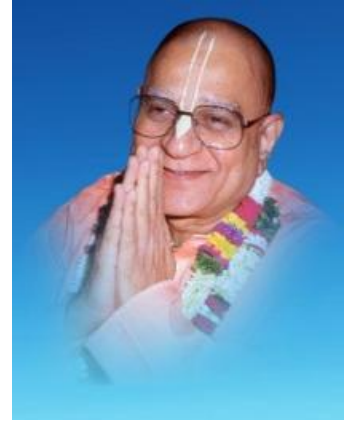


# Bhagavat Kathamrita

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Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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## Rarity of Human Life

-continued from the previous issue.

Pariksit Maharaj was the emperor of the whole planet Earth...not a chota mota president. But when he was cursed to die, he was told he would die within seven days, what did he do? He immediately quit everything. He handed over the entire administration to his ministers...his wife and nice young son to his relatives. And he sat quietly on the bank of the Ganges. So, when everyone heard that he has totally renounced everything, they were surprised. Even the demigods and the great sages from upper planetary system came down to see this man. Because he was only a householder, not a sanyasi or a brahmachari. And, he was the king, emperor himself. Living in so much opulence, how could he renounce everything in one moment? All the saintly personalities came and he told them:

tataś ca vaḥ pṛcchyaṁ imaṁ vipṛcche  
visrabbhya iti kṛtyatayam  
sarvātmanā mriyamāṇaiś ca kṛtyam  
śuddham ca tatrāmṛśatābhiyuktāḥ

O trustworthy brahmanas, I am asking you this question. What is the duty of the human beings in general, and in particular, a person like me, who is about to die? At that time, Lord arranged to send Sukadeva Goswami there, the son of Vyasadeva and he answered,

etan nirvidyamānānām  
icchatām akuto-bhayam  
yoginām nṛpa nirṇitamī  
harer nāmānukīrtanam

“O King, constant chanting of the holy name of the Lord after the ways of the great authorities is the doubtless and fearless way of success for all, including those who are free from all material desires, those who are desirous of all material enjoyment, and also those who are self-satisfied by dint of transcendental knowledge.”

Hari Nama....This is the only job we supposed to do. The moment you get the human body, our only business is to inquire about God. That's all. Believe it or not, it's a fact. We have gone in the wrong direction. All of us, all over the world. I'm not talking to audience here. The whole world is going in wrong direction. Those who have got human form of life, the only business, I won't even say primary business, the only business is to inquire about God. The rest all are waste, simply wasting our time. I don't know if you've heard this name, Brahma Sutra....it contains a code. The very first code is *Athato brahma-jijnasa*. *Atha* means thereafter. Thereafter means what? After wandering in these millions and millions animals and birds bodies, we have come in this human body, therefore, *Athato brahma-jijnasa*, inquire about the truth. The human form is for understanding God.

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## Are you Secure?

Everyone is hankering for security. Most people make a great deal of effort and compromise to get security. In the name of security, one cultivates friends, cooperates with people in society, makes compromise with rivals, goes out of the way to be in the good books of family members, enthusiastically promotes the activities of his community, remains prepared to accommodate the opponent's viewpoints, attempts at rapprochement with enemies and willingly makes sacrifices for the nation. But ultimately, despite such manipulated behavior, no one can be sure of foolproof security, nor does anyone have any capacity whatsoever to provide security to others.

In the epic, *Mahabharata*, when Draupadi was being disrobed openly in the assembly, her five world famous and able husbands, the Pandavas, could not come forward to rescue her from being humiliated by her own brothers-in-law, Duryodhana, Dushasana and others. Even responsible seniors like Kripacharya, the religious guide of the clan; the indefatigable Bhishma Deva, the senior most member of the Kuru dynasty; Dronacharya, the professor of martial arts; Dhritarashtra, her father-in-law and Gandhari, her mother-in-law, all turned a deaf ear to her frantic cries for help. All of them kept sitting shamefacedly like mute spectators. It was only the Supreme Lord, Krishna, who protected her from this humiliating situation and an open insult. In *Srimad Bhagavatam*, Prahalad Maharaj states in his prayers to the Supreme Lord Narasimha Deva:

*bālasya neha śaraṇam̐ pitarau ṛṣim̐ha  
nārtasya cāgadam udanvati majjato nauḥ  
taptasya tat-pratividhir ya ihāñjaseṣṭas  
tāvad vibho tanu-bhrtam upeksitanam*

*“My Lord Ṛṣim̐hadeva, O Supreme, because of a bodily conception of life, embodied souls neglected and not cared for by You cannot do anything for their betterment. Whatever remedies they accept, although perhaps temporarily beneficial, are certainly impermanent. For example, a father and mother cannot protect their child, a physician and medicine cannot relieve a suffering patient, and a boat on the ocean cannot protect a drowning man.”*

## 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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### Across

1 - Relationship of Jivatma (servant) to Lord.

### Down

- 1 - Lord of fortune  
2 - One of the incarnations  
3 - Das/menial subordinate  
4 - Forest near Vrindavan  
5 - Time immemorial  
6 - One of Krishna's queens

### Up

7 - fast/vow

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue's answers:
- **Across** 1. Ganges 2. God 3. Laksman 4. Karma
- 5. Rama **Down** 1. Goloka 6. Sanyas **Up**: 7. Madai 8. Narad

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