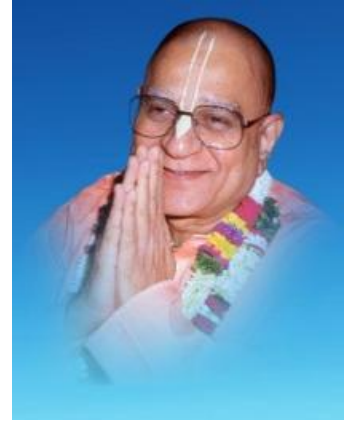


# Bhagavat Kathamrita

By His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Swarupa Tirtha Goswami Maharaj



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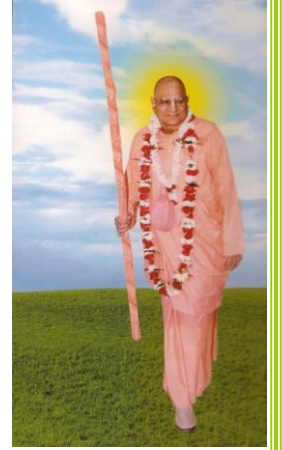
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### Highlights

- Rarity of Human Life by His Divine Grace Srila B.S. Tirtha Goswami Maharaja
- How to Become Free by His Divine Grace Srila B.S. Tirtha Goswami Maharaja
- Upcoming Events/ Krishna's Kids Korner

### Rarity of Human Life

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*mṛtyur janmavatām vīra  
dehena saha jāyate  
adya vābda-śatānte vā  
mṛtyur vai prāṇīnām dhruvah.*

What does it mean? When a child takes birth, the death also has taken birth. That nobody notices. *Adya*- either one may die today or *vabda sata* - hundred years later...death is certain. Isn't it? Now to understand that, this is intelligence. But ignoring it, avoiding it, is not intelligence. For example, you may know so many people in America, in this area itself, when you call for a spiritual meeting, you call 150 people, 30 people will come...why? Why

not all 150? If you throw a champagne party, 150 people will come....who you have not called, they will telephone you. Hey, I understand you got a party, I'm coming....because they want to avoid hearing all this. No, by avoiding, you cannot avoid death. It will come. There was one big industrialist in India. Filthy rich! So, his doctor told him you better get treated somewhere else. So, he immediately telephoned all his friends in Western countries. Best hospital he wanted to go, best medical staff. Where did he come? Baltimore. After one week, he died. He thought he can avoid death. No, you cannot avoid.

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## How to Become Free

- continued from the previous issue.

Aiming at and working for social, political, economic and such other freedoms is just like a prisoner asking for a laptop computer, television and air conditioning comforts inside the prison. This fool does not understand that such comforts cannot mitigate the miseries of prison life. An intelligent prisoner should try to present his case to higher courts by engaging an intelligent lawyer to attain freedom from prison rather than appealing for various comforts in the prison.

A living being in this world is basically a spirit soul. The physical body with limbs like hands and legs is only a covering. The nature of the spirit soul is complete freedom and unlimited happiness. In the material atmosphere, it has somehow become trapped and has acquired a material body. Embodiment means conditioning, just like a rat caught in a trap. Loss of freedom has resulted in unhappiness perpetually felt by all living beings, life after life. Thus, the living entity, because of its conditioned existence, is forced to act according to the dictates of the material energy of God as explained in the Bhagavad Gita - Prakriteh kriyamanani gunaih karmani savashah - Ignorant people try very hard for material pleasures.

According to the Vedas, innumerable heavenly planets cater to different multi-coloured pleasures for the people. Right from the creation of this universe, people have been greedy to attain the heavens for higher levels of enjoyment. For achieving these, the general masses as well as learned Vedic scholars endured great penances, performed fire sacrifices, conducted rituals and donated to charities. There is no actual pleasure in enjoying a sumptuous meal if one is running a high fever. The so-called pleasures of the earth or the heavens are only imaginary.

As long as one is forced to grow old, suffer diseases and ultimately die, where is the scope for real enjoyment? Hence, the Supreme Lord Krishna says, "*Dukhalayam ashavatam,*" - This ephemeral world is a place of distress." Therefore, to get freedom from perpetual inhabitation in the material world and to be promoted to the spiritual abode is the only mission of human life.

## Upcoming Events

- Satsang, Spiritual Gatherings are held every week at Atlanta, New Jersey areas. Please call 1-888-9GVA-USA for details.

## Krishna's Kids Korner

1	2	3	4	5	6

### Across

1 - Kumbakarna's brother

### Down

1 - Lord Krishna's consort

2 - Vali's Son

3 - One of the Dasavatar

4 - Bliss

5 - Brahma's son

6 - Mother of Hanuman

- Answers posted in the next issue

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