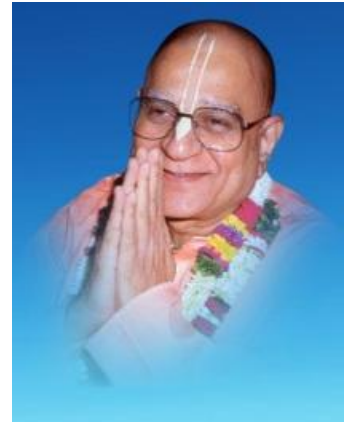


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Rarity of Human Life

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*balasya neha pitarau nrshimha ,
nartasya cagadam udanvati majjato nauh*

Prahlada Maharaja says, *balasya neha pitarau nrshimha, nartasya cagadam udanvati majjato nauh*. What does he say? Parents think that we can protect our children nicely. Isn't it? But he says no. They cannot protect. They're simply falsely imagining. But you and I won't agree. I can take care of my son and daughter so nicely. Secondly, *nartasya cagadam* - one who is diseased, medicine cannot save him. Prahalada Maharaja says that. And, *udanvati majjato nauh* - means one big ship started

drowning in the middle of the sea....most of them are dead. Few of them are trying to survive. At that time, a boat came very nearby. So, these guys got into it. And they were relieved. We've survived. But Prahalad Maharaja says no. They cannot be saved by the small boat. Now, how do you analyze all this? You see, children we can take care of as long as they are in direct supervision, isn't it? In a place like India, once you come out of the home, crossing the road, which car will hit, which scooter will hit the child, we're not aware of it. So who's protecting? The Supreme Lord. You have to accept that. Similarly, the best medicine, the best hospital could not save

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Krishna's Kids Korner

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Across

1 - Son of Suniti

Down

1 - Son of Brahma

3 - Lakshman's brother

4 - Wife of Lakshman

5 - Incarnation of God

6 - Wife of Vichitravirya

Up

2 - Rain God

- Answers posted in the next issue

- Previous issue's answers:

- **Across** 1. Ravana **Down** 1. Radha 2. Angada

- 3. Varah 4. Ananda 5. Narada 6. Anjana

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that rich man. Isn't it? If Krishna wants that this fellow should go, then that fellow goes. Nobody can save him. Then, the boat in which they all got into...temporarily they felt relief but suddenly, there was a storm and the boat capsized and all them drowned. So, Prahlada says, my dear Nrsimhadeva, when you ignore a child, that child cannot be protected by anyone, when you ignore a diseased man, that diseased man cannot be protected by medicine. And, when you ignore the person who is drowning, no boat or ship can save him. Therefore, God Conscious. Intelligent man should be god conscious. Prahlada maharaja is trying to drive home this fact.

How to Become Free

- continued from the previous issue.

Fearsome demons like Ravana and Hiranyakashipu tried to attain immortality to enjoy unlimited sensuous objects. Ravana tried to build a staircase to the heavens, whereas, saintly people of high vedic learning strictly and meticulously followed the directions to attain celestial pleasures. Therefore, the Supreme Lord Krishna vehemently denounced this approach emphatically by instructing Arjuna, "*Traigunya Vishaya Veda nistraigunyo bhava Arjuna.*" The Vedas merely deal with the subject of the three modes of material nature, O Arjuna! Rise above these modes!" Rising above the three modes means understanding one's actual identity of spiritual existence, to stop identifying oneself with the material body and recognizing one's actual identity as a spirit soul. This is self realization. But again, by this realization, one has to learn to disentangle oneself from the illusory network of material activities. In the absence of complete freedom, despite this spiritual knowledge, one may fall down, i.e. *patanti adha* from the exalted spiritual position into the trap of illusion. So, what is the way out? The Supreme Lord Krishna says, "*Mameva ye prapadyante mayam etam taranti te,*" i.e. "only those who surrender unto Me can cross beyond Maya."

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