu kāla,*

“When I was a small boy, I sat on the lap of my

relatives and everybody—my uncle, father, mother, and others—gave me so much affection.”

*janaka-jananī- snehete bhuliyā,
saṁsāra lāgila bhāla*

“They gave me much affection, and I felt so nice that I could not come out.”

When your wife or your husband give you much affection, you cannot come to this line, but when they kick you, then you can come. Is it correct or not? If they kick you, give you austerity, then you suffer so much and think, “Oh, it is not good, I have got to come out.” When they give you much love and affection, you cannot come to this line in that life.

VAISNAVA CALENDAR for NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY

February 2021

- 1 (Mon) Krishna Chaturthi. Disappearance of Sripad Yadavendu Bhakti Chandan.
- 3 (Wed) Krishna Shashthi. Disappearance of Srila Jayadev Goswami. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Bhakti Sampat Madhusudan Maharaj (Sriman Mukunda Prabhu).
- 5 (Fri) Krishna Ashtami. Disappearance of Srila Lochan Das Thakur.
- 7 (Sun) Krishna Ekadashi. Shat-tila Ekadashi (in New York). **Fast**.
- 8 (Mon) Krishna Dvadashi. Paran between 06:58 and 10:26.
- 12 (Fri) Gaura Pratipad. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Gaurava Vaikhanas Maharaj. Disappearance of Sri Haripada Chaudhuri Das Adhikari.
- 13 (Sat) Gaura Dvitiya. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Sharan Shanta Maharaj.
- 15 (Mon) Gaura Chaturthi. Appearance of Srila Bhakti Pavan Janardan Maharaj.
- 16 (Tue) Gaura Panchami. **Sri Krishna Vasanta Panchami**. Sri Saraswati Puja. Appearance of Srila Raghunath Das Goswami. Appearance of **Sri Vishnu Priya Devi**. Appearance of Srila Pundarik Vidyanidhi. Appearance of Srila Raghu Nandan Thakur. Disappearance of Srila Visvanath Chakravarti Thakur. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Viveka Bharati Maharaj. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Svarup Parvat Maharaj.
- 19 (Fri) Gaura Saptami. **Appearance of Mahavishnu Avatar, Sri Advaita Acharya**.
- 20 (Sat) Gaura Ashtami. Disappearance of Sripad Virendra Krishna Prabhu.
- 21 (Sun) Gaura Navami. Disappearance of Srila Madhva Acharya.
- 22 (Mon) Gaura Ekadashi. Bhaimi Ekadashi (in New York). **Fasting** for Bhaimi Ekadashi and Appearance of Lord Varaha. Disappearance of Sripad Ramanuja Acharya.
- 23 (Tue) Gaura Dvadashi. Paran between 11:01 and 17:40.
- 24 (Wed) Gaura Dvadashi. Varaha Dvadashi. Appearance of Lord Varaha.
- 25 (Thu) Gaura Trayodashi. **Appearance of Sri Nityananda Prabhu**. Grand festival and installation anniversary of Sri Sri Guru Gaura Nityananda Jiu at Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha, Ekachakra Dham.
- 27 (Sat) Purnima. Sri Krishna's Madhuotsav. Appearance of Srila Narottam Das Thakur.

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