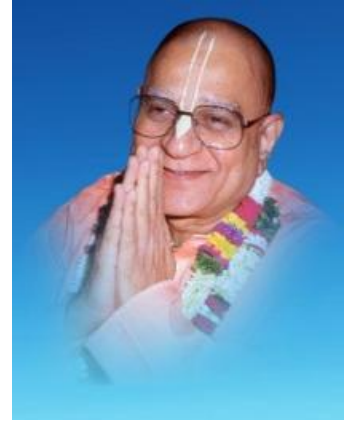


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Rarity of Human Life

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The moment the child is five years old, he should be told, "you're not this body." How many of us are telling him? On the contrary, we're re-enforcing the bodily conception of life in him by introducing bodily relationships. This is your mummy, this is your daddy, this is your mausi, this is kaki, this is chachi, that is your dadi, this is didi. And then you also tell him, "you see, this is very competitive world. You must study well, you must get high marks. Otherwise, no one will give you a job or you cannot do any business. So, somehow, you have to get a lot of money. Then, you can only get a suit like your uncle, drive a car like Chachaji." So, that boy or girl grows with these two ideas. The bodily relationship and that money I must make at any cost. At that time, he loses foresight because these two have been injected right from infancy, childhood. These days in India, what is famous is art of living, isn't it?... We must master the art of dying. Living any way you can live, there's no problem. How long I am going to live? 60, 70, 80 years? But what is positive, what is definite, is that I am going to die. Isn't it? What I am sure about, I should take necessary steps in that direction, isn't it? An intelligent man will take steps in that direction. Then, I must successfully die. Have you heard about Ajamila? Ajamila was a first class brahmana...very young man, got married to a nice

brahminical girl, very devoted, dedicated, nice father, mother. So, one day, the father told him, go and get some herbs and plants from the jungle. So he went. But on the road, he saw one labor class man was hugging and kissing a woman, improperly dressed, so he became confused, bewildered, attracted. So, after that guy left her, he followed her and simply went with her....finished. He forgot father, mother, wife, brahminical culture, sastras, all that he had learned, gayatri, bayatri...everything...finished. And then, through her, he produced about ten children. At the age of 80, he had a four year old boy. As luck would have it or because of his previous devotional practices, he named that child as Narayana. So, when the time came for him to leave this planet, to die, three horrible looking messengers of Yama came to take his soul out from his body. They were literally taking it out. At that time, he saw the small child playing at a distance. So out of sheer fear, he shouted Narayana, looking at the child only. When the Visnudutas heard the master's name, immediately they came down....good looking man...handsome with 4 hands. They immediately told Yamadutas, "Stop it, don't take him!" They were surprised. So, then the conversation took place between the two. It's a big story to be discussed later. The point was the Visnudutas told them you cannot take this

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man however sinful he must have been. That doesn't matter because he chanted the name of the Supreme Lord at the time of leaving the body. So, immediately these Yamaraja's messengers left him. They did not take his soul out. Simply, chanting the name of the lord at the time of death, he was immediately liberated. This is the art of dying. Whatever we may do here, but ultimately, if you can remember the name of the lord at the time of death, that is our success. It is not possible otherwise.

How to Become Free

- continued from the previous issue.

To ensure unimpeded gratification of our senses, we have been making great efforts, generation after generation, to control the very material nature. All the scientific and technological inventions and innovations are aimed to achieve this. This is ridiculous because nature works under the direction of Lord Krishna, as the Lord said to Arjuna, "*Maya adbyakshena*". Therefore, the unbending laws of nature cannot be changed or manipulated to our advantage, as the modern scientists seem to think. By simply obeying the orders of Lord Krishna, and by His grace, we can quickly become liberated from the clutches of material illusion. This is real freedom or Mukti. Giving up the material conception of life and becoming reinstated in one's original spiritual status, as a servant of Lord Krishna, is known as Mukti or Moksha. If we want to achieve full freedom, we should give up this "Boss" mentally and cultivate "das" (servant) attitude. This can be cultivated by taking up devotional service under the guidance of a spiritual teacher who is a mature devotee of Lord Krishna, himself situated in pure devotional service. With our present polluted senses and contaminated consciousness, it will be easy for us to serve Lord Krishna by serving His servant rather than serve the Supreme Lord directly. In this way, we can get rid of our dominating attitude. No one has achieved liberation or full freedom in this world without rendering sincere service to a very pure devotee of the Supreme Lord of gods - Krishna. Devotional service begins with the tongue, i.e. *jihva adau* by accepting Krishna Prasadam and chanting the Holy Names of the Supreme Lord such as Govinda, Krishna, Rama, Narayana, and so on. No other effective means of deliverance exists in Kali Yuga, the age of dissension and dispute. To purify our currently polluted consciousness and assure

ourselves total freedom, the most effective method suggested for Kali Yuga is to start chanting the Hare Krishna Maha-Mantra:

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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

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Down

- 1 - Sri RadhaKrishna's eternal residence
- 6 - One of the four ashrams.

Across

- 1 - Holy river
- 2 - One who possesses 6 qualities
- 3 - Brother of Rama
- 4 - One of the Yogas mentioned in Gita
- 5 - Son of King Dasratha (L to R)

Up

- 7 - Jagai's friend
- 8 - Brahma's son

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1. Bhakti 2. Hari 3. Indra 4. Mukthi
- 5. Anjana 6. Karna **Down** 1. Bhima 4. Kirtan
- 6. India

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