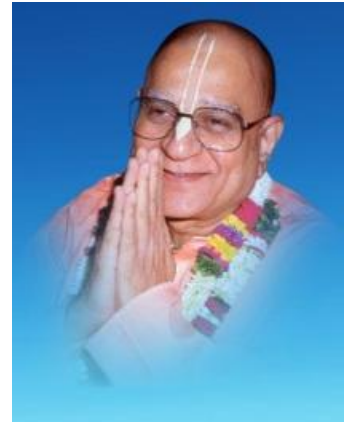


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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
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"Rendering devotional service to Adhokshaja, or Krishna is the supreme duty of every human being!"

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Rarity of Human Life

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The important thing in the human society is to make this inquiry. Krishna is supreme. In the whole world, there are two categories of people. One category says I am God. The other category says that there is no God. The third category, 1% is there. That 1% says, no, I am a servant of God. 99% of the people fall into these two categories, and, ultimately, die pitifully. Nobody masters the art of dying. And it is not tough or difficult. It is very easy...simply chant. Whether you're in the office, at home, cooking, dressing, taking bath, driving, simply you have to keep chanting. Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. How can spiritual practice be any easier than this? No religion can offer an easier proposition than this! Everyone comes to me and says, "Maharaja, bilkul shanti nahi hai" (There is no peace whatsoever). So many people, everywhere, whichever place you go. But if you give formula for shanti (peace), they don't want to take it. Then, how can it come? There is a peace formula. All right, take this...the formula I'm giving. Why he or she is not accepting? Because they are not able to give up their sinful proclivities. See..sinful

proclivities are very active in his or her heart that he/she doesn't want to give up. So, on one side you will retain the sinful inclinations, on the other side, you will try to chant. It is not possible. You have to become free from sins. So, only a sinless person can see God. Not sinful person...not possible. For example, Putana was sinful, isn't it? But she got a place which even Devaki could not get. See the beauty! Devaki, in the spiritual abode, stays in Mathura and Dwaraka. But Putana was sent to Vrindavan...higher than that where mother Yashoda is staying. She was sinful, no? But the moment she came in contact with Krishna's transcendental body, all sins were purified. And because Krishna is absolute, Krishna's form, Krishna's name, hearing about Krishna or speaking about Krishna, all are same. The moment you say Krishna, you're in touch with Him. You are associating with Him. It's a fact! But that I'm not able to realize because the curtain is there. The sinful actions are there. The moment you say Krishna, you are actually associating with Him. When you hear about Krishna, everything is so nice. As long you keep hearing about him, as long as you hear Bhagavatam, about Krishna and Krishna's devotees, things look very nice. You become happy. The moment you go off the scene, then you get all this nonsense. Therefore, Krishna is called all-attractive. He'll attract all your senses. There is no question of He's not

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attracting you. Even the atheist he attracts. How? Inside he's sitting as Lord Vishnu in all of us and as death he's outside. As God he's inside. So devotees will accept Krishna who's inside. The atheist who doesn't accept, he comes in the form of death. There he has to accept, he has to bow down. Can anyone challenge death? Any atheist? Nobody can challenge. Hiranyakasipu, Ravana. Hiranyakasipu took out all comprehensive policy from Brahmaji. I should not die here, there, inside, outside, by this, by that. When Nrsingadeva came, he had to die. So where's the immunity from death? So Krishna comes as death to the nondevotees. And death comes to devotees as Krishna. The body has to go. The body has to die. If it's devotee's body, Krishna comes. Bhisma deva was giving up his body. Krishna came and sat...I'm here. And when Kamsa was there, Krishna says I am here. But Kamsa was seeing the terrible face of Krishna. Why? He's coming as death to Kamsa. See the beauty!!

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Self Interest or Self Improvement

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Attaining the so-called 'status' in the material world like a director of a corporation, the chairman of a sports club, a Mayor or a Member of Parliament or an acclaimed social welfare like President of a Lion's club, are pursuits by foolish individuals who imagine themselves to be very important or indispensable. They become increasingly engulfed in mundane activities. They are thus entangled just like a honeybee tragically trapped due to overstay in a lotus flower at sunset.

Forgetting their permanent identity, these ignorant people foolishly become active for impermanent occupations. They do not know that to disengage completely from material dealings is the ultimate goal of human life. These people are further misguided by a class of two-faced men who misunderstand the transcendental purpose of the Vedas and erroneously claim that material fruitive results are the ultimate goals of the Vedas.

Just like innocent children clamoring for repeated rides on a giant wheel in an amusement park, a person is seated on a

mechanical wheel of Maya or illusion. After rotating in innumerable lifetimes and sitting on a mechanical wheel of Maya, he experiences imaginary physical enjoyments through various material entrapments. One gains sanity only when he/she sincerely endeavors to dismount from the mechanical wheel of Maya. When the intelligence of living beings becomes perverted, they become active in sense enjoyment and when purified, they become attracted to God.

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Krishna's Kids Korner

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Across

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