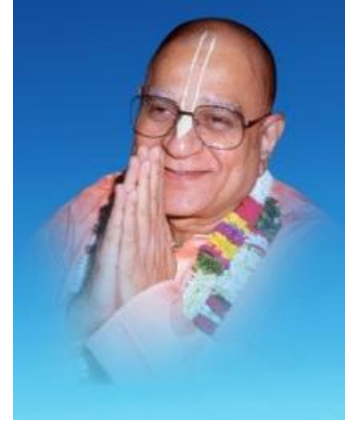


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*Spiritual truth cannot be conceived by material intelligence.
This you have to first understand.*

— Excerpt from *Is God Indispensable?*

Rarity of Human Life

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The moment you accept Lord Hari, everything is solved. Hari means he takes away your miseries. Hari is to take away, but the foolish people don't know this. So Bhagavatam says *pramattam uccair itikrtya-cintayā*. What does it mean? He says *Pramattam* means madmen. Who is a madman? *uccair itikrtya* who is always planning. We appreciate those good guys, planners but Bhagavatam calls them madmen....I'll live like this, take the money here and invest it there...I'll buy property here, this one I can give on rent....so many plans he has. But do all the plans become successful that everyone plans? No! Nobody plans successful at any time. Then why is he planning? For example, marketing guys have short term planning and long term planning. Short term planning means what? How my balance sheet look brighter this year. And long term planning means in view of the competition coming up, if I have to stay put in this market for another ten years, what is the diversification attitude I must plan right now. That is called long term planning. So, normally people prefer long term planning. Because short term planning gives only short term results. So what Bhagavatam says, *prammattah* - mad guys, *itikrtya cintaya* - why

is he planning? *pravrdha lobham* - he's excessively greedy. Why he is so greedy? *visayesh lalasang* - because he's hankering after enjoyment. So called enjoyment. There is no question of enjoyment here. You'll say, swamiji, you're speaking all negative. Negative...no, speaking the truth. It may appear to be negative or pessimistic. In Olden days, when a criminal has to be punished, the king used to send two soldiers along with the criminal. They would take him to a source of water, something like a small pond. And they hold him by his hair and push him into the water. So, when he's pushed down into the water, he pants for breath. So when he's about to die, immediately, they will pull his head above the water for a couple of seconds. At that time what happens? He gives a sigh of relief. Before he could take full breath, again he's pushed down. Again they will take him out. So, between the pushing in and pulling out above the level for a few seconds, that you call happiness? What do you call it in English? Relief. Relief between the two periods of distresses. That's what we are wrongly calling happiness everywhere. *visayesh lalasang tvam apramattah* - O Krishna, you're not mad. You're not that kind of a planner. What do you do? *sahasabhipadyase* - you suddenly pounce on that man who is greedily planning and you finish him.

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Are you Secure?

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Once Lord Shiva, the most powerful among all the demigods, gave a boon to a demon called Vrikasura that on whosoever's head the demon might place his hand, that person would instantly die on the spot. The obnoxious nature of the demon is such that Vrikasura attempted to put his hand on Lord Shiva's head. Thus, victimized, Lord Shiva took shelter with the Supreme Lord Vishnu, Who vanquished the demon and saved Lord Shiva.

In the *Ramayana*, the mighty demon Ravana displayed immense power after Lord Shiva blessed him. The foremost demon Hiranyakashipu brought the whole universe under his control as Brahma bestowed him with unlimited prowess. But the demigod benefactors of Ravana and Hiranyakashipu could not protect them when the Supreme Lord Sri Hari appeared in the forms of Lord Rama and Narasimhadeva to kill them. Therefore, Sri Krishna says in the Gita, "Mamekam sharanam vraja"., i.e. "Only surrender unto me." Why? He explains, "Sarvapapebhyo mokshayishyami," i.e. "I shall protect you from all the sinful reactions." How is that only Lord Krishna can protect us and not the demigods? Again, Krishna says, in the Gita, "Aham adirbi devanam maharishinam," i.e. "I am the source of the demigods and the sages." The Srimad Bhagavatam explains this point as follows:

*Avismitam tam paripurna-kamam svenaiva
labhena samam prasantam vinopasarpaty
aparam hi balisah sva-langulenatitarti
sindum*

"Free from all material conceptions of existence and never wonderstruck by anything, the Lord is always jubilant and fully satisfied by His own spiritual perfection. He has no material designations, and therefore He is steady and unattached. That Supreme Personality of Godhead is the only shelter for everyone. Anyone desiring to be protected by others is certainly a great fool who desires to cross the sea by holding the tail of a dog."

A dog is sometimes seen swimming in the water but it cannot cross an ocean. Therefore, if someone tries to cross the ocean by holding on to a dog's tail, then he is certainly a fool.

Similarly, one who desires to cross the ocean of material existence, the *samsara sagara*, should not seek the shelter of any demigod or any other apparently powerful individual of this world but the fearless protection of Lord Krishna's Lotus Feet, *akutaschid bhayam achyutasya*.

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Krishna's Kids Korner

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Across

- 1 - Lord Chaitanya
2 - Madai's friend

Down

- 1 - Lord Nityananda

Up

- 3 - Jagai's friend
4 - Lord's incarnation in Kali-Yuga
5 - Bhima's brother
2 - Lord Rama's consort
7 - Krishna's consort

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1. Gauda 2. Urmila 3. Radha 4. Uddhav
5. Ajami. 6. Tulasi **Down** 1. Raivat

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