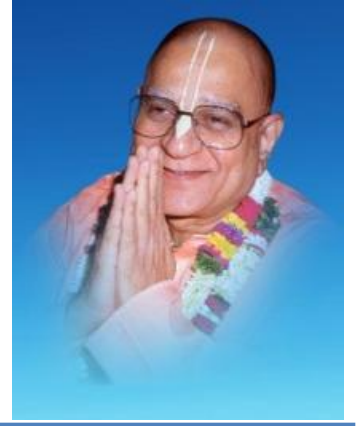


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"Service to humanity is not service to God but service to God is service to humanity!"
– Excerpt from You Ask We Answer?

Rarity of Human Life

-continued from the previous issue.

dyūtamī pānamī striyaḥ sūnā
yatrādharmāś catur-vidhaḥ

Dyūtam means gambling. Gambling starts from lottery ticket up to stock investment. Anything speculative means gambling. For example, in Bombay, near our āsrama....I was coming into the āsrama....one 65-year old lady was also coming. But at the gate of the āsrama, there was a person standing so she asked him, can you see if my number has come? Lottery ticket at that age. Gambling.. because you are mentally agitated. And I don't have to tell you the evil consequence of gambling. Because one shining example in front of us is Yuddhisthira. To what extent one can go in gambling, he has shown. Then pānam...Pānam means drinking...intoxicants. It starts from tea, coffee, any form of tobacco, pān, and then beer, gin, whiskey, wine, drugs, etc because they all agitate the mind. Anything you cannot do away with is called intoxicant. Then third one is sūnā. Sūnā means eating meat, fish, eggs, etc. Striya - means having connection with women outside of marriage. These are four major sinful actions the whole world is performing today. Therefore, nobody can be peaceful.

Once these four things are given up and taken to chanting, you will dance with joy. I can guarantee you that. So, if you can come out of these four and chant, you will totally be a changed person. And you're not giving up anything else. Everything will go as it is. Whatever you otherwise doing will continue as it is. No problem at all. Somebody says I'm wearing jeans, all right...wear jeans. Somebody says I'm going to school, college...all right...go to school, goto college. Do anything you want! Come out of these four and simply chant. You're automatically spiritually advancing. There's nothing wrong in eating, sleeping, dancing but have it according to the injunctions of the scriptures. You see why Hinduism was great? Because even the material activity is meant ultimately for spiritual emancipation. Association with women out of hundred years of one's life...how many years? Only 25 years allowed. First, 25 brahmachari, then 25 to 50 gṛahstha, then 50 to 75 vanaprastha, and 75 to 100 sanyasa. So in 100 years, how many years you're allowed? Only 25 years. Why is that? Because, ultimately you have to give up and go back to God. So, in Sanatana dharma, even the material activity has been so nicely regulated, guiding the entire populace with sole purpose. Now it's not like that. It's simply a dog society. Therefore this system...all right...you come out of these four sinful actions, you chant. By chanting, God within your heart will also guide you.



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First of all, we have to bring faith...yes....God is there. And he's a person. In Africa, so many elephants....who is feeding them? Anybody taking food to them? No...God provides for them. In the jungles of India, lions and tigers....they don't come to the city. How they're getting the food? Who is giving them food? Are they taking visas, going by air, making money? No...they're getting food. So many millions of small ants. How they're getting food? They're getting food, shelter. Rats, cats, dogs, hogs, fish....everybody is taken care of. By whom? By God! Only we, the human being, because of the intelligence we possess, we say, no, I'm struggling hard, I'm getting this, I'm the only earning member of the family, I'm working for their security. I say you are idiot# 1, You're an atheist if you say like this.

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Quest

Can anyone get peace in today's 'make money fast' world?

One surely can, provided, he or she controls the senses. In today's godless society, everybody is basically lustful. Lust stimulates sense enjoying propensity. This, in turn, makes a person greedy and an avaricious person is prepared to commit any sin. How can a sinful person experience peace? We are slaves to our desires and impulses - the cause of all hysterical activities that result in depression. All our sense organs are like venomous serpents and difficult to control. If one can control one's tongue by taking Krishna Prasadam and chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra, he or she can conquer all the other senses and live peacefully.

Do you believe in reincarnation?

Reincarnation is a core principle of the Vedas. It highlights the importance of human birth and its opportunity for gaining freedom from bondage. The spirit soul is the actual active principle in our body and during its stopovers on this earth, it takes form in various bodies. When a pious man suffers harsh difficulties, it may appear out of place during his current life but if the person has a spiritual vision, one can understand the deeper meaning of these problems.

One can understand it from a broader perspective of the unending cycle of birth and of many bodies in past births when sins were probably committed. Then one can draw conclusions that justify the tremendous hardship and pain suffered by the person in the present life. This clear understanding can help one to bear all reverses in life with a sense of acceptance. This is how some enlightened and mature people in India react to trying situations in their lives and keep their balance.

Krishna's Kids Korner

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Across

- 1 - Brahmana friend of Krishna
- 2 - Mother Demon killed by Krishna
- 3 - Favorite food of Krishna (beaten rice)
- 4 - Horse demon killed by Krishna
- 5 - Krishna's consort

Down

- 6 - Fire God

- Answers posted in the next issue

- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1. Pandu 2. Ganga 3. Bhima 4. Tulasi
- 5. Garuda 6. Jatayu

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