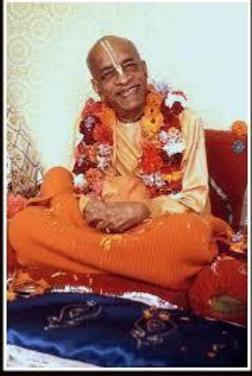


# ŚRĪ MAHĀNET

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The activities of the Lord are to be accepted and relished by all living entities. His activities are to attract the ordinary man towards the Lord. The

Lord always acts in favor of the devotees, and therefore ordinary men who are fruitive actors or seekers of salvation may be attracted to the Lord when He acts as protector of the devotees. The fruitive actors can attain

their goals by devotional service, and the Salvationists can also attain their goal in life by devotional service to the Lord. The devotees do not want the

fruitive results of their work, nor do they want any kind of salvation. They relish the glorious superhuman

activities of the Lord, such as His lifting Govardhana Hill and His killing the demon Pūtana in infancy. His activities are enacted to attract all.

Because He is transcendental to all laws of *karma*, there is no possibility of His accepting a form of *māyā* as is forced on the ordinary living entities who are bound by the actions and reactions of their own deeds.

(Prabhupada Purport SB 3:1:44)

## ŚRĪ ŚRĪ PRAPANNA-JIVANAMRTAM

by Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣhaka Śrīdhara

Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

Verse 3.8

*sarvatha hari-smṛti-raksanam eva tatparyam –*

*alabdhe va vinaste va, bhakṣyacchadana-sadhane  
aviklava-matir bhutva, harim eva dhiya smaret*

Sri Vyasapadanam

The fundamental objective is to maintain constant remembrance of Sri Hari in every time, place and circumstance –

"If persons engaged in the devotional service of Lord Hari are unable to obtain food and shelter despite their attempts, or if their acquisitions are lost or destroyed, they should, without anxiety, absorb their hearts deeply in the thought of Lord Hari."

- Sri Vyasadeva



Dedication to Sri Krishna

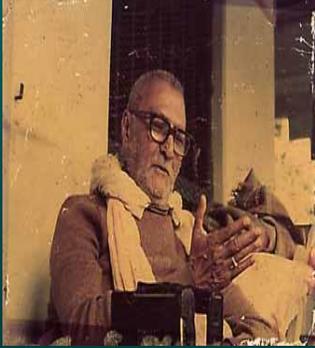
# WORDS OF OUR GUARDIANS

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

## Enemy Ego / Real Ego

Here, everything is but a reflection of the perfect world. Originally everything is there, including all types of service, but here we have only a perverted reflection. Leaving this variegated world behind, we should not attempt to merge into non-consciousness so that we won't be able to feel any pleasure or pain. At present we are under the influence of our enemy ego. Real ego exists in the spiritual world. All experience is found there, but it is full of beauty and charm. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means full-fledged theism. This means that we can have a relationship with the infinite up to consortherhood. Everything that we

need to help us and lead us in the right direction is really to be found in the spiritual world in its purest and most desirable position. What we find here is only a shadow, a black imitation. But reality means full-fledged theism - Kṛṣṇa consciousness - where the infinite embraces the whole finite. The infinite comes down to welcome, to fully embrace the finite - that is *Vṛndavana*. And this is full-fledged theism: through Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, one negligent part of the finite may experience the blissful embrace of the whole infinite. And in *Vṛndavana*, not a corner is left neglected. Every grain of sand, every blade of grass, is well-represented there with personality. Here, what to



**Srila Bhakti Rakshak  
Sridhar Deva Goswami  
Maharaj**

"In *Vṛndavana*, the earth feels the mood of consortherhood. So the *vṛndavana-līla* of Kṛṣṇa is so wonderful that even Brahma, the creator of the universe, said, "How can we understand You, my Lord?"

speak of a particle of sand, so many things are insignificant. But in *Vṛndavana*, everything is cared for. Nothing is ignored. That is full fledged theism. This is explained in *Srimad-Bhagavatam* ((10.21.5):

*varhapidam nata-bara-vapuh  
karnayoh karnikaram bibrad vasah  
kanaka-kapisam vaijayantin ca  
malam randhran venoradhara-  
sudhaya purayan gopavrndair  
vrndaranyam sva-pada-ramanam  
pravisad gita-kirtih*

