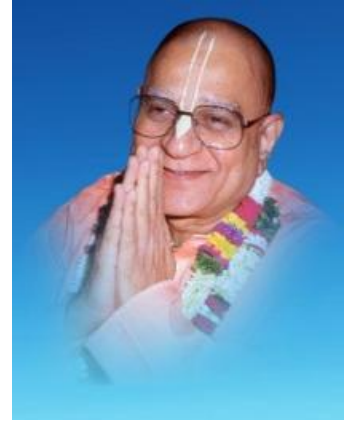


# Bhagavat Kathamrita

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*"One who is free from all the three modes of material nature, who is elevated to transcendental platform, he should be understood to be a class-one spiritualist!"*

— Excerpt from *Path to Liberation*

## Rarity of Human Life

-continued from the previous issue.

I've got human birth so that means I have to put the body in the proper use. To give you a very practical example...in Bombay, we were invited like this to a nice place. They've done graha prevesha so they've just entered. So that day, I came in. When I came in, there was water on the floor. So, when the maidservant saw, she immediately pull down the cloth and wiped out so that I don't fall down. But the owner of the house...she fired her, "Hey what are you doing? Why did you do this?" I was anxious to know why she's saying this. And she told her, why did you do this? She answered that the water had spilled so, swamiji will fall so she had to do that. "But no, you should have taken this cloth." So, my eyes also went there....and the cloth which she had used. The cloth the maidservant had used was the Bombay dyeing towel and the one she showed was a duster meant for that purpose. That was 25 rupees. This is 650 rupees. But that maidservant was ignorant. She said, "Dono kapada hi hai ma'am saheb" (Both are anyway pieces of cloth, ma'am.) "You fool...don't you understand the value between this, 25 rupees and 650 rupees." Similarly, what is that 25 rupees duster?

Cats, dogs, rats, pigeons, monkey, donkey, those bodies. What is this body? Bombay dyeing towel! Now, if we use this for that purpose which this monkey, donkey are using, that mean's we're ignorant, like that maidservant, isn't it? That is why, Rsabhadeva, he was taking sanyasa...he had 100 sons so the father thought let me give them some teachings and then go. Because if he had to hand over the responsibility of handling the whole planet, Earth, he has to give some advice. So, what was the opening statement? He says,

*Nayām deho deha-bhājam nrloke  
kastān Kāmān arhate vid-bhujām ye  
tapo divyam putrakā yena sattvam suddhyed  
yasmād brahma-saukhyam tv anantam*

"Lord Rsabhadeva told His sons: My dear boys, of all the living entities who have accepted material bodies in this world, one who has been awarded this human form should not work hard day and night simply for sense gratification, which is available even for dogs and hogs that eat stool. One should engage in penance and austerity to attain the divine position of devotional service. By such activity, one's heart is purified, and when one attains this position, he attains eternal, blissful life, which is transcendental to material happiness and which continues forever." He says, *nayam deho* - the body,

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my dear sons which you possess does not deserve to be engaged in a way in which stool eating hog is engaging his body. See, opening statement...emperor...talking to the next emperors...upcoming emperors. This is the advice to be given to sons and daughters by the fathers. This is alright...I am giving you this house, I've got so much property, this I'm giving you my dear son, that's all fine. But are you giving this advice? No father is giving this advice to any son! *Arhate* means deserve...does not deserve to be engaged. Then what we're supposed to do? *Tapo divyam putraka-Tapah* means austerities..not enjoyment. By enjoyment, our brains become dull. By austerities, we become sharp...both mind and external body. Why so many diseases now? Because everybody is trying to become enjoyer...bhogi. That's why in the olden days, these sages, munis, rsis...they were all strong...both mentally and physically. Why? Because *tapo divyam...* penances, austerities. Why should we take to penances and austerities? *Sattvam suddhyed* -then our existence will be purified. Right now, our existence is contaminated.

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### Self Interest or Self Improvement

In India, there is a general notion that even though one may perform sinful actions knowingly or unknowingly during youth, one can attain liberation or Moksha later by dedicating oneself to works of charity, altruism, philanthropy and other such acts of mundane piety.

Although people always think that such activities are religious, in reality those constitute a refined approach to what is known as 'subtle body sense gratification'. These services are offered by many rich men just to gain popularity, reputation, honour and enhance the prestige of one's own family or community in the society. From the spiritual perspective, this situation is identified as the unbridled mind acting in various dangerous ways to keep it entangled in the mundane world of dualities. This is because any action executed in the bodily conception of life cannot be selfless, as such actions are performed due to ignorance. The desire to

enjoy the world is so strong that the mind wanders un-controllably and as the hankering increases everyday, a living being becomes more and more involved in the confusing network of unlimited material activities. Just like a caterpillar gets entangled in its self-woven cocoon, a man becomes shackled by his self-made karma.

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### Krishna's Kids Korner

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#### Across

- 1 - Of the Adityas, Krishna is
- 2 - Of the Maruts, Krishna is
- 3 - Among the stars, Krishna is
- 4 - Of the Vedas, Krishna is
- 5 - Of the demigods, Krishna is
- 6 - Of the Yaksas, Krishna is

#### Up

- 7 - Of the Rudras, Krishna is

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1.diksha **Down** 1. Dwaraka 2. Iksvaku  
3. Krishna 4. Sanatan 5. Haryana **Up**  
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