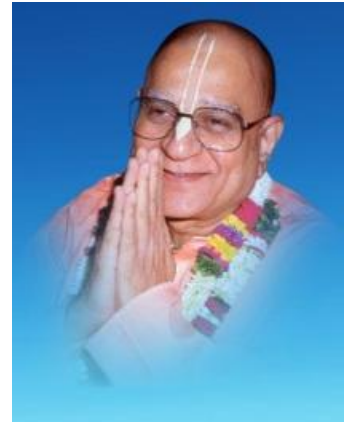


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By His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Swarupa Tirtha Goswami Maharaj



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Rarity of Human Life

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labhdvā Sudurlabham idam bahu-sambhāvante mānasyam arthadam anityam apiha dhira

Arthadam means meaningful, valuable. *Anityam* means, although it is valuable, it is equally temporary. The dog's body, cat's body, hog's body, my body...all bodies are of the same status. What is that? Anytime it may go! There is no question. Why, where, when, what...no. Like Pariksit Maharaj was given seven days notice that he will die by a snake bite after seven days. Are we going to get notice? No. Anytime we can go. So, *anityam aphia dhira* - *Dhira* means sober person. One

who is very sober. Means what? *Dhira* means, although there is a scope for becoming mentally agitated, if he doesn't become agitated, then he's called *dhira*. See, we all come in various situations where we mentally become disturbed. But in spite of that, if one doesn't get mentally disturbed, he's called *dhira*. He should immediately take to it. For what? *Nihśreyasaya* - the ultimate goal, that is, spiritual emancipation. But what about enjoyment here? *Vishaya khalu* - that is always available everywhere. Throughout the world, every human being is hankering for it. Bhagavatam says no. For which we're working very hard, it is available everywhere. What's the sense of

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Krishna's Kids Korner

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Down

- 1 - Bird carrier of Lord Vishna
- 6 - Mother of Nimai

Across

- 1 - Krishna's Avatar in Kali Yuga
- 2 - Gaura's birthplace
- 3 - Muslim ruler of Bengal
- 4 - Holy Dham of Lord Jagannath
- 5 - Born under Neem tree in Nadia
- 6 - Bliss

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1. Dhruva **Down** 1. Daksha 3. Rama
- 4. Urmila 5. Vamana 6. Ambika 2. Indra

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striving for it? Everywhere means, in this one universe, Brahmanda, there are 14 planetary systems. The mid-planet is Earth, called the Bhu. Then, Bhuvah, svahah, mahah, janah, tapah, and satyah. These are the heavenly planets. Then, below this Earth are, atala, vitala, sutala, talatala, mahatala, rasatala, and patala - seven hellish planets. This is one brahmanda. He says wherever you stay, you get sense enjoyment. Bodily enjoyment you can get in all these places - without you making any effort. The moment the soul comes in contact with the body, any body, cat's body, dog's body, cow's body, human body - immediately, he starts enjoying and suffering - without his endeavoring for it.

How to Become Free

- continued from the previous issue.

How to surrender? Again, Lord Krishna suggests in the Gita that one should first surrender and take shelter with a pure devotee of the Lord, who only can properly teach and guide an aspirant as to how to how to surrender to Krishna. Krishna further says not merely to surrender to a Jnani Guru but emphasizes that one surrenders to a tattva darshi Guru who has actually seen the Supreme Truth, Krishna himself. A pure devotee constantly sees Krishna everywhere and sees everything in Krishna. This position is called sama darshanam. At that point, the living being realizes that he is the eternal servant of Lord Krishna, being His fragmental position, as He Himself explains in the Gita - *Mamaivamsho jiva loke jiva bhoota sanatana.*" When such a relationship becomes established between the Jivatma or Jiva and the Parmatma, the Jiva becomes fully free and starts tasting intense ecstasy through devotional service. This is the highest perfection of spiritual knowledge. When we surrender ourselves to our parents, wives, children, brothers, or sisters, we continue to remain conditioned and controlled with lack of freedom and happiness. When we surrender to Lord Krishna, we become fully free and happy. The problem with us is that we don't want to surrender. What obstructs our surrender is the love of physical pleasures that comes from our past lives. In fact, this intense desire to enjoy perpetuates our continued existence in this mundane realm.

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