Sukadeva Goswami reveals something astounding to Parikṣit Maharaja. When Kṛṣṇa enters the forest of *Vṛndavana* by the touch of the soles of His lotus feet, the earth feels the pleasure of His embrace - the personal embrace of the Sweet Absolute (*vrndaranyam sva-padaramanam*). This is inconceivable! By the touch of the holy feet of Kṛṣṇa, the sand and the

earth feel the pleasure of consortherhood! Glorified by His cowherd friends, He enters the forest of *Vṛndavana*, and the earth, the forest, and everything that comes in connection with Him feels a higher, closer sense experience of pleasure to the happiest degree.

## Consortherhood

In *Vṛndavana*, the earth feels the mood of consortherhood. So the *vṛndavana-līla* of Kṛṣṇa is so wonderful that even Brahma, the creator of the universe, said, "How can we understand You, my Lord? I know something about my Lord Narayana, who is near to me. He and I have some direct connection so that I may discharge my official duties. But You have come within my circle and I can't understand You. What is this?" He tried his best to test Kṛṣṇa by kidnapping His cowherd boyfriends and calves, but he was

astounded to find that, "Although I have removed them, everything is as it was before; Krsna is still surrounded by His friends and their calves, engaged in their pleasure pastimes. So He is infinite. Even as the lord of the universe, my interference could not disrupt anything under His control. By His own sweet will He conducts His play. I tried to test Him, but now I am bewildered by His inconceivable potency. I could not understand that although an apparently human cowherd boy, He is nonetheless the supreme most, higher than even Lord Narayana. " He pleaded with Krsna, "Now I have come to my senses; please forgive me, my Lord."

What use is a particle of our intelligence? How much can it measure the infinite? Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, "Don't try to apply your brain to the infinite. The brain is not a unit for measurement

in that plane. Your intellect is canceled by the infinite. Try to measure it only by feeling, by taste, by heart - the brain will be your enemy. It will always deceive you in its measurement, and that will disturb you and limit your progress." Only faith can help us. Otherwise nothing can reach that plane. We can reach the sun or moon only with the help of advanced technology. We can't reach out and touch it with our hand or with a long stick. In the same way, to connect with the highest reality, faith alone can help one. Faith is the most spacious medium. But even that is very meager in consideration of the high thing with which you would like to connect, the supreme cause of all causes. We are teeny souls. How much can we accommodate with our faith? How wide and how broad is our faith? What can we catch within our faith? What we are seeking is infinite, and we are

very much afraid; "Oh, if I rely on faith, something may go wrong. I may be deceived." But within our teeny hearts, how much faith can we contain? Only by analogy with the sky or the ocean may we understand anything about the infinite, but what is that in comparison? Nothing. And what is the infinite? That from which everything is coming, by which everything is maintained, and into which everything is ultimately entering; the all-comprehensive, all-permeating, all-controlling, all-attracting, all-feeling Absolute. So everything is all right with the infinite and the environment. We have only to correct ourselves, to adjust ourselves. This is the conclusion ."

## DIVINE INSTRUCTION

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

### UNLIMITED COWS WITH UNLIMITED MILK

*Sa yatra ksirabdhih sravati surabhibhyas cha su-mahan*, in Krsna's abode oceans of milk flow from millions of Surabhi cows for nourishing Krsna and His devotees. *Surabhi* is a cow who can give you whatever you desire. There is a story in the Mahabharat that shows the glory of the *Surabhi* cow. Once when Visvamitra was a *ksatriya* king he was travelling with his army

and came to the dwelling of Vasistha Rsi. Vasistha Rsi insisted on feeding Visvamitra's entire army and within two hours he gave good nourishment to all Visvamitra's soldiers.

Visvamitra was surprised, "How have you supplied food to thousands of my soldiers and satisfied my whole army within only two hours?"

Vasistha Rsi said, "I have one cow and she gave me everything

I needed to nourish everyone. My cow, Nandini, will give me anything I ask from her." Nandini is the daughter of Surabhi and she was mercifully staying in the house of Vasistha Rsi.

Visvamitra said, "I want to take this cow with me. I am a king and I want to enjoy with this cow."

