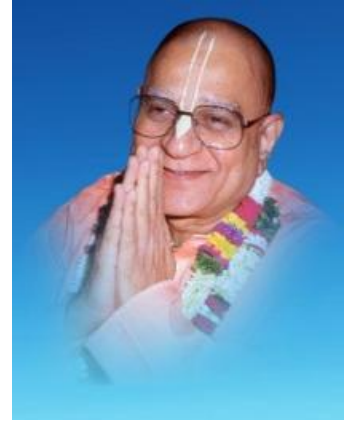


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*"The best service to humanity is trying to revive your knowledge
of your eternal relationship with God."*

— Excerpt from *You Ask, We Answer*

Rarity of Human Life

-continued from the previous issue.

When you read the second chapter of Gita, Arjuna, after making his statements, he was crying, *asru-pūrṇākulekṣaṇam*. And when you see Krishna, *prahasann iva bhārata*, he spoke smilingly. The particular situation is same for both. But one person is crying and one person is smiling. Isn't it? So, one gentleman asked me if I can summarize the Gita in brief so I said, "Ek aadami rota hai, ek aadami hasta hai, yehi Gita hai" (One person is crying; one person is smiling, that is Gita). Why two different sentiments in one identical situation? It is the difference in the conception. The misconception is, I'm this body. The correct conception is no...I'm not this body; I'm the spirit soul. The moment you understand that you're a spirit soul, you become strong. You become confident. As long as you think you are this body, the fear of death will haunt you. It may not be haunting you now because you're quite strong and young. As one gradually grows older, the fear overpowers. It is said, *bhayam dvitiyabhinivesatah syad - bhayam* the fear, *dvitiya* means second. The lord has three potencies. Krishna is potent. And he has energies, shakti. Shakti has three categories. One is spiritual potency, the

other is material energy and third is marginal energy. By material energy, Krishna creates this whole world and all the products. Whatever you see is made up of material energy or matter..including our own bodies. See, when we die, whether you're a Christian or Muslim, it doesn't matter....either you cremate or burn the body or bury, it simply becomes one with the Earth. It becomes matter again. The body is matter. *bhayam dvitiyabhinivesatah syad- abhinivesatah* means intense absorption. When a person becomes intensely absorbed in the products of matter or material energy, that person always carry fear in his heart. Actually, this body is breakfast for jackels and dogs. I'll tell you one story. Thirty or forty years ago, there was a train accident in South India. In that the train carriage had fallen off the bridge and into the water. The water was very shallow so a compartment, half of it was on the shore. So, in those days, the windows didn't have grills, just shutters that open and close. So the shutter was open and a suited man was dead inside. So, early at 4:30, some wolf or jackel comes and pulls the man's tie so that half of the body comes out. This we saw in the Indian news. So at that time, we understood, this body which I'm so nicely dressing up, standing half an hour in front of the dressing room mirror is actually breakfast

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for some dogs or jackets, if there is nobody to claim it. Even if somebody claims it, even then what happens? The body is burned. So one gentleman took me in Calcutta to show me the land he purchased. So, it's like this Maharaja, from here to there, the entire piece of land, I own. Then I said, when you die, you are put into this land and then the land will say, I own this man. So who's the actual owner? He's owning the land or the land is owning him? Claiming that I own the land is foolishness. Land owns you. So this temporary nature of body and bodily relationships should be understood. If one is truly intelligent, one should not waste time unnecessarily. See, if this is understood, then you require roti, kapada, makaan...that's true. That one can have..no problem. One has to have..there's no other go. But the real intelligence is having achieved this to a minimum basic level, then one should concentrate on this. Where I came from? Where do I go? All these things have to be inquired. This is technically called *tattva jijnasa*.

- continued in the next issue.

Are you Secure?

- continued from previous issue.

Atah budhah abhajat tam - therefore, an intelligent person should perform the worship or devotional service of the Lord. How does one perform service? *Gurur devatama* - by surrendering unconditionally to a spiritual preceptor who is as good as God. Struggling to amass the material pleasures of this world, the masses have no idea about their true - and hidden - selves, the world, or God. One cannot know these by wild concoction or through whimsical speculation. One has to approach a Guru, an authority, a pure devotee, and a God-realized person. Then he will be shown the proper way. A genuine Guru does not claim himself to be God, rather, he himself expresses that he is the servant of a servant of a servant of God. A Guru who teaches his disciple how to advance in material life is a bogus person because it is a case of *andha yatha andhah upaniyamanah* or the blind leading the blind. A bonafide Acharya, on the contrary, instructs how to unscramble from the shackles of material existence and come to the spiritual platform.

Once one grasps the hand of a bonafide Acharya and starts serving as a pure devotee of God, all sinful reactions are purged by serving God. Now one is in the hands of God. This is the only flawless method to achieve complete security.

Krishna's Kids Korner

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Across

1 - Initiation by Guru

Down

- 1 - Capital of Yadus
- 2 - Son of Vaivasvata Manu
- 3 - Brother of Balarama
- 4 - Eternal Law or Dharma
- 5 - State Kurukshetra is located in

Up

6 - Bliss

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1.Sampati **Down** 2. Kesari 3. Kusha
4. Tataka **Up** 5. Maricha 6. Valmiki 7. Janaka
8. Ahalya

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