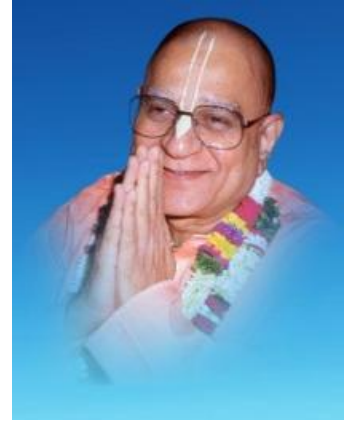


# Bhagavat Kathamrita

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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*"People always say 'work is worship' but then I thought if that is the case, donkey must be the biggest worshipper because nobody can work as hard as a donkey!"*

*— Excerpt from Spiritualism in the Age of Fight and Distress*

## Rarity of Human Life

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What we want is *anantam*. *Brahma saukhyam*. The spiritual happiness is *anantam*, unlimited. Material happiness is limited. Any happiness you take on material platform...it has a beginning and it has an end. That's all, whereas, *Brahma saukhyam anantam*...unlimited spiritual pleasure. Therefore, you have to undertake penances...not go on hunting for pleasures. *Dukhavat anyatah sukham kalena sarvatra gabhira ramhasa*. You say, if I don't exert myself, how can I get happiness? The next question is, are you separately making endeavor for distress? No. Then, how is it coming? Are we making endeavor for distress....let me get some miseries? No. Nobody is making a separate effort. Everybody is honestly making an effort to become happy! Isn't it? Then, how is that distress coming...miseries coming? On its own. That means even if you don't endeavor, happiness will also come on its own. *Kalena* means the time, time factor. In the previous lifetime, whatever we've done as a matter of reaction, you'll get that. Whether you endeavor for it separately or not. It is in your account. It will come to you. That's why we will find that when

making identical effort for a particular thing, one person succeeds, one person midway, one person goes back. Why all this when they're all qualified and capable? That is because it is coming as a result of previous action, *tattva jijnasa*....if you have not made *tattva jijnasa* in your last life...in this life, it won't come. In Gita, Krishna says,

*Prāpya punya-krtām lokān  
Usitvā sāsvatīh samāh  
Sucinām srimatām gehe  
Yoga-bhras to bhijāvate*

"The unsuccessful yogi, after many, many years of enjoyment on the planets of the pious living entities, is born into a family of righteous people, or into a family of rich aristocracy." In last life whose devotional service was disturbed, but he achieved some points, say five or six points, in the next life, Krishna reminds him, brings him, puts him on point number six platform. Allright, from here, you make efforts. That is why we're all here....all of us are here to hear this because we have achieved some points in our last life. Otherwise, we will not be sitting here like this. Krishna says, even if you do little bit of service for me, there is no loss. It is permanently registered in your books. And what do you have

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to do? Simply chant! That is why it's very tough. It looks very simple...no? *Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare...* what's the big deal? No. In India, when we go for street chanting, especially in Bengal...when we go in villages, the moment they hear mridangam and kartals, they come and stand at the gate. So, when we're chanting, I just approach them. I say chant. A small child will say "Hare Krishna" (childish voice) immediately and the father, I say chant. "aha..aha...thik hai, thik hai (allright..allright). He won't say it because he has not done anything in last life. That's the problem. If he had done something, immediately, he will say, yes, Hare Krishna. He will immediately say. Now, he will not. Most unfortunate, sinful man. He cannot say Hare Krishna or Hare Rama or Om Namoh Bhagavate Vasudevaya or any name of God. No.

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### Self Interest or Self Improvement

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Sometimes, when a close relative or friend dies, many people are certainly able to perceive the futility of material efforts, realizing the transitory nature of the results obtained. But such sporadic sense of detachment does not last long which is aptly known as '*smashana vairagya*'. Without coming to the point of Krishna consciousness, one's renunciation cannot be perfect. Dry abnegation does not help because although outwardly one may renounce, the propensity to enjoy the five senses still remains. What is important is internal cleansing, not external rejection. Hence, unless one develops an aptitude to render loving service to God Vasudeva, '*priti na yavad mayi Vasudeve*' he cannot be said to be truly liberated '*na muchyate dehayogena tavat*'.

Owing to abominable addiction to gratification of physical senses since innumerable lifetimes in the past, the living entity, when it receives a human form, by nature, becomes irresistibly attracted to worldly objects and life. Thus, sense-satisfaction becomes its main business. Propelled by lusty desires, it is compelled to strive very hard throughout life to ensure

continuous arrangement of luxurious sense objects to enable it to whet its appetite.

In this process, it suffers from various miseries. Lord Rishabhadeva calls it as '*pramattah*' - mad. Why? Because it does not know its real '*svartha*' or self-interest is to try for liberation. On account of its intelligence being obscured '*gata smritih*', it is not able to understand that efforts to gratify the senses are useless '*ayatha guneham*'.

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### Krishna's Kids Korner

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#### Across

- 1 - Of the Vasus, Krishna is
- 2 - Of the Mountains, Krishna is
- 3 - Among the dispenser of laws, Krishna is
- 4 - Of the purifiers, Krishna is
- 5 - Of the wielder of the weapons, Krishna is
- 6 - Among the beasts, Krishna is

#### Down

- 7 - Among perfected beings, Krishna is

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1. Vishnu 2. Marici 3. Chandra 4. Saama
- 5. Indra 6. Kuvera **Up** 7. Siva

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