But Vasistha said, "No, it is impossible. This cow is a wish-fulfilling cow who has come down from heaven and wherever she lives heaven appears. She is mercifully staying in my



Srila Bhakti Sundara  
Govinda Deva Goswami  
Maharaja

home but she is a heavenly cow and cannot stay in any mundane house.”

Visvamitra objected, “I want to take her with me. I will take her forcefully with the help of the thousands of soldiers I have with me.”

Then Vasistha Rsi said to Nandini, “I cannot resist Visvamitra, I have no power. But you mother, you can resist yourself.” Then Nandini immediately produced thousands of soldiers for fighting and Visvamitra was stunned as all of his soldiers were defeated.

Finally Visvamitra said, “*Dhig balam ksatriya-balam brahma-tejo-balam balam*, now I can see that the power of the *brahmanas* is supreme in this world. I must become a *brahmana*.” Then Visvamitra left his kingdom and began performing *tapasya*, austerity, to become a *brahmana*. That is another history but through this story we can understand how much abundance can be produced by millions of *Surabhi* cows and how opulent the environment of *Vrndavan Dham* must be.

there all time is the best time. In *Vrndavan*, time is eternally present; there is no past or future. In *Srimad-Bhagavatam* it is described that when Krsna performed *Rasa-lila* with the *gopis* at night the night would last the length of a night of Brahma. That means that the *Rasa-lila* Pastimes of Krsna with the *gopis* went on for billions and billions of years within one night. In this way we can understand how and why time flows according to Krsna’s satisfaction.

## FAITH, REVELATION AND

### THE TRANSCENDENTAL ENVIRONMENT

*Bhaje Svetadwipam tam aham iha Golokam iti yam*, Krsna’s divine abode is known as *Sveatdwip*, or, *Goloka Vrndavan*. *Vidantas te santah ksiti-virala-charah katipaye*, and it is only known to very few saints in this world who are clean-hearted, exclusive servitors of Krsna. Only very clean persons will feel and understand Krsna’s transcendental world from within the material environment. But if you give that transcendental knowledge entrance and a

## THE SERVICE-FLOW OF TIME

*Nimesardhakhyo va vrajati na hi yatrapi samayah*, in *Vrndavan* time follows the sweet will of Krsna. According to Krsna’s desire time passes or stands still. *Vrajati na hi* means *na gachchhati*, time, *samayah*, does not pass but stands by waiting to follow the service-order of Krsna. This means that the days, nights and even moments in *Vrndavan* expand and contract according to Krsna’s desire, and one second, one blink of an eye, does not pass without notice and without bringing happiness to Krsna.

When I first heard this expression I was stunned. In the mundane world time is always passing. We are always saying, “Everything in this world is a passing show.” But in the transcendental environment time does not pass without being engaged in the service of Krsna. Time may become infinitely long or short according to Krsna’s desire.

I once saw an advertisement, “All time is teatime.” This is true in one sense in *Vrndavan*:

clean position in your heart through prayer, then it will reveal itself in your heart. When that transcendental knowledge wants to reveal itself in your heart then it must be revealed—even you will not be able to check it. And when *Vrndavan Dham* will be revealed in your heart you will automatically feel everything.

But from our mundane position we cannot gauge or feel the nature of *Vrndavan*. If we try to feel that abode from here, what we feel will be mundane. So it is not necessary for us to discuss the matters of the transcendental world so much. That abode is not revealed through lectures or reading, actually. It is revealed through dedication, devotion, determination and divinity. When anyone is fully enriched with those qualities they will get everything automatically. So we will only try to keep our faith. We will simply try to believe in what *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, *Sri Brahma-samhita* and the other Scriptures have expressed about the Lord’s Pastimes in His divine abode with His liberated devotees.

# SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*Srīla Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja*  
from "Guidance" - Volume 1



## Ego: a Play of Kali

8 December 2010

Continued from our March 2021 issue...

Gurudev said once, "If you want pure devotion, you must associate with a pure devotee." Sometimes he also asked, "Who will you associate with?" You can learn something from a great devotee, but if you mix with those who do not know the proper conception, you will be polluted by them. This is a very difficult matter.

Once Yudhiṣṭhir was asked, "Where does the Lord, Bhagavān, stay? What does Bhagavān eat?" Yudhiṣṭhir replied, "Bhagavān eats people's ego, *ahaṅkāra*." That is the problem, that is our greatest difficulty. *Ātma-sammān* (feeling of self-importance) and *abhimān* (the world of "me" and "mine") means ego, and it is very bad.

Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja

“*Ahaṅkāre maṭṭa haiñā, Nitāi-pada pāsariyā, asatyere satya kari māni*: maddened with pride, forgetting Nitāi's feet, I accept untruth as truth.” Despite all that, Kṛṣṇa will arrange everything: everything depends upon Kṛṣṇa, so He will harmonize everything.”

Even a young boy can have *ātma-sammān*. I heard yesterday that a thirteen- or fourteen-year-old girl hung herself. Why did she do that? It is *abhimān*. Her bosom friend had lost her mobile phone at school, and it was found in that girl's bag. Her friend charged her, "You are my bosom friend and you have stolen my mobile phone?!" The girl was shocked, she did not know who had put the phone into her bag, and she could not tolerate that her bosom friend had called her a thief. She left school and at midnight she committed suicide—hung herself from a tree...

A fourteen-year-old girl is creating *abhimān*. Do you see? You can understand that it is so easy to create it, not only a thirty year-old person can have an ego, even a fourteen-year-old can have it.

It is the time of *Kali-yuga* and *ātma-sammān*, so we cannot tolerate anything. Somebody says something to me, somebody calls me something,

and I cannot tolerate that—it is a play of *Kali*. *Kalau doṣa-nidhi, Kali kalaha yug*: *Kali* is the age of quarrel, it is like an ocean of faults, and it is spreading very quickly. I know about these kinds of things better than you. That is very difficult. “*Ahaṅkāre maṭṭa haiñā, Nitāi-pada pāsariyā, asatyere satya kari māni*: maddened with pride, forgetting Nitāi's feet, I accept untruth as truth.” Despite all that, Kṛṣṇa will arrange everything: everything depends upon Kṛṣṇa, so He will harmonize everything. As Gurudev always said, "Wait and see."

Question: We hear about *abhimān* all the time, but still we cannot overcome it. Sometimes people get some qualification, but instead of *abhimān* going down, it goes up... How to proceed and get rid of it?

Only by the mercy from *Vaiṣṇavs*, mercy from Gurudev. No other way. Ego is very bad, and it can come even through service.

To be continued in our May 2021 issue...

# VAISNAVA CALENDAR for NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AREA

## April 2021

**2.** (Fri) Krishna Panchami. Festival at the appearance place of Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj, Sripat Hapaniya: grand appearance of the Holy Deities of Sripat Hapaniya, Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Radha Gopinath Jiu at Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Ashram. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Sharan Shanta Maharaj. Pancham Dol.

**5.** (Mon) Krishna Ashtami. Appearance of Srila Srivas Pandit.

**6.** (Tue) Krishna Navami. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Vighraha Bhiksu Goswami Maharaj.

**7.** (Wed) Krishna Ekadashi. **Papa Vimochani Ekadashi. Fast.**

**8.** (Thu) Krishna Dvadashi. Paran between 6:28 and 10:48 a.m. Festival in honour of Sriman Mahaprabhu's auspicious arrival at Varaha Nagar. Disappearance of Srila Govinda Ghosh Thakur. Disappearance of Sripad Satyendrachandra Bhattacharya Mahoday.

**9.** (Fri) Krishna Trayodashi.

**17.** (Fri) Gaura Panchami. Appearance of Sripad Ramanuja Acharya and Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Hriday Bon Maharaj.

**19.** (Mon) Gaura Saptami. Appearance of Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaj.

**21.** (Wed) Gaura Navami. Sri Rama Navami. Fast until noon. Appearance at noon of Sri Ramachandra.

**23.** (Fri) Gaura Ekadashi. **Kamada Ekadashi. Fast.**

**24.** (Sat) Gaura Dvadashi. Paran between 6:04 and 9:47 a.m. **Festival in honour of the disappearance of Om Vishnupad Paramahansa Parivrajakacharya-varya Ashtottara-shata-sri Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.**

**27.** (Tue) Purnima. Vasanta Rasa of Sri Krishna. Rasa Yatra of Sri Balaram. Appearance of Srila Vamshi Vadananda Thakur and Srila Shyamananda Prabhu.

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